

# PARISH OF ESHER

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

*Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love*

MAUNDY THURSDAY

2 APRIL 2026

| CHURCH SERVICE   |  |
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| Maundy Thursday Service (live streamed)  | Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 8pm at Christ Church (CC) |
| Preacher   | Revd Jonathan Andrew                                     |
| Churchwarden   | Will Stevens   |
| Sidespeople  | Sean Seymour-Cole  |
| Reading, Prayers   | Janie McCulloch, Sean Seymour-Cole                       |
| Musicians  | Stuart Whatton, Robert Cunningham                        |
| SERVICE MUSIC  |  |
| Opening music  | <i>Vater unser in Himmelreich, BuxWV 219</i> (Buxtehude) |
| Hymns  | 165, 458, 423  |
| Setting  | Addington  |
| Post sermon music  | <i>Ubi caritas</i> (Taizé)                               |
| Communion anthem   | <i>Drop, drop, slow tears</i> (Wibberley)                |
| Stripping of the sanctuary   | <i>Stay with me, remain here with me</i> (Taizé)         |
| COLLECT  |  |
| God our Father,<br>your Son Jesus Christ was obedient to the end<br>and drank the cup prepared for him:<br>may we who share his table<br>watch with him through the night of suffering<br>and be faithful.<br><b>Amen.</b>   |  |
| THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER  |  |
| Lord Jesus Christ,<br>we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament<br>you have given us the memorial of your passion:<br>grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries<br>of your body and blood<br>that we may know within ourselves<br>and show forth in our lives<br>the fruit of your redemption,<br>for you are alive and reign, now and for ever.<br><b>Amen.</b> |  |

## 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 Exodus 12.1-4, 11-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.

This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly.

It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and

I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you.

You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

## EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 11.23-26

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

## GOSPEL John 13.1-17, 31b-35

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' Jesus said to him, 'One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.' For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.' After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord – and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

## PARISH NOTICES

**Maundy Thursday** - Today we commemorate Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. We reflect on his New Commandment to love one another in acts of service, and give thanks that he is still present for us in the bread and wine of communion. As we prepare to remember Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, the church is stripped of its decorations and those who wish gather with him in our Lady Chapel in silent prayer. As usual emails with the orders of service and pewsheets will be sent out. Contact the Parish Office to receive these.

**Lent Appeal 2026** - In support of Mlanga Parish Church in Tanzania for a new well for water. Please support generously using the appeal envelopes, paying via the card machine or the QR code and remember to add your details so that we can recover Gift Aid.



**Easter Leaflet** - Many thanks to everyone at Christ Church and St George's for delivering all the leaflets across the Parish of Esher.

**Parish Electoral Roll** - This will be revised from 12 to 26 April inclusive (see full details on the notice in the church porch). To be added to the Electoral Roll application forms are available in both churches. If you're on the Electoral Roll but have changed your details please tell the Parish Office. An online form is available via this QR code. [The application closing date is Sunday 26 April.](#)



**Flower Coordinator** - Carol Calvert is 'retiring' after 32 years of managing the Christ Church flowers. To understand what's involved Carol is happy to chat.

**Music in the Tower 2026** - David Yardley's 'Medieval Muses & The Age of Mysticism' was a truly atmospheric journey back through the centuries. Thank you for supporting this special annual event.

**Good Friday** - In Christ Church on this most solemn day in the church year we gather quietly for an hour of meditation and music at the foot of the Cross, remembering Jesus' sacrifice.

**Youth Group** - There will not be a meeting on Friday 3 April, Good Friday.

**Sunday School** - For Easter Day, we'll be making decorations and greeting cards, reading the Easter story and, of course, raising the Hallelujah from the Sunday School Easter garden!

**Easter Egg Hunt** - On Easter Day after the 10.30am service at Christ Church, we will be putting on an Easter Egg Hunt for the children in the church grounds. Bring your basket or watch the children having some fun looking for some very special Easter eggs!

**Fellowship Group** - The next meeting is on Wednesday 8 April, 10.30am, in Christ Church. We welcome all to pray, to reflect on their faith and to put the world to rights!

**Leave** - Revd Jonathan Andrew will be on a well-deserved break from Saturday 11 April to Friday 24 April inclusive. After the immense effort leading up to Easter, Melanie will be out next week on holiday - the Parish Office will be closed from Friday 3 April to Sunday 12 April inclusive. If you need any assistance during this time please contact the churchwardens.

**Book Group** - *The Masters* by CP Snow will be our next book to read ahead of our meeting on Monday 13 April in Christ Church. All welcome.

**Music on the Green** - On Wednesday 15 April we'll welcome Surrey Brass to Christ Church for our lunchtime concert. Enjoy some lively Swiss melodies and 17th century German tavern music. A light lunch will be available from 12.30pm.

**The Chosen** - The next showing will be for four weeks commencing Tuesday 26 May.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Michael Newbould, Gilly Barrett, Jim Green, George Raine, Katherine S, Keith Howell-Jones, John Cheetham, Sebastian, David Gerrard, Katie Clark, Louise Tyzack, Caroline Kerr, Armand Sarkissian, Phoebe Ainsworth, Josh Baines, Mike Elder, Brian Elliott, Gudrun & David Jensen, John Stacey, Paul Nicholls

RIP Anniversaries: Muriel Baumann, Eileen Martineau, Irene Thompson, Brenda Gillham

RIP: Dany McLeod, Bishop Andrew Watson, Kay Benson, Gary Roberts, Stella Lynn

Banns of Marriage: Oliver William Wiltshire & Lily Summer Coles

## BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

|          | April | Time | Reading  |
|----------|-------|------|--|
| Thursday | 2     | 10am | Leviticus 16.2-24, Ps 42, Luke 23.1-25               |
| Friday   | 3     |      | Genesis 22.1-18, Ps 69, Hebrews 10.1-10              |
| Saturday | 4     |      | Hosea 6.1-6; Ps 142; John 2.18-22                    |
| Sunday   | 5     |      | Exodus 14.10-18, 26-15.2, Ps 114, Revelations 15.2-4 |

## LOOKING AHEAD

|            | April | Time    | Event                                    |
|------------|-------|---------|--|
| Thursday   | 2     | 10am    | Morning Prayer, Zoom                     |
|            |       | 7.15pm  | Choir practice, Christ Church            |
|            |       | 8pm     | Maundy Thursday Service, Christ Church   |
| Friday     | 3     | All day | Good Friday Bank Holiday                 |
|            |       | All day | Parish Office closed (3 -12 April incl.) |
|            |       | 2pm     | Good Friday Service, Christ Church       |
| Easter Day |       | 9am     | Easter Day Service, St George's Church   |
|            |       | 10.30am | Easter Day Service, Christ Church        |
|            |       | 12.30pm | Easter Egg Hunt, Christ Church           |
| Monday     | 6     | All day | Easter Monday Bank Holiday               |
|            |       |         | No choir practice                        |
| Wednesday  | 8     | 10.30am | Fellowship Group, Christ Church          |
|            |       | 7.30pm  | Bellringing practice, Christ Church      |

## CONTACTS

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|   | <b>Parish Office</b> Christ Church, Church Street, Esher KT10 8QS <b>Tel</b> 01372 462282 <b>Email</b> office@esherparish.org.uk<br><b>Parish Administrator</b> Melanie Williams <b>Office Hours</b> 9.30am to 3.45pm, Monday to Wednesday & Friday<br><b>Live Streaming</b> Please be aware that all services held at Christ Church are live streamed via our YouTube channel.<br>Please submit information and notices for inclusion in the Sunday pewsheets by 10am on the preceding Tuesday. Thank you. |  |