

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

2 AUGUST 2026

CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion	Led by Revd Barry Hengist at 9am at St George's (SG)
Preacher	Revd Barry Hengist
Churchwarden	Charles Hawkshaw-Burn
Reading, Prayers	Sue Langley, Charles Hawkshaw-Burn
Musician	Oliver Macfarlane
Parish Communion (live streamed)	Led by Revd Barry Hengist at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Barry Hengist
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Karen Harris, Judy Madavo
Reading, Prayers	Valerie Msoka, Will Stevens
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane, Theo Tang
Refreshments	Sia Marshall, Wendy Tanqueray

SERVICE MUSIC

Opening music	<i>Prelude from Prelude, Fugue and Variation, Op. 18 (Franck)</i>
SG / CC hymns	545, 652, 569
SG / CC settings	Addington / Coulson
Post sermon music	<i>La fille aux cheveux de lin (Debussy)</i>
Closing music	<i>Hymne d'actions de grâce 'Te Deum' (Langlais)</i>

COLLECT

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:
in that new world where you reveal
the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Rector of Esher

On behalf of the Parish of Esher PCC, we would like to share an update with regards the appointment of our new Rector.

Our Patron, Wadham College is delighted to announce that Revd Joanna Winn-Smith has been appointed as Rector at Esher, subject to DBS and medical clearance. Jo is currently Bishop's Chaplain in the Guildford Diocese.

Jo says: *"I am so excited to be coming to Esher to journey with you all in learning and sharing more of the love of Christ. I'm looking forward to worshipping in word, music, and sacrament, building community, supporting one another, and serving our parish. I've been a lay reader and youth group leader, worked for the national church, taught theology and ministry, been a counsellor, and supported the Bishop as his chaplain – time to put all those skills together and become a parish priest! Thank you for inviting me to join you."*

Please pray for Jo and her family as they prepare to move.

On behalf of the PCC, we want to thank everyone who has supported this process with your prayers, encouragement and patience. This has truly been a parish journey, and we are deeply grateful for the care, commitment and faith shown by so many over recent months.

Let us give thanks to God for His faithfulness, rejoice in His provision, and look forward with hope and expectation to all that lies ahead.

READING Romans 9.1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ – I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit – I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

GOSPEL Matthew 14.13-21

When Jesus heard that Herod had beheaded John the Baptist, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.'

Other Lectionary Texts

Genesis 32.22-31

Psalm 17.1-7, 16

Isaiah 55.1-5

Psalm 145.8-9, 15-end

PARISH NOTICES

Rector Update - We are hoping that Jo and her family might be able to move during September, but details are yet to be confirmed. We'll share news of Jo's licensing and installation in due course.

Flower Coordinator - We are looking for a volunteer flower rota coordinator for Christ Church to take over from Carol Calvert. To help contact Helen Coulson (07506 701454).

Parish Giving Scheme - We're now using the Church of England's Parish Giving Scheme for all donations. This scheme claims Gift Aid directly for parishes. For details refer to the PGS website www.parishgiving.org.uk.

Cashless Donations - We have changed the card set-up at Christ Church so will be using a separate tablet and card terminal for now. With this change we are moving across to 'Give A Little' as our main donation software platform for ad-hoc donations in church and at Parish events. It facilitates Gift Aid which will be claimed by our Parish Gift Aid Officer.

Christ Church Bellringing - The ringers will be taking an August break. As a very small team it is difficult to get the necessary six ringers to ring every Sunday during the holiday season. Service ringing will begin again on Sunday 6 September. If anyone is interested in ringing please do get in touch via the Parish Office. Thank you, Ann Battensby, Tower Captain.

Parish Office landline - The telephone is out of action whilst we switch to a digital service. Please email the Parish Office in the meantime. Thank you.

Ecclesiastical Insurance Offer - Trust130 is a home insurance offer for new Ecclesiastical customers. For every new home insurance policy taken out with them, they will donate £130 to the Parish of Esher. For more details check out: www.ecclesiastical.com/home-insurance/trust130/

West End Village Show - This year the show will take place on Saturday 29 August from 12 noon. For more details please see the website: westendflowershow.co.uk. As ever, the parish will be seeking help in selling cakes in St George's Church and serving teas in the West End Village Hall, all to raise funds for our churches. If you can help with supplying cakes, biscuits and other goodies and/or provide assistance on the day itself either at St George's Church or the Village Hall there are sign-up sheets in church. If you have any queries please do contact Helen Coulson (07506 701454)

'Zoom' Morning Prayer & Zoffee! - Morning Prayer continues each Thursday at 10am.

Youth Group - We are now taking a break and will return on Friday 4 September.

Sunday School - Kat wishes everyone a wonderful summer and looks forward to seeing you all when Sunday School returns on Sunday 6 September.

Fellowship Group - We will be taking a break for the summer and will meet again in Christ Church on Wednesday 9 September, 10.30am. We welcome all to pray, to reflect on their faith and to put the world to rights!

Book Group - Our book group will next meet on Monday 14 September, 4pm, when - with a nod to the new film of *The Odyssey* - we'll discuss *The Penelopiad* by Margaret Atwood. Happy summer reading to everyone!

Music on the Green - We're taking a break in August and will return to Christ Church on Wednesday 16 September with a piano recital by our senior organ scholar, Theo Tang, who will reprise his Steinway Hall concert from earlier this year, centred on Beethoven's dramatic 'Sonata Pathétique'.

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, John Stacey, Paul Nicholls Gudrun & David Jensen, Myfanwy Tranmer

RIP Anniversaries: Pamela Dallas

RIP: Paul Phillips, Moir Webb, Anton Manickam

Banns of Marriage: David James Trevenen Holland & Rebecca Louise Alvey
Matthew Jack Osborne Williams & Georgina Susannah Morris

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

August		Time	Reading
Monday	3		1 Samuel 19.1-18, Ps 44, Acts 1.1-14
Tuesday	4		1 Samuel 20.1-17, Ps 48, Acts 1.15-end
Wednesday	5		1 Samuel 20.18-end, Ps 119.57-80, Acts 2.1-21
Thursday	6	10am	1 Kings 19.1-16, Ps 27, 1 John 3.1-3
Friday	7		1 Samuel 22.6-end, Ps 51, Acts 2.37-end

LOOKING AHEAD

August		Time	Event
Sunday	2	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Wednesday	5	7.30pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	6	All day	Parish Office closed
		10am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
Sunday	9	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Tuesday	11	3pm	Funeral of Anton Manickam, Kingston Crematorium
Wednesday	12	7.30pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	13	All day	Parish Office closed
		10am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
Friday	14	2pm	Funeral of Paul Phillips, Christ Church

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	Parish Office Christ Church, Church Street, Esher KT10 8QS Tel 01372 462282 Email office@esherparish.org.uk Parish Administrator Melanie Williams Office Hours 9.30am to 3.45pm, Monday to Wednesday & Friday 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 pewsheets by 10am on the preceding Tuesday. Thank you.	