

PARISH OF ESHER

CHRIST CHURCH, ESHER with ST GEORGE'S, WEST END

SHARING THE POWER OF GOD'S LOVE IN ESHER

Reconciling - Sustaining - Guiding - Healing

SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

3 MARCH 2019

WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES

If you are new to the parish or worshipping with us for the first time please introduce yourselves to a member of the clergy or one of our churchwardens or sidespeople. This sheet gives some words that will be needed in the services and notices about the life of our church communities. Please do take it home.

TODAY'S SERVICES

9.00am	Sung Communion at St George's led by David
Reading & Prayers	Peter Bedford
Chalice	Sue Langley
10.30am	All Age Service at Christ Church led by All Age Team
Churchwarden	Sandra Argent
Sides	Kath Chapman
Reading	Sandra Argent
Prayers	Dave Whymark

MUSIC

9.00am	Sung Communion
Hymns	362, 671, 710 (omit v4,5)
10.30am	All Age Service
Hymns	220, 775, 215
Musicians	Keith Howell-Jones, Stuart Whatton

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

READING Exodus 34.29-end

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would

see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

PSALM 99

1 The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
2 The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.
3 Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!
4 Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
5 Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!
6 Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.
7 He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.
8 O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.
9 Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy.

GOSPEL Luke 9.28-36

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah' - not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

PARISH NOTICES

Ash Wednesday - There will be an Ash Wednesday Choral Communion with ashing led by David Gerrard this Wednesday, 6 March, at 8pm at Christ Church. All are welcome.

Prayers for our Parish - The PCC would like to invite you to join them for an hour of prayer for our Parish on Tuesday 6 November, 8pm, at Christ Church. During the Interregnum it is so important to pray as a Parish for God's plan for our future.

Vacancy for Treasurer - After three years' service Duncan Clerkin is stepping down. We are very grateful for Duncan's service and his careful stewardship of our finances. We are now looking for a volunteer to become our new treasurer, carry on the excellent work Duncan has undertaken and focus on the strategic financial management working closely with our bookkeeper, Valerie Ahern. If you are interested please speak with Duncan, 07766 460454, or Sandra Argent, our Churchwarden, or the Parish Office. Thank you.

Interregnum - At the January Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting it was agreed that the Churchwardens together with Jane Tyrrell would be tasked with writing the Parish Profile & Statement of Needs with assistance from Mair Molteno, Helen Vernon and Rebecca Warner. Please do continue to pray for those involved and our Parish as we journey together through the interregnum process.

Fellowship Group - We meet to refresh our spirituality, to share thoughts on the meaning and purpose of life. We share our concerns for our neighbours, our society and the community in which we live. All this in a relaxed atmosphere of humour and friendship led by Jan Sayer. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 10am in the Lady Chapel in Christ Church. Dates are always included in the calendar overleaf. Do think about coming - all are very welcome.

Voyagers & Pioneers - Both Youth Groups are led by Dave Whymark and continue to meet at Esher Church School, on alternating Sundays, 5.30-7pm. All children Y4+ can attend. They have lots of fun so do think about it if you have some 'bored' young people at home. For more information please contact the Parish Office.

Old St George's Church - Esher's only Grade 1 listed building, has for many years been welcoming visitors on Saturdays, 11am-3pm, April to September. The Friends of St George's rely on volunteer guides to open and close the church, to greet visitors and answer their questions. Guiding provides an excellent opportunity to learn more about Esher, its inhabitants and its history. Additional guides are sought to fill current vacancies. Each guide is allocated a two-hour session on no more than two or three Saturdays per year. Training is provided. Anyone interested should contact the Guides Coordinator, Stephen Chater, on stephenchater@btinternet.com or via the Parish Office.

Mother's Union Lady Day Service - We have been invited to parade with other parishes at this Diocesan Festival & Commissioning Service at Guildford Cathedral on Monday 25 March at 11am. We do not currently have any Mother's Union members so have been asked for a possible contact point. If anyone is interested why not attend Lady Day in the first instance - it is a fine sight. For more information contact the Parish Office.

Please stay for refreshments after the service.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Jackie Hinton, Betty Walker, Yasmin Ingram, Margaret Williams, Beverley Eastwood-Taylor, Margaret Miller, Claire Trepess, Naomi Shaw

RIP anniversaries: William Waugh, Mary Roome, Bertha Stark

Ministry training: Fiona Owen is training to become a Licensed Lay Minister

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Taken from the Church of England Lectionary – readings for Morning Prayer are given below. All are welcome to use Christ Church for daily prayer.

March		Time	Reading
Monday	4		Jeremiah 1; Ps 80; John 3.1-21
Tuesday	5		Jeremiah 2.1-13; Ps 89.1-18; John 3.22-end
Wednesday	6		Daniel 9.3-6, 17-19; Ps 38; 1 Timothy 6.6-19
Thursday	7		Jeremiah 2.14-32; Ps 77; John 4.1-26
Friday	8		Jeremiah 3.6-22; Ps 88; John 4.27-42

PARISH CALENDAR

March		Time	Event
Sunday	3	5.30pm	Voyagers, Esher Church School
Monday	4	7.15pm	No Choir practice
Wednesday	6	7.00pm	Choir practice
		8.00pm	Ash Wednesday Choral Communion
Sunday	10	5.30pm	Pioneers, Esher Church School
Monday	11	7.15pm	Choir practice
Tuesday	12	8.00pm	Prayers for our Parish, Christ Church
Wednesday	13	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
		8.00pm	Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting
Thursday	14	10.00am	Fellowship Group
Sunday	17	5.30pm	Voyagers, Esher Church School
Monday	18	7.15pm	Choir practice
Wednesday	20	12.30pm	Music on the Green lunchtime concert
		7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sunday	24	5.30pm	Pioneers, Esher Church School
Monday	25	7.15pm	Choir practice

CONTACTS

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All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise