

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

5 OCTOBER 2025

CHURCH SERVICE

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| Harvest Thanksgiving (live streamed) | Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC) |
| Preacher | Revd Jonathan Andrew |
| Churchwarden | Will Stevens |
| Sidespeople | Sean Seymour-Cole, Ivy Tang |
| Reading, Prayers | Our young people |
| Refreshments | Sandra Argent, Fraser McGuicken |
| Musicians | Stuart Whatton, Theo Tang |

SERVICE MUSIC

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| Opening music | <i>Pastorale in F, BWV 590ii</i> (Bach) |
| CC hymns | 282, 287, 290 |
| CC setting | Coulson |
| Communion anthem | <i>Praise, O praise our God and King</i> (Martin How) |
| Closing music | <i>Prelude in Classic Style</i> (Gordon Young) |

THE COLLECT

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving
for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread
and the wine of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a reverence
for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards
of the good things we enjoy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Welcome to the Parish

Our two churches, Christ Church and St George's have been beacons of faith, hope and love in Esher for well over a century.

Generations have come through our doors to celebrate marriages, welcome newborns into our Christian faith and to grieve their losses - all of it embraced by the worship and prayer offered each week.

Every Sunday we explore the richness of our Christian traditions 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 but whatever the reason, we all belong here.

You can find full details of our services online. Most Sundays we worship at 9am at St George's, West End and at 10.30am at Christ Church, Esher.

We look forward to welcoming you.

READING Revelation 14.14-18

I, John, looked, and there was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one like the Son of Man, with a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand! Another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to the one who sat on the cloud, "Use your sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is fully ripe." So the one who sat on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was reaped. Then another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. Then another angel came out from the altar, the angel who has authority over fire, and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, "Use your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for its grapes are ripe."

GOSPEL John 6.25.35

When they found Jesus on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Other Lectionary Texts

Deuteronomy 26.1-11

Psalm 100

Philippians 4.4-9

PARISH NOTICES

Vacancy Update - Following a hugely rewarding Vacancy Vision Workshop, we move onto the Parish Profile. This is our shop window for prospective rectors when looking at Esher for their next role – it outlines who we are, our vision, our priorities and key qualities we would like a new rector to bring to Esher. A reminder that you can still submit your inputs via our Churchwardens.

Harvest Thanksgiving - We'll be coming together as a Parish in a joint service at Christ Church (no service at St George's). The YouTube link for the service will be included in the Parish Profile so it would be amazing if we would fill the church. All donations support Lower Green Community Centre.

Sunday School - Looking forward to welcoming the children to our special Harvest service, we'll be worshipping together and creating seasonal crafts as part of the celebrations.

All Souls' Service - We'll mark All Souls' Day at Christ Church on Sunday 2 November, 4.30pm. The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed will be a quiet and gentle service with carefully chosen words and music. We will pray for those who have passed away, naming them and lighting a candle in their memory. To ensure your loved ones are remembered by name, please check the lists in either church.

Remembrance Sunday - At 9am, on Sunday 9 November there will be a Holy Communion Service in George's. At 10.50am, the Act of Remembrance will take place at the War Memorial on Esher Green followed by the Remembrance Sunday Service in Christ Church. Please join us in remembering all those who gave their today for our tomorrow.

Harvest Crazy Crafts - Our very popular free seasonal craft day is back on Saturday with a plethora of Harvest-themed crafts, 10am-1pm at the Lower Green Community Centre. Please see Kath or Jane if you're able to help out for an hour or two.

Youth Group - For our October meet up, we'll be exploring self-reflection and the discovering its benefits for our mental health and wellbeing.

ECO representative - We are looking for a volunteer that would lead our Parish on the Eco Church and Net Zero Carbon initiative being led by the Diocese. If this is something you are passionate about and would be interested in supporting the Parish, please let us know. We are looking to strengthen our connections with the Diocesan NZC team and build our credentials in this area.

Book Group - Our next meeting will be on Monday 3 November, 4pm, in Christ Church. This time we'll be discussing *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver, a novel which delves into the opioid epidemic in the United States and vividly illustrates what it does to young lives. If interested, do read!

Save the Children - 'The Case for Aid' talk by Monica Harding MP and Gareth Owen OBE at Christ Church on Thursday 23 October, 7.30pm. Book £10 tickets via stcesher@gmail.com.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Michael Newbould, Gilly Barrett, Jim Green, George Raine, Katherine S, Keith Howell-Jones, John Cheetham, Sebastian, Ruramayi, Karen Harris, David Gerrard, Katie Clark, Armand Sarkissian, Jennifer Meade, Louise Tyzack, Caroline Kerr, Christine Steeds

RIP Anniversaries: Peter Langley, Dorothy Ward, John Parker

RIP: Andrew Park, Allen Palmer, Claire Trepass, Pam Green, Margaret Pattenden

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

| October | Time | Reading |
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| Monday 6 | | Wisdom 11.21-12.2, Ps 44, Mark 12.28-34 |
| Tuesday 7 | | Wisdom 12.12-21, Ps 48, Mark 12.35-end |
| Wednesday 8 | | Wisdom 13.1-9, Ps 119.57-80, Mark 13.1-13 |
| Thursday 9 | 9.30am | Wisdom 16.15-17.1, Ps 57, Mark 13.14-23 |
| Friday 10 | | Wisdom 18.6-19, Ps 51, Mark 13.24-31 |

LOOKING AHEAD

| October | Time | Event |
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| Saturday 4 | 10am-1pm | Harvest Crazy Crafts, Lower Green Community Centre |
| Sunday 5 | 10.30am | Harvest Thanksgiving, Christ Church |
| Monday 6 | 7.15pm | Choir practice, Christ Church |
| Wednesday 8 | 7.30pm | Bellringing practice, Christ Church |
| Thursday 9 | All day | Parish Office closed |
| | 9.30am | Morning Prayer, Zoom |
| Sunday 12 | 9am | Holy Communion, St George's Church |
| | 10.30am | Parish Communion, Christ Church |
| Monday 13 | 7.15pm | Choir practice, Christ Church |
| Tuesday 14 | 11.30am | Funeral of Claire Trepass, Christ Church |
| Wednesday 15 | 1.15pm | Music on the Green lunchtime concert: Ian Close (saxophone) & John McDonald (piano) |
| | 7.30pm | Bellringing practice, Christ Church |

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