

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

6 SEPTEMBER 2026

CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion	Led by Revd Kirsty Evans at 9am at St George's (SG)
Preacher	Revd Kirsty Evans
Churchwarden	Charles Hawkshaw-Burn
Reading, Prayers	Sue Langley, Bridget Williams
Musician	Stuart Whatton
Parish Communion (live streamed)	Led by Revd Kirsty Evans at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Kirsty Evans
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Sean Seymour-Cole, Karen Harris
Reading, Prayers	Brian Elliott, Helen Coulson
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane, Robert Cunningham
Refreshments	Sue Dunne, Julia Forrest

SERVICE MUSIC

SG & CC hymns	327, 464, 507
SG / CC settings	Addington / Coulson
Communion anthem	<i>Bread is blessed and broken</i> (John Bell)

COLLECT

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful
to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Rector of Esher

Dear Church Family,

We are delighted to confirm that the Institution and Induction of our new Rector, The Revd Jo Winn-Smith, will take place on Wednesday 30 September at 7.30pm at Christ Church, Esher.

This will be a very special occasion in the life of our parish as we welcome Jo and her family to mark the beginning of this new chapter together.

Please do save the date in your diaries.

We will share further details, including arrangements for the evening, over the coming weeks.

We very much hope you will be able to join us.

With best wishes,

Fraser McGuicken & Will Stevens
Parish of Esher Churchwardens.

READING Romans 13.8-end

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

GOSPEL Matthew 18.15-20

Jesus spoke to his disciples.

'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

Other Lectionary Texts

Exodus 12.1-14

Psalms 149

Ezekiel 33.7-11

Psalms 119.33-40

PARISH NOTICES

Thank you - To Revd Kirsty Evans, for visiting us and leading our morning services. It is a joy to worship with you.

Rector Update - We're delighted to confirm that the Institution and Induction of our new Rector, The Revd Jo Winn-Smith, will be taking place on Wednesday 30 September at 7.30pm at Christ Church.

Sunday School - For our first session back, we'll look at the importance of asking for forgiveness when we've done something wrong and the steps, we can take to look after ourselves, and help forgive someone else, even if they won't apologise for hurting us.

The Chosen - The next series of this world beating production covering Jesus's ministry will commence at 7.30pm at Christ Church on Tuesday 13 October and then each Tuesday for the next three weeks.

St George's Update - St George's will close temporarily after the Pet Service on Sunday 20 September, to allow us to complete the necessary remediation work to the foundations and flooring. We expect the church to reopen in December. Whilst we'll miss worshipping at St George's during this time, it gives us a wonderful opportunity to come together as one parish, as we welcome our new Rector, The Revd Jo Winn-Smith, and begin this exciting new chapter in the life of our parish. We'll share further details about the building works over the coming weeks.

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.

Grade 8 Success - Congratulations to our senior organ scholar Theo Tang, who has just achieved a high distinction in his ABRSM Organ Grade 8 exam.

Parish Office - The office will be closed from the August Bank Holiday through to Friday 11 September as Melanie will be on holiday. If you need urgent assistance during this time, please contact the churchwardens.

Youth Group - We'll be gathering in Christ Church on Friday 4 September when we will be intention setting for the forthcoming academic year and looking at ways to keep our peace when things don't go as planned.

Fellowship Group - We meet again in Christ Church on Wednesday 9 September, 10.30am.

Book Group - Our book group will 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!

Old St George's Church - The church will be open to visitors for Heritage Open Days 2026 on Saturdays 12 & 19 September. Free guided tours will be given at 11am & 2pm each day.

Music on the Green - Our next concert in Christ Church on Wednesday 16 September, 1.15pm, will be a piano recital by our senior organ scholar, Theo Tang, who will reprise his recent Steinway Hall concert, centred on Beethoven's dramatic 'Sonata Pathétique'.

Pet Service - This Service of Prayer for the animals that are our friends and companions will take place at St George's on Sunday 20 September at 4pm. This will be the last service in the church until after the flooring works have been completed.

Harvest Thanksgiving - This service will be at Christ Church on Sunday 4 October. Harvest donations will be given to the Lower Green Community Centre. For their Emergency Food Store requirements refer to the harvest flyer or harvest page on the parish website.

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: Doris Wright, Claire Trepess, Ian Walden, Margaret Pattenden, Robert Lauder, Michael Whitney, Alan Parry, Brian Flynn, Patricia Newman

RIP: Moir Webb, Dominic Allen

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

September	Time	Reading
Monday 7		1 Kings 1.5-31, Ps 1, Acts 13.13-43
Tuesday 8		1 Kings 1.32-2.4, 2.10-12, Ps 5, Acts 13.44-14.7
Wednesday 9		1 Kings 3, Ps 119.1-32, Acts 14.8-end
Thursday 10	10am	1 Kings 4.29-5.12, Ps 15, Acts 15.1-21
Friday 11		1 Kings 6.1, 11-28, Ps 19, Acts 15.22-35

LOOKING AHEAD

September	Time	Event
Friday 4	5.30pm	Youth Group, Christ Church
Sunday 6	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
	10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday 7	All day	Parish Office closed (Sept 1-11 incl.)
	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Tuesday 8	9am	Esher High School Y7 Welcome Service, Christ Church
	8pm	Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting, Christ Church
Wednesday 9	10.30am	Fellowship Group, Christ Church
	7.30pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday 10	10am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
Sunday 13	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
	10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church

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