

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

21 JANUARY 2024

CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion	Led by Revd Caroline Mullins at 9am at St George's Church (SG)
Preacher	Revd Caroline Mullins
Reading, Prayers	Juliet Philip
Musician	Theo Tang
Parish Communion	Led by Revd Caroline Mullins at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Caroline Mullins
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Julia Forrest, Ivy Tang
Reading, Prayers	Janie McCulloch, Martin Fuller
Refreshments	Sue Dunne, Janie McCulloch
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane, Theo Tang, Annabelle Doolan

SERVICE MUSIC

Opening music	<i>Chorale and Coda from Lied to the Flowers</i> (Peeters)
SG & CC hymns	95, 451, 690
SG, CC settings	Addington, Coulson
Communion anthem	<i>The Three Kings</i> (Cornelius)
Closing music	<i>Praeludium, from the Cathedral Suite</i> (Gordon Young)

THE COLLECT

God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
is the light of the world:
may your people,
illuminated by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
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 Revelation 19.6-10

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out, 'Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure' – for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.' Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'

GOSPEL John 2.1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know

where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

ADDITIONAL LECTIONARY TEXTS

Genesis 14.17-20

After Abram's return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!' And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

Psalms 128

- 1 Happy is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways.
- 2 You shall eat the fruit of the labour of your hands; you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you.
- 3 Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table.
- 4 Thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord.
- 5 The Lord bless you from Zion. May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.
- 6 May you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel!

PARISH NOTICES

Sunday School - Today we we're learning about Jesus's first miracle, the Marriage at Cana, and we'll be performing a little 'miracle' of our very own!

Youth Group - A fantastic start to the new year with our wonderful Youth Group cohort as we discovered how much our intuition tells us that we often don't hear. The next Youth Group will be on Sunday 4 February, 4.30-6pm, at Christ Church, with a candle theme!

Book Group - On Monday 22 January we'll discuss *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. If you'd like to join us, just turn up or contact Revd Jonathan Andrew – 01372 464380 / jandrewesher@gmail.com

Family Burns Night - St Peter's Molesey is hosting an evening of dancing and Burns food in aid of the Molesey Churches Night Shelter on Friday 2 February at 6.30pm. For booking details please contact Will Stevens.

Fellowship Group - The next meeting will be in Christ Church at 11am on Wednesday 7 February. Everyone is welcome to join.

Parish Giving - Donate today via cash, the card machine in Christ Church or online by scanning the QR code on the little pew cards.

Darren - The Rector's Adoption Leave will continue until Tuesday 20 November 2024. For parish enquiries please contact the Churchwardens or the Parish Office.

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.

Parish Communications - To receive parish news, Sunday's pewsheets and order of service via email contact the Parish office.

Christ Church Barrier - The barrier is now fully functional again. As before, access to the car park is via the office intercom system or by using a card if you have one.

Candlemas Service - This service will be on Sunday 4 February at 6pm at Old St George's Church in Esher. Our Candlemas celebration recalls the day on which 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 in our celebration we offer ourselves for cleansing. We celebrate both the joy of Jesus' coming and his searching judgement, looking back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his passion. All welcome to join us for a reflective and atmospheric evening.

Music on the Green - Last week's concert featuring the clarinet, cello and piano trio, Trio Sonorité, was hugely enjoyable and a great start to the new year. Our next concert will be on Wednesday 21 February, 1.15pm. All our lunchtime concerts are free with a light lunch from 12.30pm in a nice warm church!

Weekly Organ Meditations - Barbara Wadley's organ series continues at St Mark's Church in Whiteley Village, KT12 4ES, with a musical journey through composers A-Z. Thursday lunchtimes, 12-12.30pm. Free admission. Retiring collection for the historic organ. Refreshments provided. Everyone welcome.

Dementia Help - Elmbridge Dementia Services provides free daily respite care Monday to Friday, 10.30am-2.30pm. This service gives a much-needed break whilst loved ones are cared for by specialist staff. For more details please call EBC on 01372 474547 or email dementiaservices@elmbridge.gov.uk.

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

Winter Support - With winter here we need to look out for each other. For help go to: www.surreycc.gov.uk/adults/care-and-support/contact or alternatively please contact our Pastoral Team via the Parish Office.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

RIP Anniversaries: Glenys Dunne, Muriel Whelan, Joan Samuel, Norah Bloore, Janette Williams, Michael Teague, Marjorie Giles, Julia Snelling, Margaret Cullington

RIP: Stuart Williams, John Bosten, Rosalind Moysen (Wilkes)

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

January		Time	Reading
Monday	22		Genesis 11.27-12.9, Ps 108, Matthew 26.1-16
Tuesday	23		Genesis 13.2-end, Psalm 36, Matthew 26.17-35
Wednesday	24		Genesis 14, Psalm 46, Matthew 26.36-46
Thursday	25	9.30-10.30am	Ezekiel 3.22-end, Psalm 66, Philippians 3.1-14
Friday	26		Genesis 16, Psalm 65, Matthew 26.57-end

LOOKING AHEAD

January		Time	Event
Sunday	21	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	22	1.30pm	Funeral of Rosalind Moysen (Wilkes), St George's Church
		4pm	Book Group, Christ Church
		7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Wednesday	24	7.45pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	25	All day	Parish Office closed
		9.30am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
Saturday	27	9.30am	Parish Volunteers' First Aid Course, Christ Church
Sunday	28	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Eucharist & Holy Baptism Service, Christ Church
Monday	29	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Tuesday	30	8pm	Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting, Christ Church
Wednesday	31	7.45pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church

CONTACTS

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	CHURCHWARDENS Helen Coulson & Jane Tyrrell	CHILDREN & FAMILIES WORKER Kathryn Chapman youth@esherparish.org.uk
PARISH ADMINISTRATOR Melanie Williams OFFICE HOURS 9am to 3.15pm, Monday to Wednesday & Friday Please submit information and notices for inclusion in the Sunday pewsheets by midday on the preceding Wednesday. Thank you.		