

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

TRINITY SUNDAY

26 MAY 2024

CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion	Led by Revd Darren McCallig at 9am at St George's (SG)
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Reading, Prayers	Bridget Williams
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Theo Tang
Parish Communion	Led by Revd Darren McCallig at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Churchwarden	Jane Tyrrell
Sidespeople	Ivy Tang, Stewart Henderson
Reading, Prayers	Stewart Henderson, Jan Sayer
Refreshments	Sia Marshall, Wendy Tanqueray
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane, Theo Tang

SERVICE MUSIC

Opening music	<i>Chorale and Coda from Lied to the Flowers</i> (Peeters)
SG / CC hymns	276, 676, 603
SG / CC settings	Addington / Coulson
Anthem	<i>Holy, holy, holy</i> (Schubert)
Closing music	<i>Prelude and Fugue in C, BWV 553</i> (Bach)

THE COLLECT

Holy God,
faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply
into the mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and eternal God,
you have revealed yourself
as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:
hold us firm in this faith,
that we may know you in all your ways
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,
who are three Persons yet one God,
now and for ever.
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 Romans 8.12-17

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh – for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

GOSPEL John 3.1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above. 'Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit. 'Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? 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.

ADDITIONAL LECTIONARY TEXTS

PSALM 29

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, 'Glory!'
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

READING Isaiah 6.1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

Peace & Contemplation

'The Wonder of Love'
part of the 'Wonder' series

Thursday 18 July 2024, 8pm to 9pm
Christ Church, Esher, KT10 8QS

An evening of inspiring readings,
beautiful music and reflective silence

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PARISH NOTICES

Esher May Fair - Last Saturday, we offered tea and delicious cakes in Christ Church and live music, creating a congenial atmosphere. The big draw were the tower trips, with the bells ringing out across the green. Thank you to our bakers, the volunteers who helped, our wonderful musicians and our ringers. We had a steady flow of visitors and it was good to be a positive presence in the community.

Sunday School - We'll look at what it means to be born again creating something special to remind us that we're transformed in Christ.

Youth Group - Next meeting is on 2 June.

Prayer points

Prayer points from Esher Church School.

Pray that the Early Years pupils make good friendships, talk kindly and be inclusive, especially when new children come into the school.

Pray Key Stage 1 pupils will be patient with themselves as they navigate their tests. Pray for their forthcoming trips and that they have fun.

Pray that Year 6 pupils focus and enjoy their SATS. That they make happy memories in their last term and cope with their feelings about starting at their next school.

Music on the Green - The next lunchtime concert will be at Old St George's Church on Wednesday 19 June, 1.15 pm. Our visiting musicians will be the Baudelaire Trio (violin, cello, piano). They will mark the centenary of Fauré's death with his Piano Trio in D minor, plus music by Piazzolla and Lili Boulanger.

Fellowship Group - The next meeting will be in Christ Church at 11am on Wednesday 5 June.

Peace & Contemplation - The Wonder of Love. Now Thursday 18 July, 8pm, at Christ Church. An evening of inspiring readings, beautiful music and reflective silence.

Book Group - The next meeting is in Christ Church on Monday 24 June, 4pm, when we'll discuss Graham Greene's *Travels with my Aunt*. To know more contact Revd Jonathan Andrew – 01372 464380 / jandrewesh@ gmail.com.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting - The APCM took place in Christ Church last Sunday, with coffee and cake served. It went well, with the Churchwardens and two members re-elected, and one new PCC member. There were a few questions discussed, but the excellent reports in the annual report spoke for themselves and after completing the required formalities the meeting finished in what some termed 'record time!' We thank our staff team and all who volunteer so much of their time to ensure our services and activities take place, our churches are maintained and we can continue to serve our local community.

St George's Gardening Party - On Friday 24 and Saturday 25 May, 10am - Midday, we're clearing the undergrowth around the fencing. Any help with this job will be appreciated.

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. We pray that Darren and his wife have the time and space to grow and enjoy their new family. For all enquiries please do contact the Churchwardens or the Parish Office.

Esher Royal Connections - There's a Churches Conservation Trust guided tour of St George's in Esher, Christ Church, St George's in West End and Claremont House on Wednesday 29 May, 10am-4.30pm. To book tickets go to: www.visitchurches.org.uk/what-s-on/hct-2024-surrey.html.

Esher Friends Meeting House - Over 200 years of Quaker worship will be celebrated on Sunday 26 May as they prepare to leave their much-loved Meeting House. The invite is extended to everyone in the Parish. They are meeting for worship 10.30-11.30am followed by a 'bring your own' lunch from midday and a party.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Elizabeth Arnold, Michael Newbould, Pam & Jim Green, Gilly Barrett, Allen Palmer, George Raine, Katherine S, Keith Howell-Jones, Sebastian, Hazel Harding, John Cheetham, Armand Sarkissian, Vicky Jenkins

RIP Anniversaries: Alice Biden, Sheila Haslett, Peter Welham, Joyce Simms, Christopher Arnold, Linda Alderwick, Pamela Parry

RIP: Joyce Page, Maria Dawn Danclar-Doody, Jennifer Simmons

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

	May	Time	Reading
Monday	27		Joshua 7.1-15, Ps 1, Luke 10.25-37
Tuesday	28		Joshua 7.16-end, Ps 5, Luke 10.38-end
Wednesday	29		Joshua 8.1-29, Ps 119.1-32, Luke 11.1-13
Thursday	30	9.30-10.30am	Deuteronomy 8.2-16, Ps 147, 1 Corinthians 10.1-17
Friday	31		1 Samuel 2.1-10, Ps 85, Mark 3.31-end

LOOKING AHEAD

	May	Time	Event
Saturday	25	1pm	Wedding of Antonia Gibson & Cameron Davey, Christ Church
Sunday	26	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	27	All day	Spring Bank Holiday
			No choir practice
Wednesday	29	10.30-11.15am	Churches Conservation Trust Tour, Christ Church
		2-2.30pm	Churches Conservation Trust Tour, St Georges Church
		7pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	30	All day	Parish Office closed
		9.30am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
June		Time	Event
Sunday	2	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	All Age Eucharist, Christ Church
		4.30pm	Youth Group, 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 pewsheet by midday on the preceding Wednesday. Thank you.		