

# PARISH OF ESHER

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

*Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love*

ASCENSION DAY

9 MAY 2024

CHURCH SERVICE	
Parish Communion	Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 8pm at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Jonathan Andrew
Churchwarden	Jane Tyrrell
Sidespeople	Sean Cole, Stewart Henderson
Reading, Prayers	Alison Bownes, Jane Tyrrell
Musicians	Stuart Whatton
SERVICE MUSIC	
CC hymns	232, 228, 581 (omit v4)
CC setting	Coulson
Anthem	<i>The Lord ascendeth up on high</i> (Praetorius)
THE COLLECT	
Risen Christ, you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven: help us to seek and serve you, that we may join you at the Father's side, where you reign with the Spirit in glory, now and for ever. <b>Amen.</b>	
THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER	
God our Father, you have raised our humanity in Christ and have fed us with the bread of heaven: mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings, we may set our hearts in the heavenly places; through Jesus Christ our Lord. <b>Amen.</b>	

## 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 1.4-11

While staying with them, Jesus ordered the apostles not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

## GOSPEL Luke 24.44-end

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.' Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

## ADDITIONAL LECTIONARY TEXTS

### PSALM 93

- 1 The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength. He has established the world; it shall never be moved;
- 2 your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.
- 3 The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.
- 4 More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the Lord!
- 5 Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore.

## READING Ephesians 1.15-end

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

## PARISH NOTICES

**Esher May Fair** - On Saturday 18 May teas and entertainment will be available in Christ Church, 2-4pm, and the Bell Tower will be open to visitors. If you can help on the day or supply cakes do sign up, contact the Parish Office or the churchwardens, Helen Coulson and Jane Tyrrell.

**Sunday School** - This week we'll discuss the power and importance of prayer and how using tools like our Sunday School Prayer Starter Cards can help get us practicing.

**Youth Group** - At our May meeting, we discussed the Fruit of Spirit as a wonderful reference for our spiritual growth – playing fruit-inspired games, like a fruit spoon race, and making fruit creatures inspired by the Galatians passage. Next meeting is 2 June.

### 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.*

**Peace & Contemplation** - Join us for an hour of peace with short readings, live music and golden silence in Christ Church on Thursday 4 July, 8pm. Enjoy this time to relax and reflect.

**Music on the Green** - Our next free concert will be on Wednesday 15 May at 1.15pm.

**Book Group** - Our next meeting in Christ Church is on Monday 20 May, 4pm, when we'll discuss *South*, Ernest Shackleton's account of his trans-Antarctic expedition of 1913-17. To know more contact Revd Jonathan Andrew.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Esher Friends Meeting House** - Over 200 years of Quaker worship in Esher will be celebrated on Sunday 26 May as they prepare to leave their Meeting House. The invite is extended to the Parish. A 'bring your own' lunch follows the worship meeting at 10.30-11.30am.

**M25 Junction 10** - For information, from Friday 10 May 9pm to Monday 13 May 6am the M25 will be closed between junctions 9 and 10.

## 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, Menna Harries

## BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

	May	Time	Reading
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
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
Monday	13	11am	Funeral of Joyce Page, Christ Church
		7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Wednesday	15	1.15pm	Music on the Green lunchtime concert, Christ Church
		7pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	16	All day	Parish Office closed
		9.30am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
Saturday	18	Midday	Christ Church at the Esher May Fair, Esher Green
Sunday	19	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
		Midday	Annual Parochial Church Meeting, 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.		