

# PARISH OF ESHER

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

*Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love*

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

21 SEPTEMBER 2025

CHURCH SERVICES	
Holy Communion	Led by Revd Helen Kempster at 9am at St George's West End (SG)
Preacher	Revd Helen Kempster
Churchwarden	Charles Hawkshaw-Burn
Reading, Prayers	Charles Hawkshaw-Burn, Peter Bedford
Musician	Theo Tang
Eucharist & Holy Baptism (live streamed)	Led by Revd Helen Kempster at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Helen Kempster
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Debbie Banks, Michael Banks
Reading	Helen Coulson
Refreshments	Sandra Argent, Helen Griffin
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane, Theo Tang
SERVICE MUSIC	
Opening music	<i>Andante Religioso from Sonata no. 4</i> (Mendelssohn)
SG & CC hymns	236, 358, 721
SG / CC settings	Addington / Coulson
Communion anthem	<i>Do not be afraid</i> (Philip Stopford)
Closing music	<i>Toccata from Suite Gothique</i> (Boëllmann)
THE COLLECT	
Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. <b>Amen.</b>	
THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER	
Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. <b>Amen.</b>	

## 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 1 Timothy 2.1-7

I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all – this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

## GOSPEL Luke 16.1-13

Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

### Other Lectionary Texts

Jeremiah 8.18-9.1

Psalms 79.1-9

Amos 8.4-7

Psalms 113

## PARISH NOTICES

**Vacancy Vision Workshop** - This workshop will take place this Tuesday, 23 September, at 6pm in Christ Church. 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** - The Parish Profile will be drafted following the Vision workshop and will lay out our priorities as a Parish going forward and the gifts that we seek in a new leader. 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.

**Safeguarding Update** - You may or may not be aware that both Polly Jordan and Alison Mohamed are responsible for the safeguarding across the Parish. They guided us all safely through worshipping during those terrible Covid years and lots more beyond, quietly working away in the background. However, Polly Jordan has recently stepped down and it is a good opportunity for us all to pass on our thanks, prayers and best wishes not only to Polly but also to Alison.

**Rectory Garden** - A garden tidy-up will take place on Saturday 20 September at 9.30am. Do come along with tools if you can help. Refreshments provided. Thank you

**Andrew Park** - Andrew's memorial service is on Monday 22 September, 12.30pm, at Christ Church. All welcome. We send love and prayers to Andrew's family and friends.

**Allen Palmer** - Allen, a well known West End local, died recently. His funeral will take place in Christ Church on Friday 3 October, 1.45pm. All welcome. We remember Allen in our prayers.

**Save the Children** - 'The Case for Aid' talk by Monica Harding MP and Gareth Owen OBE at Christ Church on Sunday 23 October, 7.30pm. Book £10 tickets via [stcesher@gmail.com](mailto:stcesher@gmail.com).

**Thank You** - To Revd Helen Kempster, for visiting us today and leading our services. It is a joy to worship with you.

**Sunday School** - Sunday is the International Day of Peace so we'll think about how, like Jesus, we can spread compassion and kindness, helping the world be a more peaceful place.

**Harvest Thanksgiving** - This year we will be coming together as a Parish in a combined service at Christ Church on Sunday 5 October (with no service at St George's). All harvest donations will be in support of the Lower Green Community Centre. For details of requirements please see harvest page on the Parish website.

**Harvest Crazy Crafts** - Our next crafting show at the Lower Green Community Centre will be on Saturday 4 October, 10am-1pm. Come anytime to make harvest themed creations – paper plate animals/flowers, biscuit decoration! Entry is free, the cafe will be open and kids get a goodie bag. Do look after your children at all times. See Kath or Jane if you can help.

**'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.

**Book Group** - We'll meet in Christ Church on Monday 22 September, 4pm, to discuss Robert Harris's *Precipice*: set in 1914-6, the novel tells how Asquith, then Prime Minister, pursued an obsessive romance with Venetia Stanley during the outbreak of war. If you've not read the book you're still very welcome to join our discussion!

**West End Fair 2025** - A very big thank you to all volunteers who baked cakes, washed dishes, served tea and helped in many other ways to make this year's West End Fair another roaring success. The Afternoon Teas made £960 and the St George's cake and gift sale raised a huge £1,400! Well done everyone and thank you. Sandra Argent.

## 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:** Margaret Williams, Geoff Walker, Dorothy McGuire, Eileen Lock, Janet Thirtle, Peter Meade, Cynthia Collis, John MacLeod, Charles Orr, Leslie Norris Bill Stevens

**RIP:** Andrew Park, Allen Palmer, Claire Trepess, Jane Gannon

**Baptism:** Florence Helen Zoe Jervier

## BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

September		Time	Reading
Monday	22		Wisdom 1, Ps 1, Mark 9.38-end
Tuesday	23		Wisdom 2, Ps 5, Mark 10.1-16
Wednesday	24		Wisdom 3.1-9, Ps 119.1-32, Mark 10.17-31
Thursday	25	9.30am	Wisdom 4.7-end, Ps 15, Mark 10.32-34
Friday	26		Wisdom 5.1-16, Ps 19, Mark 10.35-45

## LOOKING AHEAD

September		Time	Event
Saturday	20	9.30am	Garden Tidy-Up, Esher Rectory, Esher Place Avenue
Sunday	21	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Eucharist & Holy Baptism, Christ Church
		12.15pm	Interment of Jane Gannon, Christ Church
Monday	22	12.30pm	Memorial Service for Andrew Park, Christ Church
		4pm	Book Group, Christ Church
		7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Tuesday	23	6pm	Vacancy Vision Workshop, Christ Church
Wednesday	24	7.30pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	25	All day	Parish Office closed
		9.30am	Morning Prayer, Zoom

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