

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

HOLY CROSS DAY

14 SEPTEMBER 2025

CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion	Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 9am at St George's West End (SG)
Preacher	Revd Judith Roberts
Churchwarden	Charles Hawkshaw-Burn
Reading, Prayers	Jackie Andrew
Musician	Stuart Whatton
Parish Communion (live streamed)	Led by Revd Judith Roberts at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Judith Roberts
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Sean Seymour-Cole, Bob Lonnon
Reading, Prayers	Brian Elliott, Helen Coulson
Refreshments	Sandra Argent, Michelle Cullen
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane, Robert Cunningham

SERVICE MUSIC

Opening music	<i>Grave from Concerto in G, BWV 592</i> (Bach/Ernst)
SG & CC hymns	676 (omit v2), 758, 707 (omit v2-6)
SG / CC settings	Addington / Coulson
Communion anthem	Bread is blessed and broken (John Bell)
Closing music	<i>Allegro di molto from</i> <i>Fantaisie in E flat (Saint-Saëns)</i>

THE COLLECT

Almighty God,
who in the passion of your blessed Son
made an instrument of painful death
to be for us the means of life and peace:
grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ
that we may gladly suffer for his sake;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Faithful God,
whose Son bore our sins in his body on the tree
and gave us this sacrament
to show forth his death until he comes:
give us grace to glory
in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
for he is our salvation, our life and our hope,
who reigns as Lord, now and for ever.
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 Philippians 2.6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL John 3.13-17

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Other Lectionary Texts

Psalm 14

Numbers 21.4-9

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.

Parish Profile - This document will be produced following the Vision workshop. It will lay out our priorities for going forward and the gifts that we seek in a new leader. It will include three key sections: first, the Parish overview tells the story of who we are, where we live and how we worship, secondly, the Statement of Needs, will build on our recent Church Development Plan in terms of where God wants our Parish to move over the next ten years and finally a person/job description that would talk to the ideal candidate to lead our Parish. It is important to include inputs from across our Parish – if you have any thoughts that you would like considered, please speak to a PCC member and they'll ensure that it's raised at the workshop.

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 of the above we have decided to pause All Age Services during the vacancy reverting to Parish Communion instead. We will hold key All Age Services including Harvest, Christingle and Mothering Sunday.

Andrew Park - Andrew's memorial service will be on Monday 22 September, 12.30pm at Christ Church. All welcome. We send 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.

Music on the Green - On Wednesday 17 September, 1.15pm, we will be welcoming the Funny Bones Trombone Quartet. This lively trombone ensemble will take you on a tour of Spanish and British music with works by Granados, Manuel de Falla and Ralph Vaughan Williams. Light lunch from 12.30pm

Sunday School - To mark the beginning of the new academic year, we'll refresh our Sunday School values artwork and create a special key to remember Jesus is the key to eternal life.

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

Book Group - We will meet on Monday 22 September at 4pm in Christ Church when we'll discuss *Precipice* by Robert Harris.

'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.

Harvest Thanksgiving - We're holding a joint service at Christ Church on Sunday 5 October. All harvest donations will be given to the Lower Green Community Centre. For details of specific requirements please go to the harvest page on the Parish website.

Wendy Tanqueray

Many congratulations to Wendy for reaching the final of the BBC Make A Difference Awards in the category of a person who makes the neighbourhood a better place to live or work. She's gifted the community many selfless contributions, including her tireless litter picking (at least two hours every day!) to keep our streets clean and safe. Listen to Wendy's interview on BBC Radio Surrey on BBC Sounds.

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

RIP Anniversaries: Vicky Jenkins, Patrick Handyside, Peter Lindow, John Allen, John Mitchell, Hilda Brown, Norma Bowles

RIP: Andrew Park, Allen Palmer, Robin Baker, Claire Trepess

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

September	Time	Reading
Monday	15	Proverbs 25.1-14, Ps 126, Mark 8.11-21
Tuesday	16	Proverbs 25.15-end, Ps 132, Mark 8.22-26
Wednesday	17	Proverbs 26.12-end, Ps 119.153-end, Mark 8.27-9.1
Thursday	18	9.30am Proverbs 27.1-22, Ps 143, Mark 9.2-13
Friday	19	Proverbs 30.1-9, 24-31, Ps 144, Mark 9.14-29

LOOKING AHEAD

September	Time	Event
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, Christ Church
		7.30pm Bellringing practice, Christ Church
		8pm Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting, Christ Church
Thursday	18	All day Parish Office closed
		9.30am Morning Prayer, Zoom
Sunday	21	9am Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am Eucharist & Holy Baptism, Christ Church
		12.15pm Interment of Jane Gannon, Christ Church

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