



Easter

PARISH OF ESHER

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



*every day do something
that won't compute ...
practise resurrection.*

We don't often think of 'practising resurrection', do we? But that's the evocative phrase coined by author Wendell Berry in his poem 'Manifesto.' It's a reminder that Easter is not just a holiday – it's an invitation to live every day in faith, hope and love.

For Berry – who is an environmental activist as well as a poet – such 'practising' includes a reverence for creation and a determination to put long-term sustainability ahead of short-term profit: 'Invest in the millennium. Plant sequoias. Say that your main crop is the forest ... that you will not live to harvest.'

In essence, to 'practise resurrection' is to interrogate conventional wisdom, to think for ourselves, and to do what 'they' least expect us to do: 'Love the Lord. Love the world ... Love someone who does not deserve it ... Ask the questions that have no answers.'

It's a bold vision. But, then again, so was the first Easter with its message of love conquering hate, goodness overcoming evil, and life with God proving too strong, even for death – a resurrection hope to encourage, inspire and embolden!

Perhaps, then, the challenge for us this Easter is to practise what we pray for – to be, ourselves, part of the change we long to see in the world.

*Be joyful
though you have considered all the facts...
practise resurrection*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darren".

Revd Darren McCallig
Rector of Esher

Easter Blessings

MAY YOU KNOW THE
JOY & PEACE OF THE RISEN CHRIST



Easter Greetings from the Rector
and all at Christ Church in Esher
and St George's in West End

The Parish of Esher ✦ Easter 2023

The Parish of Esher is for everyone. On Sundays we explore the riches of the Christian spiritual tradition through music and words, 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.

Check us out on YouTube or come along some Sunday at 10.30am in Christ Church or at 9am in St George's West End. We hope you'll find a community committed to a thoughtful Faith, a hard-won Hope, and a generous Love.

As well as the church services, there's a range of other activities and programmes: a monthly lunchtime concert series, Music on the Green; book groups, study groups and prayer groups; regular 'Friends' coffee mornings; Sunday School; and much more besides. Check out our website www.esherparish.org.uk for full details.



Christ Church, Esher



St George's, West End

Saturday, 1 April

Easter Crazy Crafts

Lower Green Community Centre
Drop in anytime, 10am-2pm, for free family fun!

Palm Sunday, 2 April

Palm Sunday Services

9am, St George's, West End
10.30am, Christ Church, Esher

Tuesday, 4 April

Wednesday, 5 April

Music in the Tower

1pm & 8pm, Christ Church
Places are limited so please book ahead.

Maundy Thursday, 6 April

Maundy Thursday Service

8pm, Christ Church, Esher

Good Friday, 7 April

Good Friday Service

2pm, Christ Church, Esher

Easter Sunday, 9 April

Easter Day Services

9am, St George's, West End
10.30am, Christ Church, Esher

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