

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

SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

4 FEBRUARY 2018

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 the church communities. Please do take it home.

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am	Holy Communion at Christ Church led by Stefan
9.00am	Sung Communion at St George's led by Nate
Reading & Prayers	Bridget Williams
Chalice	Sue Langley
10.30am	All Age Service at Christ Church led by Stefan
Churchwarden	Beverley Eastwood-Taylor
Sides	Hugh Miller, Wendy Tanqueray
Reading	Caroline McDade
Prayers	Fiona Owen
MUSIC	
9.00am	Sung Communion
Hymns	302, 514, 305
10.30am	All Age Service
Hymns	284, 335, Christ, be our light
Organists	Keith Howell-Jones, Stuart Whatton

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

READING Colossians 1.15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers - all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

PSALM 104.26-end

26 There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

27 These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

28 when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

29 When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

30 When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

31 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in his works -

32 who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

33 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

34 May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

35 Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

GOSPEL John 1.1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

PARISH NOTICES

Ash Wednesday - There will be an Ash Wednesday Communion Service with ashing on Wednesday 14 February at 8.00pm at Christ Church. Nate will leading and preaching. All are welcome. Stefan will be leading and preaching at All Saints, Weston Green.

Lent Course - Christ and the Chocolaterie is an original, innovative and lively Lent Course inspired by the film Chocolat, based on the novel by Joanne Harris. The film is used as a starting point for exploring issues about God, the world and what it is to be human. The five sessions include film extracts, group discussion, questions, exercises, meditations, reading suggestions and Bible passages. The two hour long film will be shown on Wednesday 7 February at 10am and 8pm. The weekly morning (10 - 11.30am) and evening (8 - 9.30pm) sessions, start on Wednesday 21 February. See calendars for exact dates. Please sign-up.

Lent Prayer Course - Once again we will be running an online Lent prayer series. You'll receive emails throughout Lent containing prayer themes, starters and activities. We can provide a paper version for anyone without email access. If you'd like to join in please sign-up on the sheet in Church or email fionakowen@gmail.com.

Hymn books - Thank you for your generous and amazing support to purchase new books. We are just about over the line. Helen Coulson/Melanie will be in touch with people shortly to arrange payment for them and options about how your name may be remembered in them should you wish. Watch this space. Thank you.

New Trustees for Lower Green Community Centre - New Trustees are sought for Lower Green Community Centre. If you are interested please do speak to Stefan.

Car Parking at Christ Church - The car park barrier has now been upgraded with a new reader. All persons eligible to receive a new barrier pass can now collect it from the parish office during office hours as stated overleaf.

Youth Alpha - The Youth Alpha Course continues this evening, at the slightly earlier time of 5.30-7pm, at Esher Church School, and is running every Sunday for nine weeks (except 11 February) finishing on Sunday 25 March.

Please stay for coffee or tea after the service.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Mike Simpson, Jim Seaton

RIP Anniversaries: Jean Tesh, Alan Williams, Richard Loughrey, Phyllis Riley
Laurence Green, Leonard Schwarz

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Taken from the Church of England Lectionary – readings for Morning Prayer (MP) are said at the times below. All are welcome to join Nate and Stefan in daily prayer at Christ Church.

February		Time	Reading
Monday	5	9.00-9.30am	Genesis 29.31-30.24; Ps 1; 2 Timothy 4.1-8
Tuesday	6	9.00-9.30am	Genesis 31.1-24; Ps 5; 2 Timothy 4.9-end
Wednesday	7	9.00-9.30am	Genesis 31.25-32.2; Ps 119.1-32; Titus 1
Thursday	8	9.00-9.30am	Genesis 32.3-30; Ps 15; Titus 2
Friday	9		Genesis 33.1-17; Ps 19; Titus 3

LOOKING AHEAD

February		Time	Event
Sunday	4	5.30pm	Youth Alpha, Esher Church School
Tuesday	6	10.30am	Toddlers' Praise
		8.00pm	Post Alpha Home Group, Christ Church
		8.00pm	Ladies Book Group, Member's home
Wednesday	7	10.00am	Lent Course: Christ & the Chocolaterie Screening of 'Chocolat', Christ Church
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Thursday	8	10.00am	Fellowship Group
Saturday	10	10.00am	Chertsey District Bellringing Practice
Tuesday	13	11.30am	Communion, Arbrook House Care Home
		8.00pm	Post Alpha Home Group, Member's home
Wednesday	14	12.30pm	Communion, Moore Place Care Home
		8.00pm	Ash Wednesday Service, Christ Church
Sunday	18	5.30pm	Youth Alpha, Esher Church School
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All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise