

# PARISH OF ESHER

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

*Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love*

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5 MAY 2024

## CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion	Led by Revd William Allberry at 9am at St George's (SG)
Preacher	Revd William Allberry
Reading, Prayers	Stephen Lee
Musicians	Barbara Wadley
All Age Eucharist	Led by Revd William Allberry at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd William Allberry
Churchwarden	Helen Coulson
Sidespeople	Julia Forrest, Ivy Tang
Reading, Prayers	Jane Anderson, ECS pupils
Refreshments	Bob Lonnon, Jennifer Meade
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane, Theo Tang

## SERVICE MUSIC

Opening music	<i>Andante religioso from Sonata no. 4</i> (Mendelssohn)
SG & CC hymns	212, 601, 204
SG / CC settings	Addington / Coulson
Post sermon music	<i>Sheherazade, from Album for Youth</i> (Schumann)
Communion music	<i>Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord</i> (Donald Fishel) <i>Mfurahini Haleluya</i> (Tanzanian traditional)
Closing music	<i>Allegro di molto from Sonata no. 1</i> (CPE Bach)

## THE COLLECT

Risen Christ,  
by the lakeside you renewed  
your call to your disciples:  
help your Church to obey your command  
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**Amen.**

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ  
gives the water of eternal life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him who 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 Acts 10.44-end

While Peter was speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

## GOSPEL John 15.9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

## ADDITIONAL LECTIONARY TEXTS

### PSALM 98

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world, and the peoples with equity.

### READING 1 John 5.1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

## PARISH NOTICES

**Ascension Day** - This coming Thursday is a major Christian festival. It's the day when we reflect on Jesus's physical departure from the earth, not with sadness but with joy as he carries our humanity into the 'heavenly places' and promises his continuing and even more powerful presence with us through the coming of the Holy Spirit. Join us for a very special Eucharist at 8pm in Christ Church.

**Sunday School** - Our usual All Age service creche will be available in Christ Church with plenty of things to do and make.

**Youth Group** - Really looking forward to our monthly meet up on Sunday, 4.30-6pm when we'll look at fruit of the spirit. Grapes and strawberries may be involved...

### Prayer points

Our wonderful parish school, Esher Church School, has given us the following 'prayer points'.

*Pray for the Staff Team to be able to rest after a long week and an Ofsted inspection.*

*Pray that the Early Years pupils make good friendships, talk kindly and be inclusive, especially when new children come into the school.*

*Pray Key Stage 1 pupils will be patient with themselves as they navigate their tests. Pray for their forthcoming trips and that they have fun.*

*Pray that Year 6 pupils focus and enjoy their SATS. That they make happy memories in their last term and cope with their feelings about starting at their next school.*

**Music on the Green** - Our next free lunchtime concert, with light lunch, will be on Wednesday 15 May at 1.15pm

**Book Group** - Our next meeting in Christ Church will be on Monday 20 May, 4pm, when we'll discuss *South*, Ernest Shackleton's account of his trans-Antarctic expedition of 1913-17, one of the last great adventures of global exploration. To know more please contact Revd Jonathan Andrew – 01372 464380 / jandrewesher@gmail.com

**May she rest in peace!** - Joyce Page's funeral is on Monday 13 May in Christ Church at 11am and all who knew her are welcome to attend and join her family for refreshments at the Wheatsheaf after the service.

**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.

**Fellowship Group** - The next meeting will be in Christ Church at 11am on Wednesday 5 June.

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

**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.

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting** - The APCM will be in Christ Church after the 10.30am service on Sunday 19 May. Refreshments will be served.

**Electoral Roll** - The Roll has been revised ahead of the APCM and is available for inspection in both churches or from the Parish Office.

**Parochial Church Council Vacancies** - New members are very welcome to join the PCC – to contribute ideas and use their skills to assist in the running of the parish. If you're interested, please speak to a Churchwarden or any PCC member and complete a nomination form, which can be found at the back of church.

**Esher Friends Meeting House** - More than 200 years of Quaker worship in Esher will be celebrated on Sunday 26 May as they prepare to leave their much-loved Meeting House on Claremont Lane. The invite is extended to everyone in the Parish. They are meeting for worship 10.30-11.30am followed by a 'bring your own' lunch from midday and a party during the rest of the afternoon.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Elizabeth Arnold, Michael Newbould, Pam & Jim Green, Gilly Barrett, Allen Palmer, George Raine, Katherine S, Keith Howell-Jones, Sebastian, Hazel Harding, John Cheetham, Armand Sarkissian

RIP Anniversaries: Alastair Ward, Alan Rutland, Ronald Durrant, Norman Wakefield, Sue Adler, Elisabeth Hughes, Gertrud Frenzel

RIP: Gill Barnett, Ann Willig, Joyce Page, Maria Dawn Danclar-Doody

## BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

	May	Time	Reading
Monday	6		Numbers 16.1-35, Ps 65, Luke 6.27-38
Tuesday	7		Numbers 16.36-end, Ps 126, Luke 6.39-end
Wednesday	8		Proverbs 17.1-11, Ps 132, Luke 7.1-10
Thursday	9	9.30-10.30am	Isaiah 52.7-end, Ps 110, Hebrew 7.26-end
Friday	10		Numbers 20.1-13, Ps 88, Luke 7.11-17

## LOOKING AHEAD

	May	Time	Event
Saturday	4	2pm	Wedding of Frederica Fuller & Phillip Bagguley, Christ Church
Sunday	5	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	All Age Eucharist Christ Church
		4.30pm	Youth Group, Christ Church
Monday	6	All day	Early May Bank Holiday
			No choir practice
Tuesday	7	All day	Parish Office closed
Wednesday	8	7pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	9	All day	Parish Office closed
		9.30am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
		8pm	Ascension Day Eucharist, Christ Church
Sunday	12	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church

## CONTACTS

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<b>Live Streaming</b> 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.		