

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

15 SEPTEMBER 2024

CHURCH SERVICES	
Holy Communion	Led by Revd William Allbery at 9am at St George's Church (SG)
Preacher	Revd William Allbery
Reading, Prayers	Peter Bedford
Musician	Stuart Whatton
Parish Communion (live streamed)	Led by Revd William Allbery at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd William Allbery
Churchwarden	Helen Coulson
Sidespeople	Sean Cole, Will Stevens
Reading, Prayers	Christine Steeds, Jan Sayer
Refreshments	Sia Marshall, Wendy Tanqueray
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane
'Blessing of the Pets' Service	Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 4pm at St George's Church (SG)
Guest Speaker	Sue Bohane
Musician	Oliver Macfarlane, Theo Tang
SERVICE MUSIC	
Opening music	<i>Choral Improvisation 'Freu dich sehr, O meine Seele'</i> (Karg-Elert)
SG & CC hymns	652, 358, 678
'Blessing of the Pets' Service hymns	533 (omit v4), 532 (v1,3,4,7), final hymn on service sheet
SG / CC settings	Addington / Coulson
Communion music	<i>The Swan, from Carnival of the Animals</i> (Saint-Saëns)
Anthem	<i>Oculi omnium</i> (Wood)
Closing music	<i>Allegro assai vivace from Sonata no. 1</i> (Mendelssohn)
THE COLLECT	
Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	
THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER	
Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	

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 James 3.1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue – a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

GOSPEL Mark 8.27-end

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Parish of Esher services

With ESHER CHURCH
SCHOOL choir singing

Sunday 6 October

Harvest Thanksgiving

St George's Church, West End
Christ Church, Esher

Come to our Harvest Thanksgiving services.

We are holding services at St George's Church at 9am and Christ Church at 10.30am. All harvest donations will be given to the Lower Green Community Centre for local people in need. For details of specific needs please go to the harvest page on the Parish website.

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ADDITIONAL LECTIONARY TEXTS

PSALM 116.1-8

1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; I came to grief and sorrow.

3 Then I called upon the name of the Lord: 'O Lord, I pray you, save my life.'

4 Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

5 The Lord watches over the innocent; I was brought very low and he helped me.

6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, for the Lord has treated you well.

7 For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling.

8 I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

READING Isaiah 50.4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards.

I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?



CHRIST CHURCH, ESHER
LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Wednesday 18 September 2024

Catriona Bourne Fábio Fernandes

baroque flute & theorbo

Enjoy our first concert of the autumn as this engaging duo treat us to melodies centred on the Baroque music of Telemann and Quantz along with some Scottish traditional music.

Free entry & light lunch from 12.30pm. Concert from 1.15pm.
Christ Church, Church Street, Esher, Surrey KT10 8QS
Join us in person or watch it on YouTube at 'Music on the Green Esher'

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PARISH NOTICES

'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 this Sunday afternoon at 4pm. Bring your pet, or a photo – all pets are welcome – dogs, cats, rabbits, goldfish, tortoises, budgies or ponies!

Harvest Thanksgiving - We're holding services at St George's Church and Christ Church on Sunday 6 October. All harvest donations will be given to the Lower Green Community Centre. For details of specific needs please go to the harvest page on the Parish website.

Harvest Crazy Crafts - Join us at Lower Green Community Centre on Saturday 8 September for our autumn community crafting extravaganza! Come anytime 10am-1pm to make harvest themed creations – paper plate animals, pom-poms, animal cards and more! Entry is free, the cafe will be open and kids get a goodie bag. Please look after your children at all times.

Sunday School - We'll craft cross shapes to remind us who Jesus is and remember to trust God through all the puzzles that life throws us.

Youth Group - In the first get-together of the academic year we considered our goals and intentions. To get the children thinking they were challenged to build obstacle courses in church and attach goals and intentions to them for the rest of the group to experience.

