

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9 AUGUST 2026

CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion	Led by Ven David Gunn-Johnson at 9am at St George's (SG)
Preacher	Ven David Gunn-Johnson
Churchwarden	Fraser McGuicken
Reading, Prayers	Veronica Whittall, Peter Bedford
Musician	Oliver Macfarlane
Parish Communion (live streamed)	Led by Ven David Gunn-Johnson at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Ven David Gunn-Johnson
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Bob Lonnon, Colin Martin
Reading, Prayers	Sandra Argent, Martin Fuller
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane
Refreshments	Sandra Argent, Bob Lonnon

SERVICE MUSIC

Opening music	<i>Chorale Prelude 'Straf mich nicht in deinem Zorn', Op. 67 (Reger)</i>
SG / CC hymns	698(i), 623, 690
SG / CC settings	Addington / Coulson
Closing music	Allegro from Concerto in G major, BWV 592 (Bach/Ernst)

COLLECT

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples
to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who trust in you:
look upon us with your favour
that we who follow the path of your will
may never wander from the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Rector of Esher

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 Romans 10.5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

GOSPEL Matthew 14.22-33

Immediately after feeding the crowd with the five loaves and two fish, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

Other Lectionary Texts

Genesis 37.1-4, 12-28

Psalms 105.1-6, 16-22, 45b

1 Kings 19.9-18

Psalms 85.8-13

PARISH NOTICES

Thank you - To Ven David Gunn-Johnson, for visiting us and leading our morning services. It is a joy to worship with you.

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.

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.

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.

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..

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

Ecclesiastical Insurance Offer - Trust130 is a home insurance offer for new Ecclesiastical customers. For every new home insurance policy taken out, they will donate £130 to the Parish of Esher. For details go to: 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.

Christ Church Choir - The choir are on their August break but will resume service duties on Sunday 6 September (with first autumn season rehearsal on Monday 7).

Fellowship Group - We will be taking a break for the summer and will meet again in Christ Church on Wednesday 9 September, 10.30am.

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'.

A close-up photograph of a hand placing a small green leaf garnish on a cupcake. The cupcake is in a light brown paper liner and is topped with white cream piped in a circular pattern. Two fresh raspberries are placed on top of the cream. The background is a warm, out-of-focus orange-brown color.

Parish of Esher events

Saturday 29 August 2026

Afternoon Teas

Village Hall
West End

**Cream teas, scones, cakes, tea and coffee
at the West End Village Show.**

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WEST END VILLAGE (FLOWER) SHOW

Saturday 29 August 2026

OUR ANNUAL MAJOR FUNDRAISER – PLEA FOR CAKES!!

Our churches have two major events running at the Flower Show.

The Cake stall at St George's and **Cream Teas and Cakes** served at West End Village Hall.

So we need as many cakes and scones that you can make for the 300+ teas served in 2025 **AND** the cake stall at St George's. All this is essential fundraising for us.

So PLEASE make a note in your diaries now of the date SATURDAY 29 AUGUST

Can you bake as much as you can for us both? It's very helpful if you can:

- Label your cake (what is it?) Say if it has NUTS in it or if it has been FROZEN
- Please NO FRESH CREAM!!! (It melts if it's hot!)
- Use a paper plate and cover it with preferably a sealed plastic bag (cling film is not always effective!). **We will not be able to return tins or china plates.**
- State whether for Village Teas or St George's (why not make some for each?!)
- Bring your cakes on FRIDAY 28th, drop them off at Christ Church **OR** on SATURDAY 29th, straight to our stall at St George's Church, **and/or** to the Village Hall at West End **after 11.00am**. Or arrange to drop it off to Bridget, Helen or Andrea by arrangement!
- AND – if you can also donate something for our gift stall at St George's we would be most grateful!

We have a number of helpers at West End cake stall – but PLEASE do sign up to help on the rota for the Village Hall serving teas, washing and clearing up, ALL help is needed and appreciated.

THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

Bridget Williams (01372 462731) Helen Coulson (07506 701454)
and Andrea Lindow (01372 462041)

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: Arthur Teague, Iris Simmons, Alwyn Hunter, Brian Hatfield, Andrew Park

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	10		1 Samuel 24, Ps 71, Acts 3.11-end
Tuesday	11		1 Samuel 26, Ps 73, Acts 4.1-12
Wednesday	12		1 Samuel 28.3-end, Ps 77, Acts 4.13-31
Thursday	13	10am	1 Samuel 31, Ps 78.1-39, Acts 4.32-5.11
Friday	14		1 Samuel 1, Ps 55, Acts 5.12-26

LOOKING AHEAD

August		Time	Event
Sunday	9	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Tuesday	11	3pm	Funeral of Anton Manickam, Kingston Crematorium
Thursday	13	All day	Parish Office closed
		10am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
Friday	14	2pm	Funeral of Paul Phillips, Christ Church
Sunday	16	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Wednesday	19	10.30am	Organ exam, Christ Church
Thursday	20	All day	Parish Office closed
		10am	Morning Prayer, Zoom

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