

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

1 SEPTEMBER 2024

CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion	Led by Revd Darren McCallig at 9am at St George's Church (SG)
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Reading, Prayers	Jackie Andrew, Stephen Lee
Musician	Rowan Marshall
Eucharist with Holy Baptism	Led by Revd Darren McCallig at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Churchwarden	Jane Tyrrell
Sidespeople	Julia Forest, Valerie Msoka
Reading	Carol Henderson
Refreshments	Sue Dunne, Wendy Tanqueray
Musician	Oliver Macfarlane, Rowan Marshall

SERVICE MUSIC

Opening music	<i>Chorale Prelude 'Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier' BWV 731 (J S Bach)</i>
SG hymns	704, 675 (omit v4,5), 453 (omit v3)
CC hymns	445, 675 (omit v4,5), 453 (omit v3)
SG / CC settings	Addington / Coulson
Communion music	<i>Chorale Prelude on Melcombe (Parry)</i>
Anthem	<i>Ave verum corpus (Elgar)</i>
Closing music	<i>Finale from Variations de Concert (Bonnet)</i>

THE COLLECT

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God,
the source of truth and love, keep us faithful
to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in 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 James 1.17-end

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act – they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

GOSPEL Mark 7.1-8,14-15, 21-23

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

ADDITIONAL LECTIONARY TEXTS

PSALM 15

- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, who speaks the truth from his heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; he does not heap contempt upon his neighbour.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, but he honours those who fear the Lord.
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong and does not take back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things shall never be overthrown.

READING Deuteronomy 4.1-2, 6-9

Moses spoke to the people; he said:
So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.
You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

PARISH NOTICES

Ice Cream Sunday - Join us for Sundaes on Sunday 8 September at 10.30am. There'll be cool ice cream and a warm welcome as we mark the beginning of the new school year. Starting or returning to nursery, school, university or work is a special time, so bring your school bag, briefcase or laptop bag to the All Age Communion Service to be blessed for the year ahead. We will be celebrating after the service with an ice cream van in the grounds of Christ Church offering free sweet treats.

Sunday School - Sunday School returns this weekend and we'll be looking at what it means to be clean - both outwardly and inwardly. We'll be making some crafts to help remind us to keep our hearts, as well as our bodies, in tip top, sparkly condition!

Youth Group - The brand new term will start on Sunday 8 September, 4.30pm to 6pm.

Music on the Green - Our autumn season of concerts kicks off at 1.15pm on Wednesday 18 September - musicians to be confirmed.

Fellowship Group - The next meeting will be on Wednesday 4 September at 10.30am. We welcome all to pray, to reflect on their faith and to put the world to rights!

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

Especially Now - An exhibition of landscape paintings of places across England, some spectacular and well known, some equally precious and 'ordinary' and everyday. It highlights the important relationship we have with the countryside, much of which is vulnerable to development. 'Especially Now', paintings by Flin McCulloch, is at The Robert Philips Gallery, Riverhouse Barn Arts Centre, Manor Road, Walton on Thames KT12 2PF and is on from Wednesday 18 to Sunday 22 September, 10am to 4pm. This is also a lovely place to meet up for coffee or lunch!

West End Village Show - For the Parish's biggest single fundraising event, this year we raised a total of £2044! St George's raised £730 on the cake stall and £354 on the gift stall - and the Teas in the Village Hall creamed in £960. This is only achievable when the congregations from both our churches come together to provide an overwhelming number of cakes, biscuits and scones - and helping out on the day. The amount of time that so many of you have so willingly given to support this annual event shows what true team spirit we all have. Thank you to everyone - whatever your contribution. Andrea, Bridget and Helen

Pet Service - This Service of Blessing for the animals that are our friends and companions will take place at St George's on Sunday 15 September at 4pm. Bring your pet, or a photo - all pets are welcome - dogs, cats, rabbits, goldfish, tortoises, budgies or ponies!

Jennifer - Thankfully Jennifer is back home. She would love to receive visits from her Church friends but, to avoid over-tiring her, please contact her daughter Lizzie (07803 086074) to agree a suitable time.

Old St George's Church - The oldest public building in Esher built in the 1540s, opens to the public on Saturdays, 11am-3pm with 'Friends' welcoming visitors. There'll be tours on Saturday 7 and 14 September at 11am and 2pm to coincide with Heritage Open Days.

Book Group - On Monday 30 September, 4pm, we'll discuss Carlo Levi's memoir of southern Italy in the 1930s - *Christ stopped at Eboli*. For details contact Revd Jonathan Andrew - 01372 464380 / jandrewsher@gmail.com.

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.

Darren - The Rector's Adoption Leave will continue until Tuesday 19 November 2024.

Parish of Esher services

Christ Church, Esher Ice Cream Sunday

Sunday 8 September
10.30am

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Elizabeth Arnold, Michael Newbould, Gilly Barrett, Allen Palmer, Pam & Jim Green, George Raine, Katherine S, Keith Howell-Jones, John Cheetham, Sebastian, Armand Sarkissian, Vicky Jenkins, Ruramayi, Karen Harris, Jennifer Meade

RIP Anniversaries: David Melliar-Smith, Gerald Creagh-Brown, Eleanor Poet, Michael Collins, Doris Wright

RIP: John Marshall, Brian Hatfield

Baptisms: Alexandra Eleanor Ede

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

September		Time	Reading
Monday	2		1 Kings 1.5-31, Ps 1, Acts 13.13-43
Tuesday	3		1 Kings 1.32-2.4, 2.10-12, Ps 5, Acts 13.44-14.7
Wednesday	4		1 Kings 3, Ps 119.1-32, Acts 14.8-end
Thursday	5	9.30-10.30am	1 Kings 4.29-5.12, Ps 15, Acts 15.1-21
Friday	6		1 Kings 6.1, 11-28, Ps 19, Acts 15.22-35

LOOKING AHEAD

September		Time	Event
Sunday	1	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Eucharist with Holy Baptism, Christ Church
Monday	2	All day	Parish Office closed
		7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Tuesday	3	2.30pm	Memorial Service for Brian Hatfield
Wednesday	4	11am	Fellowship Group, Christ Church
		7pm	Bellinging practice
Thursday	5	All day	Parish Office closed
		9am	Esher High School Y7 Welcome Service, Christ Church
		9.30am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
Sunday	8	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Blessing of the Bags & Ice Cream Sunday, Christ Church
		4.30pm	Youth Group, Christ Church

CONTACTS

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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 10am on the preceding Tuesday. Thank you.