

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

TWELTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

7 SEPTEMBER 2025

CHURCH SERVICES

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| Holy Communion | Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 9am at St George's West End (SG) |
| Preacher | Revd Jonathan Andrew |
| Churchwarden | Charles Hawkshaw-Burn |
| Reading, Prayers | Gerard Harper |
| Musician | Oliver Macfarlane |
| Parish Communion (live streamed) | Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC) |
| Preacher | Revd Jonathan Andrew |
| Churchwarden | Helen Coulson |
| Sidespeople | Sean Seymour-Cole, Jane Tyrrell |
| Reading, Prayers | Sandra Argent, Kath Chapman |
| Refreshments | Wendy Tanqueray, Sandra Argent |
| Musicians | Oliver Macfarlane, Theo Tang, Diana Johns |

SERVICE MUSIC

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| Opening music | <i>Berceuse sur deux notes qui coment</i> (Jehan Alain) |
| SG & CC hymns | 587, What a friend we have in Jesus, 818 |
| SG / CC settings | Addington / Coulson |
| Closing music | <i>Trio super 'Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend', BWV 655</i> (Bach) |

THE COLLECT

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of 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 Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love - and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother - especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to

my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

GOSPEL Luke 14.25-33

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

Other Lectionary Texts

Jeremiah 18.1-11

Psalms 139.1-5, 12-18

Deuteronomy 30.15-end

Psalms 1

HYMN

What a friend we have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer!

Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge -
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.

Wendy Tanqueray

Many congratulations to Wendy Tanqueray who has reached the final of the BBC Make A Difference Awards in the category of a person who helps make the neighbourhood a better place to live or work. She has gifted the community many selfless contributions, including her tireless litter picking (at least two hours every day!) to keep our streets clean and safe. You can listen to Wendy's interview on BBC Radio Surrey on Thursday 11 September at 7.15am, 12.35pm and 4.10pm!

PARISH NOTICES

Vacancy Vision Workshop - This workshop will take place in Christ Church on Tuesday 23 September at 6pm. The Diocese Mission Enabler team will work with the PCC to prayerfully consider where we believe God wants us to go in the future.

All Age Services during the Vacancy - We depend heavily on visiting clergy to lead our services who are understandably not familiar with our community and particularly do not know our children. After prayerful consideration and the above we have decided to pause All Age Services during the vacancy reverting to Parish Communion instead. We will however hold key All Age Services including Harvest, Christingle and Mothering Sunday.

Andrew Park - We can now confirm that Andrew's memorial service will be held at Christ Church on Monday 22 September at 12.30pm. All welcome. We send our love and prayers to Andrew's family and friends.

Robin Baker - We've recently been informed that Robin, a regular and committed member of our congregation before moving to France, has died. We pray for him and his family.

Sunday School - The new term begins on Sunday 14 September. Spread the word!

Choir - The Christ Church choir returns to services on Sunday 14 September. Practice resumes on Monday 15 September, 7.15pm.

Music on the Green - On Wednesday 17 September, 1.15pm, we'll be welcoming the Funny Bones Trombone Quartet.

Rectory Garden - A garden tidy-up has been arranged for Saturday 20 September at 9.30am. If you can help and bring gardening tools please speak to the wardens. Refreshments provided.

'Blessing of the Pets' Service - This Service of Blessing for the animals that are our friends and companions will take place at St George's on Sunday 28 September at 4pm.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Michael Newbould, Gilly Barrett, Pam & 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, Claire Trepess

RIP Anniversaries: Ian Walden, Michael Whitney, Alan Parry, Brian Flynn, Patricia Newman, Thomas Connor

RIP: Andrew Park, Allen Palmer, Robin Baker

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

| September | Time | Reading |
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| Monday 8 | | Proverbs 14.31-15.17, Ps 98, Mark 6.45-end |
| Tuesday 9 | | Proverbs 15.18-end, Ps 106, Mark 7.1-13 |
| Wednesday 10 | | Proverbs 18.10-end, Ps 111, Mark 7.14-23 |
| Thursday 11 | 9.30am | Proverbs 20.1-22, Ps 115, Mark 7.24-30 |
| Friday 12 | | Proverbs 22.1-16, Ps 139, Mark 7.31-end |

LOOKING AHEAD

| September | Time | Event |
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| Sunday 7 | 9am | Holy Communion, St George's Church |
| | 10.30am | Parish Communion, Christ Church |
| Wednesday 10 | 7.30pm | Bellringing practice, Christ Church |
| Thursday 11 | All day | Parish Office closed |
| | 9.30am | Morning Prayer, Zoom |
| Sunday 14 | 9am | Holy Communion, St George's Church |
| | 10.30am | Parish Communion, Christ Church |
| Monday 15 | 7.15pm | Choir practice, Christ Church |
| Wednesday 17 | 1.15pm | Music on the Green lunchtime concert: Funny Bones Trombone Quartet |
| | 7.30pm | Bellringing practice, Christ Church |
| Thursday 18 | All day | Parish Office closed |
| | 9.30am | Morning Prayer, Zoom |

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