

# 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 LENT

17 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 Revd Mike Harle and Dave Whymark
Reading & Prayers	Joan Howell-Jones
Chalice	Bridget Williams
10.30am	Parish Communion at Christ Church led by Revd Mike Harle and Dave Whymark
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sides	Caroline McDade, Peter Hardy, Hannah Emerson
Reading	Sandra Argent
Prayers	Helen Coulson
Chalice	Margaret Dane, Hannah Emerson

## MUSIC

9.00am	Sung Communion
Hymns	631, 763, 781(omit v2)
10.30am	Parish Communion
Hymns	763, 131, 631, 781
Anthem	<i>Pange lingua</i> (Bruckner)
Musicians	Keith Howell-Jones, Nicholas Dibb-Fuller

## THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God,  
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

## READING Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this

land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?'

He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

## PSALM 27

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

2 When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh - my adversaries and foes - they shall stumble and fall.

3 Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

4 One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

5 For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

6 Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

7 Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

8 'Come,' my heart says, 'seek his face!' Your face, Lord, do I seek.

9 Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

10 If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up.

11 Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

12 Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.

13 I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

14 Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

## GOSPEL Luke 13.31-end

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." '

## PARISH NOTICES

**Thank you** - To Revd Mike Harle, for visiting us today and leading our services. It is a joy to worship with you.

**Parish Electoral Roll** - The Church of England requires every parish to hold and manage a roll of lay persons entitled to vote at the Parish's Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and to elect the Parochial Church Council (PCC). Every six years, including in 2019, a new parish electoral roll must be prepared to supersede the existing electoral roll. Every individual wishing to be on the new roll will need to each complete a fresh Electoral Roll form and return it to the Parish Office at Christ Church by 24 March. Forms have been emailed/posted, are available in both churches and on the parish website.

**Mothering Sunday** - On Sunday 31 March we celebrate and thank our mothers for all that they do. Join us at 9am in St George's or 10.30am in Christ Church. Both services are family Eucharist services. Daffodils to be given to mothers and grandmothers too!

**2019 Lent Appeal** - This Lent we will be raising funds for Christian Aid, the official relief and development agency of 41 British and Irish churches. It works to support civil society, stop poverty, support sustainable development and provide disaster relief across the world. Collection envelopes are available. Please give generously. Thank you.

**Music on the Green lunchtime concert** - We welcome the young cellist Thibault Blanchard, accompanied on piano by Kyle Nash-Baker, to Christ Church on Wednesday 20 March. Free entry and light lunch from 12.30pm. Concert from 1.10pm. Retiring collection.

**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.

**Vacancy for Safeguarding Officer** - This volunteer role is key to managing all Parish safeguarding matters. It will be necessary to have an overview of all church activities involving children, young people and vulnerable adults and to ensure the implementation of the Diocese's safeguarding policy. The role can be one person or shared by two. Please contact Sandra Argent, our Churchwarden, or the Parish Office. Thank you.

**Interregnum** - The Churchwardens together with Jane Tyrrell are now 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 a whole.

**2018 Advent Appeal** - We raised a fantastic £1,820. The Children's Society says thank you!

**Easter Eggs** - We are selling Real Easter Eggs at the 9am and 10.30am services. Made of Fairtrade chocolate they include an Easter story book and support charitable projects.

**Chalice Training** - For those interested in helping with Sunday services we have arranged chalice training with a visiting minister, Brian Prothero. It will take place at Christ Church on Saturday 11 May at 10am. Please contact the Parish Office if you'd like to be trained.

**Please stay for refreshments after the service.**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Jackie Hinton, Yasmin Ingram, Beverley Eastwood-Taylor, Margaret Williams

RIP anniversaries: Jim Seaton, Lorna Evans, Josephine Morgan, Charles Wilson, Geoffrey Venables

## 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	18		Jeremiah 7.21-end; Ps 32, John 6.41-51
Tuesday	19		Isaiah 11.1-10; Ps 25; Matthew 13.54-end
Wednesday	20		Jeremiah 8.18-9.11; Ps 35; John 6.60-end
Thursday	21		Jeremiah 9-12-24; Ps 143; John 7.1-13
Friday	22		Jeremiah 10.1-16; Ps 41; John 7.14-24

## PARISH CALENDAR

March		Time	Event
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
Wednesday	27	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Thursday	28	10.00am	Fellowship Group
		Midday	Funeral, St George's
Sunday	31	<i>Midnight</i>	<i>Clocks go forward</i>
		9.00am	Mothering Sunday Service, St George's
		10.30am	Mothering Sunday Service, Christ Church
		5.30pm	Voyagers, Esher Church School

## CONTACTS

RECTOR Vacancy	PARISH OF ESHER Website <a href="http://www.esherparish.org.uk">www.esherparish.org.uk</a> Twitter <a href="http://www.twitter.com/esherparish">www.twitter.com/esherparish</a> Christ Church Open Every day, 9am to 3pm
PARISH OFFICE Christ Church, Church Street, Esher, Surrey KT10 8QS Tel 01372 462282 Email <a href="mailto:office@esherparish.org.uk">office@esherparish.org.uk</a> Office Open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday, 10-12am	

All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise