

# PARISH OF ESHER

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

*Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love*

MOTHERING SUNDAY

15 MARCH 2026

## CHURCH SERVICE

Parish Communion (live streamed)	Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Jonathan Andrew
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Gavin Bradley, Julia Forrest
Reading, Prayers	Kath Chapman
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Robert Cunningham
Refreshments	Sandra Argent, Michelle Cullen

## SERVICE MUSIC

Opening music	<i>Adagio from Fantaisie in C, Op. 16 (Franck)</i>
CC hymns	537, 136, 739
CC setting	Addington
Anthem	<i>O God, you search me and you know me (Bernadette Farrell)</i>
Closing music	<i>Fanfare for Francis (Noel Rawsthorne)</i>

## COLLECT

God of compassion,  
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,  
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,  
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:  
strengthen us in our daily living  
that in joy and in sorrow  
we may know the power of your presence  
to bind together and to heal;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
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

Loving God,  
as a mother feeds her children at the breast  
you feed us in this sacrament  
with the food and drink of eternal life:  
help us who have tasted your goodness  
to grow in grace within the household of faith;  
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 Colossians 3.12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

## GOSPEL John 19.25-27

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

### Other Lectionary Texts

1 Samuel 1.20-end

Psalm 34.11-20

Psalm 127.1-4

2 Corinthians 1.3-7

Luke 2.33-35

## PARISH NOTICES

**Vacancy Update** - The introduction day and interviews went well this week. Thank you to everyone who helped ensure they ran smoothly. We will share updates as and when we can. We ask that you continue to pray for a successful outcome.

**Bishop Andrew** - The Rt Revd Paul Davies has confirmed Bishop Andrew's funeral will be held on Monday 23 March at 12 noon in Guildford Cathedral. Deaneries will be given a seat allocation to ensure representation from each parish. Let the churchwardens know if you'd like to attend. The service is also being livestreamed and shown at churches including Holy Trinity Claygate.

**Rectory** - Thank you to everyone who contributed at the Rectory last week. The fabulous cleaning crew included Bridget, Helen, Ann, Bob, Peter, Naomi, Charles, Bob, Teresa, Joan, Janie, Sue, Will, Hilary, Simon, Veronica, Sharron and Fraser with kind plant donations given by Clare, Sue, Andrea, Will and Sally. Very much appreciated.

**Lent Appeal 2026** - In support of Mlanga Parish Church in Tanzania for a new well for water. Please support generously using the appeal envelopes, paying via the card machine or the QR code and remember to add your details so that we can recover Gift Aid.



**Lent Course** - Based on the book *Let Me Go There - The Spirit of Lent* by Paula Gooder, continues at noon in Christ Church during Lent, facilitated by Christine Steeds.

**Sunday School** - There is no session as we have our Mothering Sunday All Age Service. Children are invited to join Kath in the pews.

**Easter Leaflet** - Bundles are ready to collect from Christ Church and St George's. Contact Will Stevens, Charles Hawkshaw-Burn or the Parish Office if you can help.

**Mothering Sunday** - Our wonderful Mothering Sunday tradition continues with a special combined Parish service at Christ Church this Sunday, 15 March. We will give thanks for our mothers and those who play a nurturing and caring role. We also thank Buds & Blooms in Esher for daffodil donations as well as Kath and the team of daffodil posy makers.

**Easter Crazy Crafts** - Our very popular crafting day returns on Saturday 14 March for all things Easter and crazy-ish. Come anytime 10am-1pm to the Lower Green Community Centre.

**Music on the Green** - On Wednesday 18 March, 1.15pm, Charis Sykesud, violin and Jack Redman, piano will perform late Romantic chamber music. Light lunch from 12.30pm in Christ Church. Retiring collection.

**Palm Sunday** - There will be services at both St George's and Christ Church on Sunday 29 March, the fifth Sunday of the month. We'll process into church with palm crosses, adults and children alike, marking Jesus' triumphal ride into Jerusalem.

**Music in the Tower** - For this annual calendar highlight our theme will be 'Medieval Muses & The Age of Mysticism' and we look forward to "transcendent medieval-inspired music for modern times" on voice and medieval harp from the early music virtuoso David Yardley. There will be four sittings during Holy Week in the Christ Church Tower Room on Tuesday 31 March and Wednesday 1 April, at 1pm and 8pm. Ticket price is £15, with light refreshments. Seats are limited to 20 per sitting. Book your seat via the Christ Church sign-up sheets or the Parish Office.

**Fellowship Group** - The next meeting is on Wednesday 8 April, 10.30am, in Christ Church.

**Book Group** - *The Masters* by CP Snow will be our next book to read ahead of our meeting on Monday 13 April in Christ Church. All welcome.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Michael Newbould, Gilly Barrett, Jim Green, George Raine, Katherine S, Keith Howell-Jones, John Cheetham, Sebastian, David Gerrard, Katie Clark, Louise Tyzack, Caroline Kerr, Armand Sarkissian, Phoebe Ainsworth, Josh Baines, Mike Elder, Brian Elliott, Gudrun & David Jensen, Michaela Banks, John Stacey

RIP Anniversaries: Robert Tesh, Mark Allen, Lorna Evans, Josephine Morgan, Anne Willig, Gillian Barnett, Charles Wilson, Geoffrey Venables, Audrey Simons

RIP: Dany McLeod, Bishop Andrew Watson, Kay Benson

Banns of Marriage: Oliver Wiltshire & Lily Coles

## BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

March		Time	Reading
Monday	16		Exodus 2.11-22, Ps 77, Hebrews 9.1-14
Tuesday	17		Exodus 2.23-3.20, Ps 79, Hebrews 9.15-end
Wednesday	18		Exodus 4.1-23, Ps 90, Hebrews 10.1-18
Thursday	19	10am	Isaiah 11.1-10, Ps 25, Matthew 13.54-end
Friday	20		Exodus 6.2-13, Ps 102, Hebrews 10.26-end

## LOOKING AHEAD

March		Time	Event
Friday	13	All day	Parish Office closed (13-17 Mar incl.)
		5pm	Making of daffodil posies, Christ Church
Sunday	15	10.30am	Mothering Sunday Service, Christ Church
		Midday	Lent Course, Christ Church
Monday	16	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Wednesday	18	1.15pm	Music on the Green lunchtime concert: Charis Sykesud, violin & Jack Redman, piano
		7.30pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	19	All day	Parish Office closed
		10am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
Saturday	21	10am	Bellringing practice, Christ Church

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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 pewsheets by 10am on the preceding Tuesday. Thank you.		