

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

28 SEPTEMBER 2025

CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion	Led by Revd William Allberry at 9am at St George's West End (SG)
Preacher	Revd William Allberry
Churchwarden	Charles Hawkshaw-Burn
Reading, Prayers	Juliet Philip
Musician	Oliver Macfarlane
Parish Communion (live streamed)	Led by Revd William Allberry at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd William Allberry
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Volunteers required
Reading, Prayers	Jane Anderson, Jan Sayer
Refreshments	Janie McCulloch, Sally Radford
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane, Robert Cunningham
'Blessing of the Pets' Service	Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 4pm at St George's West End (SG)
Churchwarden	Charles Hawkshaw-Burn
Musician	Theo Tang

MORNING SERVICE MUSIC

Opening music	<i>Chorale & Coda from Lied to the Flowers</i> (Peeters)
SG & CC hymns	589, 663, 475
SG / CC settings	Addington / Coulson
Post sermon music	<i>Starry Dome</i> (George Nevada)
Communion anthem	<i>My eyes for beauty pine</i> (Howells)
Closing music	<i>Prelude in G major, BWV 541</i> (Bach)

THE COLLECT

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Keep, O Lord, your Church,
with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you
our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
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 1 Timothy 6.6-19

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time – he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

GOSPEL Luke 16.19-end

Jesus told this parable to those among the Pharisees who loved money:

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house – for I have five brothers – that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

Other Lectionary Texts

Jeremiah 32.1-3a, 6-15

Psalms 91.1-6, 14-end

Amos 6.1a, 4-7

Psalm 146

PARISH NOTICES

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

Vacancy Vision Workshop & Parish Profile -

We had a hugely successful workshop on Tuesday evening where we were joined by Jens Mankel from our Diocese Mission team. To start, thank you to all who attended as well as those who contributed via the various members of the PCC. We have gathered all the inputs and are now in the capable hands of our Inspire team - Jane, Bridget, Juliet and friends to pull together the initial draft of our Parish profile. We continue to encourage the broader congregation to reach out if they would like to contribute.

Safeguarding Update - You may or may not be aware that both Polly Jordan and Alison Mohamed are responsible for safeguarding. They guided us all safely through worshipping during those terrible Covid years and lots more beyond, quietly working 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.

Fellowship Group - The next meeting in Christ Church is on Wednesday 1 October, 10.30am.

Allen Palmer - Allen's funeral will take place in Christ Church on Friday 3 October, 1.45pm. All welcome. We remember Allen in our prayers.

Book Group - Our next meeting will be on Monday 3 November, 4.30pm, in Christ Church. This time we'll be discussing *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver, a novel which delves into the opioid epidemic in the United States and vividly illustrates what it does to young lives. If interested, do read!

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

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). The YouTube link for the service will be included in the Parish Profile so it would be amazing if we could fill Christ Church. All harvest donations will be in support of the Lower Green Community Centre. For list 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.

Sunday School - This week we'll finish off our Sunday School values cross and think of ways we can find the gifts in adversity, changing the way we perceive set backs and upset.

'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 afternoon at 4pm. All pets are welcome!

All Souls' Service - We will mark All Souls' Day at Christ Church, on Sunday 2 November at 4.30pm. It's a day traditionally set apart as a time to remember those whom we love but see no longer. The service of Commemoration of the Faithful Departed will be quiet and gentle with carefully chosen words and music.

West End Fair 2025 - A big thank you to all volunteers who baked cakes, washed dishes, served tea and helped in many ways to make this year's event 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, 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: Betty Taylor, Nicholas Simmons, John Doherty, Winifred Peden, Jean Mumby, David Rennie

RIP: Andrew Park, Allen Palmer, Claire Trepess, Pam Green, Margaret Pettenden

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Sept/Oct	Time	Reading
Monday 29		Tobit 12.6-end, Ps 150, Acts 12.1-11
Tuesday 30		Wisdom 7.1-14, Ps 36, Mark 11.12-26
Wednesday 1		Wisdom 7.15-8.4, Ps 34, Mark 11.27-end
Thursday 2	9.30am	Wisdom 8.5-18, Ps 37, Mark 12.1-12
Friday 3		Wisdom 8.21-end of 9, Ps 31, Mark 12.13-17

LOOKING AHEAD

September	Time	Event
Sunday 28	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
	10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
	4pm	'Blessing of the Pets' Service, St George's Church
Monday 29	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
October	Time	Event
Wednesday 1	10.30am	Fellowship Group, Christ Church
	7.30pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday 2	All day	Parish Office closed
	9.30am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
Friday 3	1.45pm	Funeral of Allen Palmer, Christ Church
	5.30pm	Youth Group, Christ Church
Saturday 4	10am-1pm	Harvest Crazy Crafts, Lower Green Community Centre
Sunday 5	10.30am	Harvest Thanksgiving, Christ Church

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