

# 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 OF EPIPHANY

14 JANUARY 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.

## THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Eternal Lord,  
our beginning and our end:  
bring us with the whole creation  
to your glory, hidden through past ages  
and made known  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## TODAY'S SERVICES

<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> at Christ Church led by Nate
<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Sung Communion</b> at St George's led by Nate and David
Reading & Prayers	Jenny Gerrard
Chalice	Sue Langley
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b> at Christ Church led by Stefan and John Sandison
Churchwarden	Beverley Eastwood-Taylor
Sides	Margaret Dane, Denise Howells, Sue Dunne, Wendy Tanqueray
Reading	Margaret Dane
Prayers	Martin Fuller
Chalice	Denise Howells
<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>Baptism</b> of Archibald George Thomas Barnett at Christ Church led by Nate

## MUSIC

Anthem	<i>O praise God in his holiness</i> (John Weldon)
<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Sung Communion</b>
Hymns	113, 26, 532
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>
Hymns	41, 113, 26, 532
Organists	Keith Howell-Jones, Stuart Whatton

## READING 1 Samuel 3.1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go,

lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." ' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

### **PSALM 139.1-5, 12-18**

1 O Lord, you have searched me and known me.  
2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.  
3 You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.  
4 Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.  
5 You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.  
12 even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.  
13 For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.  
15 My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.  
16 Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.  
17 How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!  
18 I try to count them - they are more than the sand; I come to the end - I am still with you.

### **GOSPEL John 1.43-end**

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

## PARISH NOTICES

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** - This is traditionally observed around the 18 to 25 January - the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul. Esher Green Baptist Church, the Esher Quakers, the Church of the Holy Name and ourselves are hosting prayers between Tuesday 16 and Friday 19 January. Please see details on the calendar overleaf. Christ Church will be hosting prayers and providing a simple lunch on Friday 19 January. If anyone can help with welcoming and organising the lunch please speak with Stefan.

**Candlemas Service** - This service will be held at Old St George's Church, Esher on Sunday 28 January at 6pm. Candlemas recalls when Jesus was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified, and so we offer ourselves for cleansing. We celebrate the joy of Jesus' coming and his searching judgement, looking back to his birth and forward to the days of his passion. Do join us for a warm and atmospheric evening. Christ Church choir will be singing.

**Car Parking at Christ Church** - The car park barrier will be upgraded on Wednesday 31 January with a new system operational thereafter. All old barrier passes will no longer work beyond this date. New passes will be issued to those involved in active programmes at Christ Church. We will be restricting parking to those who need it most. If you need a new pass email our Churchwarden Sandra at [sargent@mcguirewoods.com](mailto:sargent@mcguirewoods.com).

**Youth Alpha** - Our first Youth Alpha Course will commence on Sunday 21 January, 6-7.45pm, at Esher Church School and will run every Sunday for 10 weeks (except 11 February). Open to Year 7 and above. Any questions or to register your interest please email Dave or Nate at [davewhymark@aol.com](mailto:davewhymark@aol.com) and [nate.esherparish@gmail.com](mailto:nate.esherparish@gmail.com).

**Youth Group Update** - Due to the popularity and wide age range of Youth Group we have chosen to split it according to age - the younger group (Yrs 4-6) will meet separately to the older group (Yrs 7+) on alternate Sundays. To kick off 2018 the Yrs 4-6 group will meet this evening at the earlier time of 5.30-7pm and the Yrs 7+ group will meet on Sunday 21 January at 6-7.45pm. Please check website for future dates. Thanks.

**Music on the Green** - The Eos Trio will perform for our concert on Wednesday 17 January at 1.10pm. Doors open 12.30pm. Free entry includes a light lunch. Retiring collection.

**Promenade Youth & Junior Choirs** - The Hersham-based Promenade Youth & Junior Choirs will be coming to Christ Church on 25 March (Palm Sunday). If any of our own church members have children who might like to take part, the choirs' musical director, Christopher Goldsack, has invited them to join free of charge this term. The Youth Choir (aged 11-20) will be singing Fauré's Requiem and the Junior Choir (aged 7-11) will be singing a charming piece called the Creation Jazz. The choirs rehearse on Monday evenings in Bell Farm School, Hersham (Junior Choir 6.30-7.45pm and Youth Choir 7.45-9pm). For more information please go to the website [www.promenade.org.uk](http://www.promenade.org.uk). If interested do contact our Director of Music, Stuart Whatton, in the first instance via the Parish Office.

**Christmas Tree** - Thanks to Andy's Gardening Services for taking the tree away for free.

*Please stay for coffee or tea after the service.*

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Those who are ill:** Mike Simpson

**RIP Anniversaries:** Ivy Bagley, Jenny Willment, Marjorie Dunnachie, David Fairhead, Mike Barnett

**Baptism:** Archibald George Thomas Barnett

## 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.*

January		Time	Reading
Monday	15	9.00-9.30am	Genesis 6.11-7.10, 13; Ps 146; Matthew 24.1-14
Tuesday	16	9.00-9.30am	Genesis 7.11-end; Ps 132; Matthew 24.15-28
Wednesday	17	9.00-9.30am	Genesis 8.1-14; Ps 81; Matthew 24.29-end
Thursday	18	9.00-9.30am	Genesis 8.15-9.7; Ps 76; Matthew 25.1-13
Friday	19	9.00-9.30am	Genesis 9.8-19; Ps 88; Matthew 25.14-30

## LOOKING AHEAD

January		Time	Event
Sunday	14	5.30pm	Youth Group (Yrs 4-6), Esher Church School
Tuesday	16	10.30am	Toddlers' Praise
		3.00pm	Christian Unity Prayer followed by cream tea, Esher Green Baptist Church
		8.00pm	Post Alpha Home Group
Wednesday	17	Midday	Christian Unity Prayer followed by a soup lunch, Esher Quakers, Friends' Meeting House
		12.30pm	Music on the Green lunchtime concert: Eos Trio (clarinet, violin & piano)
Thursday	18	Midday	Christian Unity Prayer, followed by a soup lunch, Church of the Holy Name
Friday	19	Midday	Christian Unity Prayer, followed by lunch, Christ Church
Sunday	21	6.00pm	Youth Alpha, Esher Church School
		6.00pm	Youth Group (Yrs 7+), Esher Church School
Tuesday	23	10.30am	Toddlers' Praise
		8.00pm	Post Alpha Home Group

## CONTACTS

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***All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise***