

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

18 FEBRUARY 2024

CHURCH SERVICE	
Holy Communion	Led by Revd William Allberry at 9am at St George's Church (SG)
Preacher	Revd William Allberry
Reading, Prayers	Gerard Harper
Musician	Rowan Marshall
Parish Communion	Led by Revd William Allberry at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd William Allberry
Churchwarden	Helen Coulson
Sidespeople	Sean Cole, Clive Madden
Reading, Prayers	Carol Henderson, David Stark
Refreshments	Sandra Argent, Janie McCulloch
Musicians	Oliver Macfarlane, Rowan Marshall
SERVICE MUSIC	
Opening music	<i>Elevacion from 4 Piezas para la Misa</i> (José Lidón)
SG & CC hymns	121, 713, 649
SG & CC setting	Addington
Communion anthem	<i>Let all mortal flesh keep silence</i> (Cleobury)
Closing music	<i>Prelude in C minor, Op. 37</i> (Mendelssohn)
THE COLLECT	
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.	
THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER	
Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	

Welcome to the Parish

The Parish of Esher is for everyone.

The two church buildings, Christ Church in Esher and St George's in West End, have been beacons of faith, hope and love in Esher for well over a century.

Generations have come through the doors to celebrate their marriages, welcome their new-borns and grieve their losses – all of it embraced by the beauty of the worship offered in these houses of prayer week in and week out.

On Sundays we explore the riches of the Christian spiritual tradition through words and music, silence and sacrament. Some of us grew up in church and have never left. Some of us grew out of church, but are testing the waters again. Some of us have more questions than answers. All of us belong here.

You can also check-out some of our services on YouTube to get a flavour of what we're about, or just come along some Sunday at 10.30am in Christ Church or at 9.00am in St George's West End.

Whether you join online or in person, we hope you'll find a community committed to a thoughtful Faith, a hard-won Hope, and a generous Love.

You are very welcome.

READING Genesis 9.8-17

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.'

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.'

ADDITIONAL LECTIONARY TEXTS

1 Peter 3.18-end

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Psalm 25.1-9

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.



CHRIST CHURCH, ESHER
LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Wednesday 21 February 2024

LONDON CONTEMPORARY SOLOISTS SHOWCASE

Emanuele Addis & Gus McQuade

guitar & lute

A week on from St Valentine's Day, enjoy the delicate sounds of the guitar and lute, in a programme 'Love & Longing' featuring composers Dowland, Piazzolla and Mompou.

Free entry & light lunch from 12.30pm. Concert from 1.15pm.

Christ Church, Church Street, Esher, Surrey KT10 8QS

Join us in person or watch it on YouTube at 'Music on the Green Esher'

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PARISH NOTICES

Betty Walker - It is with great sadness that we recently received news of the death of Betty. Together with her late husband, Geoff, they were faithful members of our Parish worshipping community. We hold Betty's family in our thoughts and prayers.

Fellowship Group - The next meeting will be in Christ Church at 11am on Wednesday 6 March. We welcome all to pray, to reflect on their faith and to put the world to rights!

Lent Appeal 2024 - This year we are raising funds for much needed CCTV at Christ Church. For more details see separate Lent Appeal notice overleaf. You can donate via the card machine in Christ Church or online by scanning the QR code pew cards. You can also use the appeal envelopes including your details so we can claim Gift Aid.

Holy Communion - The sacrament is distributed by 'simultaneous administration' – the priest touches the communion wafer in to the wine surface before giving it to the communicant.

Candlemas Service - The service collection of £238 will be donated to the Churches Conservation Trust (www.visitchurches.org.uk) which takes care of Old St George's Church.

Christ Church Defibrillator - During a recent first aid course it was emphasised to all of the importance of a defibrillator in saving lives – from 6% to 75% survival. We will be prioritising the purchase and installation of one at Christ Church. St George's has an external one very close by at the West End Village Hall. Depending on model, supplier and servicing they cost about £1.5k. We are fundraising for this life saving equipment.

To donate to the Parish First Aid Fund please scan the QR code here or in either church, use the card machine in Christ Church or contact the Parish Office



John Bosten Celebration Service - Since 2018, I have brought my friend, John Bosten, who had vascular dementia and mobility difficulties, to Sunday Eucharist at Christ Church. He died last December aged 93. Thanks so much, all of you, for the support you gave him and me. As a child, John lived in Church Street, and he was a teenage wartime server here. You are invited to our Celebration on Friday 23 February, with favourite music, and a chance for you to learn more about John's life. Please note the time has been brought forward to 11am. You are also invited to the finger buffet at the back of the church afterwards. Please sign up at the back if you are coming, so we can order plenty of food and drink. Nick (his friend and carer)

Music on the Green - For our next concert on Wednesday 21 February, 1.15pm, we welcome the guitar and lute duo of Emanuele Addis and Gus McQuade to give us a programme entitled 'Love & Longing', featuring music by Dowland, Schubert and Piazzolla. Lunchtime concerts are free with a light lunch at 12.30pm.

Sunday School - With Kath back, she will be surprising us with some treats from her travels.

Youth Group - The next Youth Group will be on Sunday 3 March, 4.30-6pm, at Christ Church.

Darren - The Rector's Adoption Leave will continue until Tuesday 20 November 2024. We pray that Darren and his wife have the time and space to grow and enjoy their new family. For all enquiries please do contact the Churchwardens or the Parish Office.

'Zoom' Morning Prayer & Zoffee! - Morning Prayer continues each Thursday at 9.30am.

Book Group - Our next meeting will be on Monday 26 February, 4pm, when we will discuss George Orwell's early memoir *Down and Out in Paris and London*. If you'd like to know more contact Revd Jonathan Andrew – 01372 464380 / jandrewsher@gmail.com

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Elizabeth Arnold, Michael Newbould, Pam & Jim Green, Gilly Barrett, Allen Palmer, Katherine S, Keith Howell-Jones, Gill Barnett, George Raine, Sebastian, Malcolm Sayer

RIP Anniversaries: Patricia Peake Sexton, Christopher Creagh-Brown, Joyce Meek, Hugh Eccles

RIP: John Bosten, Eileen Pocklington, Betty Walker, Christine Eccles

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Readings for Morning Prayer taken from the Church of England Lectionary.

February		Time	Reading
Monday	19		Genesis 41.25-45, Psalm 11, Galations 3.23-4.7
Tuesday	20		Genesis 41.46-42.5, Psalm 44, Galations 4.8-20
Wednesday	21		Genesis 42.6-17, Psalm 6, Galations 4.21-5.1
Thursday	22	9.30-10.30am	Genesis 42.18-28, Psalm 42, Galations 5.2-15
Friday	23		Genesis 42.29-end, Psalm 22, Galations 5.16-end

LOOKING AHEAD

February		Time	Event
Sunday	18	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
		12.30pm	Interment of Christine Eccles
Monday	19	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Wednesday	21	1.15pm	Music on the Green lunchtime concert: Emanuele Addis & Gus McQuade, guitar & lute
		7pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	22	All day	Parish Office closed
		9.30am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
Friday	23	11am	Celebration Service for John Bosten, Christ Church
Sunday	25	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
		12.30pm	Interment of John Bosten

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Live Streaming Please be aware that all services held at Christ Church are live streamed via our YouTube channel.		
Please submit information and notices for inclusion in the Sunday pewsheet by midday on the preceding Wednesday. Thank you.		