

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 EASTER

28 APRIL 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 David
Reading & Prayers	Sue Haycroft
Chalice	Bridget Williams
10.30am	Parish Communion at Christ Church led by David
Churchwardens	Sandra Argent
Sides	Kath Chapman, Hannah Emerson, Susan Rawlins
Reading	David Stark
Prayers	Jane Tyrrell
Chalice	Hannah Emerson, Pam Stark

MUSIC

9.00am	Sung Communion
Hymns	216, 207, 769
10.30am	Parish Communion
Hymns	216, 207, 641, 769
Anthem	<i>The strife is o'er</i> (Ley)
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Keith Howell-Jones

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty Father,
you have given your
only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the
leaven of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your
Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

READING Acts 5.27-32

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

PSALM 150

- 1 Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!
- 2 Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!
- 3 Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!
- 4 Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!
- 5 Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
- 6 Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

GOSPEL John 20.19-end

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

PARISH NOTICES

Annual Parochial Church Meeting & Buffet Lunch - Our APCM will take place today at 12.30pm after our service at Christ Church. This is the annual report of the Parish in 2018 and also the election of Churchwardens and new PCC members. Please do stay for the meeting and our buffet lunch. Everyone is welcome.

APCM Buffet Lunch - Many thanks to Esher Tandoori and Bahar Uddin for providing our superb buffet lunch. It is so very kind of them and hugely appreciated. We also thank our volunteers for being such wonderful waiters and waitresses! Fabulous!

New Parochial Church Council Members - Prior to the APCM may we ask you to pray, reflect and consider whether you could join the PCC. We welcome any volunteers, and particularly those with experience in events management, building management, finance, communications, digital/technical computer skills and fundraising. If interested please do contact the Parish Office and/or our Churchwardens. Thank you.

Parish Electoral Roll Revision 2019 - The new Electoral Roll is now published and can be consulted at St George's and Christ Church. If you applied for inclusion on the new Roll, please check that your details are correctly recorded. Mistakes may be corrected, but no new names may be added until after the APCM. Thank you.

Are We Ready? - This year Dying Matters Awareness Week, 13-19 May, asks us this question! It challenges us on several levels including practical ones - best faced with the help of others. So to help us prepare we are pleased that local funeral directors will be giving a free seminar in Christ Church on Monday 13 May at 11am. All are welcome.

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.

Archdeacon of Dorking, Paul Bryer - It has recently been announced by the Diocese of Guildford that Paul Bryer is to take up a new post as Archdeacon of Cornwall in Diocese of Truro. The Bishop of Guildford, Andrew Watson, gave thanks for Paul's long ministry in the Guildford Diocese. The Parish of Esher thanks Paul for his recent help and wishes him God's rich blessing as he and his wife, Fiona, move to Cornwall.

Noah's Ark - Noah's Ark starts the new summer term today. If you can help as a Noah's Ark leader please contact our Noah's Ark leader, Alison Mohamed, or the Parish Office.

Music on the Green lunchtime concert - We welcome Eloïse MacDonald, violin, and Gamal Khamis, piano, to Christ Church on Wednesday 15 May, in a programme of Respighi, Ysaye and Lutoslawski. Free entry, light lunch at 12.30pm. Concert at 1.10pm.

Vacancy for Treasurer - We are looking for a new treasurer to work with our bookkeeper, Valerie Ahern. If interested contact Sandra Argent, our Churchwarden, or the Parish Office.

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

Please stay for refreshments after the service.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

RIP: Margaret Williams, Doreen Vandeputte

RIP anniversaries: William Pearson, John Daley, Mary Bedford, Edna Chambers

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.

April/May		Time	Reading
Monday	29		Joshua 1.1-9; Ps 5; Ephesians 6.10-20
Tuesday	30		Isaiah 62.6-10; Ps 148; Acts 12.25-13.13
Wednesday	1		Proverbs 4.10-18; Ps 146; James 1.1-12
Thursday	2		Deuteronomy 4.1-14; Ps 28; John 21.1-14
Friday	3		Deuteronomy 4.15-31; Ps 61; John 21.15-19

PARISH CALENDAR

April		Time	Event
Sunday	28	12.30pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Christ Church
		5.30pm	Voyagers, Esher Church School
Monday	29	7.15pm	Choir practice
May		Time	Event
Wednesday	1	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Thursday	2	7.00pm	Fabric Committee Meeting, Member's house
Sunday	5	5.30pm	Pioneers, Esher Church School
Monday	6	All day	<i>Early May Bank Holiday / Parish Office closed</i>
		7.15pm	No choir practice
Tuesday	7	11.00am	Funeral: Doreen Vandeputte
Wednesday	8	2.30pm	Communion, Moore Place Care Home
		7.30pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
		8.00pm	Parochial Church Council (PCC) Meeting, Christ Church
Thursday	9	10.00am	Fellowship Group
Saturday	11	10.00am	Chalice Training, Christ Church

CONTACTS

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All main events at Christ Church unless stated otherwise