Especially Now - An exhibition of paintings of places across England, by Flin McCulloch, at the Riverhouse Barn Arts Centre, Walton-on-Thames, runs from Wednesday 18 to Sunday 22 September, 10am to 4pm.

Fellowship Group - The next meeting will be in Christ Church on Wednesday 2 October at 10.30am. All are very welcome to join.

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.

Rector Update - We are pleased to let you know that Darren will be returning from adoption leave earlier than originally planned on Tuesday 5 November. We, of course, look forward to welcoming him back, but we ask for your understanding in giving him time to catch up and settle back in.

Music on the Green - An engaging young duo, Catriona Bourne and Fábio Fernandes on baroque flute and theorbo, will kick off our autumn concert season at Christ Church on Wednesday 18 September, at 1.15pm. They'll treat us to melodies centred on the Baroque music of Telemann and Quantz along with some Scottish traditional music.

Macmillan Coffee Morning - This year we'll be supporting the annual Macmillan Coffee Morning fundraising drive on Sunday 22 September at our post-service refreshments.

Anne Williams - We have just been informed that Anne, who for many years was a faithful member of our congregation, has died. Her funeral was held earlier this month. We hold Anne and her husband Bill in our prayers.

Book Group - On Monday 30 September, 4pm, we'll discuss Carlo Levi's memoir of southern Italy in the 1930s – *Christ stopped at Eboli*. For details contact Revd Jonathan Andrew – 01372 464380 / jandrewesh@gmail.com.

The Bishops' Camino 2024 - Join Bishop Paul and Bishop Andrew on Saturday 12 October as they walk through the Surrey countryside to raise funds for the Bishop of Guildford's Communities Fund. To sign-up to walk see: www.cofeguildford.org.uk/mission/growing-community/bishop-of-guildfords-communities-fund/.

Jennifer - To visit Jennifer at home please contact Lizzie, her daughter, (07803 086074) beforehand to agree a suitable time.

'Zoom' Morning Prayer & Zoffee! - Morning Prayer continues each Thursday at 9.30am.

Parish of Esher youth
and the Lower Green community

Saturday 28 September, 10am-1pm

Harvest

CRAZY CRAFTS

Lower Green Community Centre
Farm Road, Esher



**We warmly invite you to our free
Harvest community crafting event!**

Come anytime 10am-1pm to the Lower Green Community Centre (Recreation Ground, KT10 8AU) and make amazing Harvest themed creations – paper plate animals, pom-poms, animal cards and a lot more! Entry is free, the cafe will be open and kids get a goodie bag. Please look after your children at all times.



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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Elizabeth Arnold, Michael Newbould, Gilly Barrett, Allen Palmer, Pam & Jim Green, George Raine, Katherine S, Keith Howell-Jones, John Cheetham, Sebastian, Armand Sarkissian, Vicky Jenkins, Ruramayi, Karen Harris, Jennifer Meade, David Gerrard

RIP Anniversaries: Patrick Handyside, Peter Lindow, John Mitchell

RIP: Brian Hatfield, Wadad Gorton, Ann Williams

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

September		Time	Reading
Monday	16		1 Kings 12.25-13.10, Ps 44, Acts 19.8-20
Tuesday	17		1 Kings 13.11-end, Ps 48, Acts 19.21-end
Wednesday	18		1 Kings 17, Ps 119.57-80, Acts 20.1-16
Thursday	19	9.30-10.30am	1 Kings 18.1-20, Ps 57, Acts 20.17-end
Friday	20		1 Kings 18.21-end, Ps 51, Acts 21.1-16

LOOKING AHEAD

September		Time	Event
Sunday	15	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
		4pm	Pet Service, St George's Church
Monday	16	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Wednesday	18	1.15pm	Music on the Green lunchtime concert: Catriona Bourne, baroque flute & Fábio Fernandes, theorbo
		3pm	Funeral service of Wadad Gorton, Christ Church
		7pm	Bellringing practice
Thursday	19	All day	Parish Office closed
		9.30am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
Sunday	22	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	23	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church

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Live Streaming 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.		