



Easter

PARISH OF ESHER

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



*Dame, at our door
Drowned, and among our shoals . .
Let him easter in us*

We don't usually think of Easter as a verb, do we?
But that's how Gerard Manley Hopkins used it in these
lines from 'The Wreck of the Deutschland'.

The poem – written in response to the loss of dozens of
lives when the steamship of the title ran aground on
a sandbank in the Thames Estuary in 1875 – has been
much on my mind lately.

With its defiant assertion of faith in the face of tragedy
it seems especially relevant right now. It reminds us that
Easter comes after Good Friday, never before. True hope
is forged in the crucible of despair – tempered forever
by what it has been through.

That's how the past year has been for so many people
here in Esher and around the world. And that's how we'll
celebrate Easter 2021 in the Parish Church – altered
forever by all that we've lost, and yet also determined.

Determined to 'let him easter in us', which is to say: to
allow the light, and not the dark, be our guide; to hold
onto meaning in an often-times absurd seeming world;
and to trust that life with God can never be destroyed,
not even by death.

*Let him easter in us
be a dayspring to the dimness of us
be a crimson-cressted east*

Revd Darren McCallig
Rector of Esher

Happy Easter

MAY YOU KNOW THE
JOY & PEACE OF THE RISEN CHRIST



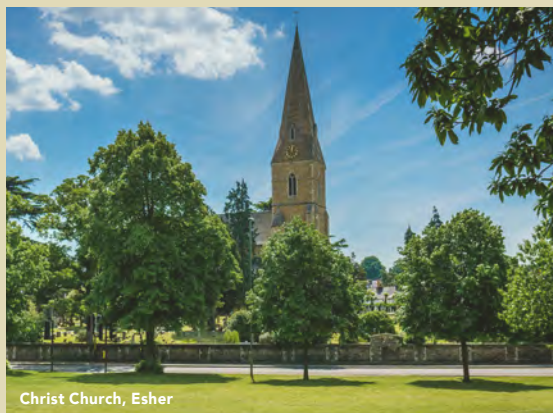
Easter Greetings from the Rector
and all at Christ Church in Esher
and St George's in West End

Easter 2021

We are delighted to announce that Christ Church will re-open for in-person public worship for the Easter Sunday service at 10.30am on Sunday 4 April.

Sadly, though, numbers will be limited due to COVID-19 restrictions, and so there will be a simple booking system. Individuals, couples and family bubbles will be allocated seats. All COVID regulations apply, including wearing a face covering.

To book, please email the Parish Office with details. We would ask, please, that you book only what you need, as that way we can accommodate the maximum number of people. If you do book seats and then cannot attend, please let us know: a booking means a seat with your name on it. It would be a shame for it to be empty when we could have given it to someone who wanted to attend. Finally, if you are unable to join us for our services, they are live streamed on the Parish YouTube channel.



Christ Church, Esher



St George's, West End

Palm Sunday, 28 March

Palm Sunday Service

10.30am Parish YouTube Channel

This is an online only service.

Maundy Thursday, 1 April

Maundy Thursday Service

6.00pm Parish YouTube Channel

This is an online only service.

Good Friday, 2 April

Good Friday Service

2.00pm Parish YouTube Channel

This is an online only service.

Easter Sunday, 4 April

Easter Sunday Service

10.30am Christ Church, Esher

Welcome back to church!

It is hoped that in-person public worship will continue in Christ Church every Sunday from 4 April onwards, and that services will recommence at St George's, West End in May. Please contact the Parish Office nearer the time for further information.

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