

PARISH OF ESHER

ECHRIST CHURCH, ESHER with ST GEORG'S, WEST END

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

EASTER DAY

5 APRIL 2026

CHURCH SERVICES

Easter Communion	Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 9am at St George's (SG)
Preacher	Revd Jonathan Andrew
Churchwarden	Charles Hawkshaw-Burn
Reading, Prayers	Charles Hawkshaw-Burn, Stephen Lee
Musician	Oliver Macfarlane
Easter Communion (live streamed)	Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Jonathan Andrew
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Ben Ritchie, Gavin Bradley
Reading, Prayers	Gavin Bradley, Helen Coulson
Refreshments	Michelle Cullen, Sia Marshall
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane Robert Cunningham

SERVICE MUSIC

Opening music	<i>Plein Jeu, from Messe pour les Paroisses (Couperin)</i>
SG & CC hymns	205, 200 (omit v4), 218
SG & CC setting	Coulson
Communion anthem	<i>This joyful Eastertide (arr. Wood)</i>
Closing music	<i>Finale from Symphonie VII - extract (Widor)</i>

COLLECT

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of Life,
who for our redemption
gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him
in the joy of his risen life;
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 Acts 10.34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

GOSPEL Matthew 28.1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

Other Lectionary Texts

Jeremiah 31.1-6

Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24

Colossians 3.1-4

John 20.1-8

PARISH NOTICES

Easter Day - Welcome to our Easter Day services. With joy, during the service we move from darkness to light. Holding candles we ignite the Easter Fire as we proclaim the Resurrection, renew our Baptism vows, and receive the living Christ in union with all who love him on Earth and in Heaven.

Happy Easter - Your Churchwardens, Will and Fraser, and the Parish of Esher PCC wish you a very happy and blessed Easter.

Sunday School - On Easter Day, we'll make decorations and greeting cards, read the Easter story and, of course, in the Sunday School Easter garden, raise the Hallelujah!

Easter Egg Hunt - After the 10.30am service at Christ Church, we'll 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!

InSpire - Our Easter InSpire is out now. To subscribe to our newsletter, InSpire, go to: www.esherparish.org.uk/?q=latestnews

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.



Flower Coordinator - Carol Calvert is 'retiring' after 32 years of managing the Christ Church flowers. If you're interested in getting involved and understanding what's involved Carol is happy to chat.

Diploma Success - Congratulations to our senior organ scholar Theo Tang who, after his recent Steinway Hall recital, has gained his ARSM piano diploma with distinction. Well done, Theo - an amazing achievement before he's even taken his GCSEs!

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.



Fellowship Group - The next meeting is on Wednesday 8 April, 10.30am, in Christ Church.

Leave - Revd Jonathan Andrew will be on a well-deserved break from Saturday 11 April to Friday 24 April inclusive and 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 at 4pm on Monday 13 April in Christ Church. For more details contact the Parish Office.

Quarter Peal in Jennifer's memory - On Sunday 12 April, we'll ring a Quarter Peal in memory of Jennifer Meade. Our method will be Grandsire Triples which utilises all eight bells and we will be joined by friends from other Towers who knew Jennifer. It will start at 2.45pm and last about 45 minutes. You're welcome to come and listen.

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: Joyce Page, Donald Leeper, Peter Gilmore, Ken Hapgood, Elizabeth Warburg, John Bradish, Ann Boreham, Peter van Tol, Margaret Williams

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
Monday	6		Exodus 12.1-14, Ps 111, 1 Corinthians 15.1-11
Tuesday	7		Exodus 12.14-36, Ps 112, 1 Corinthians 15.12-19
Wednesday	8		Exodus 12.37-end, Ps 113, 1 Corinthians 15.20-28
Thursday	9	10am	Exodus 13.1-16; Ps 114; 1 Corinthians 15.29-34
Friday	10		Exodus 13.17-14.14, Ps 115, 1 Corinthians 15.35-50

LOOKING AHEAD

April		Time	Event
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		10.30am	Fellowship Group, Christ Church
		7.30pm	Bellingring practice, Christ Church
Thursday	9	10am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
Sunday		9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
		2.45pm	Quarter Peal in Jennifer Meade's memory, Christ Church

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