

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

18 MARCH 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 and Stefan
Reading & Prayers	Gerard Harper
Chalice	Stephen Lee
10.30am	Parish Communion at Christ Church led by Nate and Stefan
Churchwarden	Sandra Argent
Sides	Pam Stark, David Stark Wendy Tanqueray, Sue Dunne
Reading	Will Stevens
Prayers	Martin Fuller
Chalice	Diana Johns

MUSIC

Anthem	<i>Lord Jesus, think on me</i> (Coulson)
9.00am	Sung Communion
Hymns	46, 295, 231
10.30am	Parish Communion
Hymns	46, 7, 295, 231
Organists	Keith Howell-Jones

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of
his passion, that we may know eternal
peace through the shedding of our
Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

READING Jeremiah 31.31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt - a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

GOSPEL John 12.20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say - "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

May we encourage you to pray

- for our children undertaking youth alpha and engaged in our youth group
- for the development of vocations in our parish
- for people with a passion and vision for engaging with our community during the week
- for the leadership of the church; wisdom, discernment, courage and passion to lead the community in joining in with God's mission in Esher
- for the spiritual and numerical growth of our two church communities
- for the governors of our two church schools
- for the development of small, relevant groups in our parish and an associated culture that will help make disciples of Jesus Christ
- for the development of a communities prayer life

CHANT Adoramus te, Domine

The image shows a musical score for a chant. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, starting on a G4 note. The lyrics 'O. Ad - o - ra - mus te, Do - mi - ne.' are written below the treble staff. The bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

PARISH NOTICES

United Palm Sunday Service - We are going to try something new, and have one service across both of our churches. The service begins at St George's Church, West End at 9.30am. After a short liturgy, we will re-enact Jesus' entry into Jerusalem through processing up to Christ Church. The service will continue at Christ Church. This is the only service on this day, there will be no 9am service at St George's or 10.30am service at Christ Church, rather one united celebration of Palm Sunday. May I invite you all, young and old alike to try something new and offer a vibrant and powerful witness to our community who will likely think we are mad. No further comment from me. If the procession is not possible for you please let us know. We hope to have some cars available to help ferry people between churches. Pray for good weather please.

Jim Seaton - We are sad to announce that Jim died on the 11 March. We give especial thanks for his 60+ years of ministry as priest. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. We pray for his beloved wife Rosemary, their family and friends at this time.

8am Services on Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday - There will be no 8am services at Christ Church on Sunday 25 March and Sunday 1 April.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting - Our APCM will be held on Wednesday 18 April at 8pm at Christ Church. It shares with all what has happened in the last year, something of where we are going and also the election of churchwardens and PCC members. It's an important day for us all to come together. Thank you.

2018 Lent Appeal - This Lent we will be raising funds for Elmbridge Rentstart, a charity helping local people who are homeless or sofa-surfing (www.elmbridgerentstart.org.uk).

Sunday 25 March, 4.30pm at Christ Church - Passiontide concert of seasonal choral music by the Promenade Youth & Junior Choirs, in collaboration with the Christ Church Choir. Programme includes Allegri Miserere and Fauré's Requiem. Tickets £5 (concessions £3)

Church Electoral Roll - The statutory annual revision of the Church Electoral Roll is taking place from 14 to 28 March. The revised Roll will be available for correction only thereafter until post the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on the 18 April. A short version of the current Roll (names only) is available for consultation in church. The full Roll (names and addresses) can be consulted in the Parish Office. If your entry needs to be corrected please let the Parish Office know. If you would like to be added to the Roll, forms are available in church or from the Parish Office and must be returned by 28 March.

Children's Easter Garden - Young (and Old!) please come along to St. George's, West End on Good Friday, 30 March, at 10.00am to help make and decorate the beautiful Easter Garden and to learn more about the Easter story. Contact Jen McCarthy or Sarah Ingram.

Hymn Book Sponsorship - You will have received a slip requesting how you would like your donation acknowledged on bookplates. Please do return as soon as possible, and before Easter Sunday. We aim to induct them into the life of the worshipping community at our Sunday Eucharists on 22 April. The day we are celebrating the feast of St. George's.

Please stay for coffee or tea after the service.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Mike Simpson, Claire Trepess

RIP Anniversaries: Josephine Morgan, Charles Wilson, Geoffrey Venables

RIP: Jim Seaton

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.

March		Time	Reading
Monday	19	9.00-9.30am	Isaiah 11.1-10; Ps 25; Matthew 13.54-end
Tuesday	20	9.00-9.30am	Exodus 8.20-end; Ps 35; Hebrews 11.32-12.2
Wednesday	21	9.00-9.30am	Exodus 9.1-12; Ps 55; Hebrews 12.3-13
Thursday	22	9.00-9.30am	Exodus 9.13-end; Ps 40; Hebrews 12.14-end
Friday	23	9.00-9.30am	Exodus 10; Ps 22; Hebrews 13.1-16

LOOKING AHEAD

March		Time	Event
Sunday	18	5.30pm	Youth Alpha, Esher Church School
		5.30pm	Youth Group Voyagers, 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: Jake Fryer Jazz Quartet
		8.00pm	Parochial Church Council meeting, Member's home
Thursday	22	10.00am	Fellowship Group
		8.00pm	Lent Course: Christ & the Chocolaterie
Sunday	25	9.30am	United Palm Sunday Service, St George (with procession to Christ Church)
		4.30pm	Passiontide Choral Concert, Christ Church
		5.30pm	Youth Alpha, Esher Church School
Monday	26	1.00pm	Music in the Tower I
		8.00pm	Music in the Tower II

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All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise