

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

18 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 David and Stefan
Reading & Prayers	Peter Bedford
Chalice	Clare Craigmile
10.30am	Parish Communion at Christ Church led by Stefan
Churchwarden	Sandra Argent
Sides	Peggy Howell-Jones, Margaret Dane, Wendy Tanqueray, Will Stevens
Reading	Helen Coulson
Prayers	Jane Tyrrell
Chalice	John Sandison

MUSIC

Anthem	<i>Ave verum</i> (Byrd)
9.00am	Sung Communion
Hymns	145, 106, 517
10.30am	Parish Communion
Hymns	293, 347, 106, 517
Organists	Oliver Macfarlane, Stuart Whatton, Nicholas Dibb-Fuller

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

READING Genesis 9.8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When

the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

PSALM 25.1-9

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
- 2 O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.
- 3 Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
- 4 Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.
- 5 Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.
- 6 Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.
- 7 Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!
- 8 Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
- 9 He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

GOSPEL Mark 1.9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

PARISH NOTICES

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 weekly morning (10 - 11.30am) and evening (8 - 9.30pm) sessions, start on Wednesday 21 February. See calendars for exact dates.

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.

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.

Music on the Green - The pianist, Tau Wey, will perform for our concert on Wednesday 21 February at 1.10pm. Doors open 12.30pm. Free entry with 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. If interested do contact our Director of Music, Stuart Whatton, in the first instance via the Parish Office.

Please stay for coffee or tea after the service.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Mike Simpson, Jim Seaton

RIP Anniversaries: Joyce Meek

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	19	9.00-9.30am	Genesis 41.25-45; Ps 44; Galatians 3.23-4.7
Tuesday	20	9.00-9.30am	Genesis 41.46-42.5; Ps 44; Galatians 4.8-20
Wednesday	21	9.00-9.30am	Genesis 42.6-17; Ps 6; Galatians 4.21-5.1
Thursday	22	9.00-9.30am	Genesis 42.18-28; Ps 42; Galatians 5.2-15
Friday	23	9.00-9.30am	Genesis 42.29-end; Ps 22; Galatians 5.16-end

LOOKING AHEAD

February		Time	Event
Sunday	18	5.30pm	Youth Alpha, Esher Church School
		5.30pm	Youth Group (Yrs 4-6), Esher Church School
Tuesday	20	10.30am	Toddlers' Praise
		8.00pm	Post Alpha Home Group, Member's home
Wednesday	21	10.00am	Lent Course: Christ & the Chocolaterie
		12.30pm	Music on the Green lunchtime concert: Tau Wey, solo piano
		8.00pm	Parochial Church Council meeting, Member's home
Thursday	22	10.00am	Fellowship Group
		8.00pm	Lent Course: Christ & the Chocolaterie
Sunday	25	5.30pm	Youth Alpha, Esher Church School
Tuesday	27	10.30am	Toddlers' Praise
		8.00pm	Post Alpha Home Group, Member's home
Wednesday	28	10.00am	Lent Course: Christ & the Chocolaterie
		8.00pm	Lent Course: Christ & the Chocolaterie
March		Time	Event
Sunday	4	5.30pm	Youth Alpha, Esher Church School
		5.30pm	Youth Group (Yrs 4-6), Esher Church School

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All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise