

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

25 AUGUST 2024

CHURCH SERVICES	
Holy Communion	Led by Revd Darren McCallig at 9am at St George's Church (SG)
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Reading, Prayers	Charles Hawkshaw-Burn, Peter Bedford
Musician	Theo Tang
Parish Communion	Led by Revd Darren McCallig at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Churchwarden	Jane Tyrrell
Sidespeople	Sean Cole, Karen Sarkissian
Reading, Prayers	Jane Tyrrell, Martin Fuller
Refreshments	Sue Dunne, Sia Marshall
Musician	Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane, Theo Tang, Catherine Powell
SERVICE MUSIC	
Opening music	<i>Andante from Sonata no. 6</i> (Mendelssohn)
SG & CC hymns	698, 741, What a friend we have in Jesus
Post-sermon music	<i>Träumerei from Kinderszenen</i> (Schumann)
SG / CC settings	Addington / Coulson
Communion songs	<i>Gospel Ship</i> (Alvin Carter); <i>God's Choir</i> (Roy Overholt)
Closing music	<i>Menuet from Suite Gothique</i> (Boëllmann)
THE COLLECT	
Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	
THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER	
God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; 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 Ephesians 6.10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

GOSPEL John 6.56-69

Jesus said to the crowd:

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.' Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

ADDITIONAL LECTIONARY TEXTS

PSALM 34.15-end

15 The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry.

16 The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry and the Lord hears them and delivers them from all their troubles.

18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and will save those whose spirits are crushed.

19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.

20 He will keep safe all his bones; not one of them shall be broken.

21 Evil shall slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, and none will be punished who trust in him.

READING Joshua 24.1-2a, 14-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people,

'Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.' Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

HYMN

What a Friend we have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry
ev'rything to him in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit,

O what needless pain we bear,

all because we do not carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?

Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged:
take it to the Lord in prayer!

Can we find a friend so faithful,
who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness –
take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?

Jesus only is our refuge,
take it to the Lord in prayer!

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?

Take it to the Lord in prayer!

In his arms he'll take and shield thee,
thou wilt find a solace there.

PARISH NOTICES

West End Village Show - Many thanks to everyone who baked, served, washed-up and supported our wonderful fundraising effort yesterday. The Afternoon Teas in the Village Hall and the Cake & Gift Sale in St George's were a great success. We'll update you with the fundraising results soon. Many thanks.

Jennifer - Thankfully Jennifer is back home, although she will need to attend hospital for further tests. She would love to receive visits from her Church friends but, to avoid over-tiring her, please contact her daughter Lizzie (07803 086074) to agree a suitable time.

Sunday School - The fun-filled new term begins on Sunday 1 September. Spread the word!

Fellowship Group - The next meeting will be on Wednesday 4 September at 10.30am.

Ice Cream Sunday - Join us for Sundaes on Sunday 8 September at 10.30am. There'll be cool ice cream and a warm welcome as we mark the beginning of the new school year. Starting or returning to nursery, school, university or work is a special time, so bring your school bag, briefcase or laptop bag to the All Age Communion Service to be blessed for the year ahead. We'll celebrate after the service with an ice cream van in the grounds of Christ Church offering free sweet treats.

Youth Group - The brand new term will start on Sunday 8 September, 4.30pm to 6pm.

Old St George's Church - To coincide with Heritage Open Days there'll be guided tours on Saturday 7 & 14 September at 11am & 2pm

Music on the Green - The autumn season of monthly concerts kicks off on Wednesday 18 September, 1.15pm – musicians to be confirmed.

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.

Darren - The Rector's Adoption Leave will continue until Tuesday 20 November 2024.

Parish of Esher services

Christ Church, Esher Ice Cream Sunday

Sunday 8 September
10.30am

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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

RIP Anniversaries: Sami Kathiresan, Irene Coulson, Richard Coulson,

Victoria Cobb, Ivy Fairhead, Tim Walter, Felix Palmer, Sidney Fairhead, John Meek,

Jennifer McKerracher, Brian Edmunds, Roger Simmons, David MacDonald

RIP: John Marshall, Brian Hatfield

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

August		Time	Reading
Monday	26		2 Samuel 18.1-18, Ps 126, Acts 10.34-end
Tuesday	27		2 Samuel 18.19-19.8a, Ps 132, Acts 11.1-18
Wednesday	28		2 Samuel 19.8b-23, Ps 119.153-end, Acts 11.19-end
Thursday	29	9.30-10.30am	2 Samuel 19.24-end, Ps 143, Acts 12.1-17
Friday	30		2 Samuel 23.1-7, Ps 144, Acts 12.18-end

LOOKING AHEAD

August		Time	Event
Saturday	24	Midday	West End Village Show, West End Green
Sunday	25	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	26	All day	August Bank Holiday
Wednesday	28	7pm	Bellringing practice
Thursday	29	All day	Parish Office closed
		9.30am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
September		Time	Event
Sunday	1	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	2	All day	Parish Office closed
Tuesday	3	2.30pm	Memorial Service of Brian Hatfield

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