

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

MOTHERING SUNDAY

10 MARCH 2024

CHURCH SERVICE

Holy Communion	Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 9am at St George's Church (SG)
Preacher	Revd Jonathan Andrew
Reading, Prayers	Bridget Williams
Musician	Rowan Marshall
Parish Communion	Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Jonathan Andrew
Churchwarden	Jane Tyrrell
Sidespeople	Sean Cole, Bob Lonnon
Reading, Prayers	George Petri, Kath Chapman
Refreshments	Janie McCulloch, Wendy Tanqueray
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Barbara Wadley, Theo Tang

SERVICE MUSIC

Opening music	<i>Vater unser im Himmelreich,</i> <i>BuxWV 219</i> (Buxtehude)
SG & CC hymns	537, 136, 739
SG & CC setting	Addington
Communion anthem	<i>O God, you search me and</i> <i>you know me</i> (Bernadette Farrell)
Communion music	<i>Liebesleid</i> (Kreisler) <i>Salut d'amour</i> (Elgar)
Closing music	<i>Prelude in Classic Style</i> (Gordon Young)

THE COLLECT

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

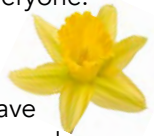
THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament
with the food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Welcome to the Parish

The Parish of Esher is for everyone.

The two church buildings,
Christ Church in Esher and
St George's in West End, have
been beacons of faith, hope and
love in Esher for well over a century.



Generations have come through the
doors to celebrate their marriages,
welcome their new-borns and grieve
their losses – all of it embraced by the
beauty of the worship offered in these
houses of prayer week in and week out.

On Sundays we explore the riches of
the Christian spiritual tradition 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.
All of us belong here.

You can also check-out some of our
services on YouTube to get a flavour of
what we're about, or just come along
some Sunday at 10.30am in Christ Church
or at 9.00am in St George's West End.

Whether you join online or in person, we
hope you'll find a community committed
to a thoughtful Faith, a hard-won Hope,
and a generous Love.

You are very welcome.

READING Colossians 3.12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

GOSPEL John 19.25b-27

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

ADDITIONAL LECTIONARY TEXTS

1 Samuel 1.20-end

Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.' The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only – may the Lord establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.' She left him there for the Lord.

Psalms 127.1-4

- 1 Unless the Lord builds the house, their labour is in vain who build it.
- 2 Unless the Lord watches over the city, in vain the guard keeps vigil.
- 3 It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late; vain, too, to eat the bread of toil, for he gives to his beloved sleep.
- 4 Children are a heritage from the Lord, and the fruit of the womb is a gift.



CHRIST CHURCH, ESHER
HOLY WEEK EVENTS

Music in the Tower 2024

THE POWER OF NATURE *Melodies from the Forest*

Emilija Karaliūtė

Former National
Laureate of Lithuania
Emilija Karaliute
will perform on the
kanklės, a Lithuanian
folk instrument



related to the zither,
interspersed with
selected readings to
give food for thought
at this contemplative
time of year.

Tuesday 26 March & Wednesday 27 March, 1pm & 8pm
Christ Church, Church Street, Esher, Surrey KT10 8QS
Tickets £15 per person - capacity 20 per performance
Reservations via the Parish Office. Light refreshments - donations welcome

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PARISH NOTICES

Mothering Sunday - This Sunday we give thanks for our mothers and those who have played a nurturing and caring role in our lives. We will also remember those for whom this day brings back difficult memories of sadness and disappointment. We thank Garsons, Buds & Blooms, Tesco and Waitrose for their kind donations of daffodils.

Food donations - In Lent we're encouraging donations. They'll be split 50/50 between the Esher Lower Green Community Centre (www.lowergreen.org) and the local Foodbank (www.eastelmbridge.foodbank.org.uk). Please donate to the box in Christ Church.

Lent Reflections - Lent is a wonderful time to practice gratitude and lean into our faith through appreciation of what we have, and what's important to us - individually, as a community and as disciples of Jesus. We're encouraging everyone, children as well, to think about what they appreciate. Each Sunday we'll hand out a different question sheet to fill in and leave in church to go on our Lent Reflections board in Christ Church. We'll share all responses with the children and use to create our 2024 Lent Reflections cards to add to last year's collection which can be purchased now (£7.50 donation).

Christ Church Defibrillator - During a recent first aid course it was emphasised to all of the importance of a defibrillator in saving lives – from 6% to 75% survival. We're fundraising now for this life saving equipment. To donate to the First Aid Fund scan the QR code here or in either church, use the card machine in Christ Church or contact the Parish Office



M25 Junction 10 - For information, from 15 March 9pm to 18 March 6am the M25 will be closed between junction 10 and 11 both ways, for demolition works and gantry installation. Just in case you had not heard!

Betty Walker - Betty, together with her late husband, Geoff, were faithful members of our Parish worshipping community. We hold Betty's family in our thoughts and prayers. The funeral will be at Christ Church on Friday 15 March at 11am. The family have said that anyone who knew Geoff and Betty are very welcome to attend.

Margot Williams - Very sadly we received news from Cornwall of the passing of dear Margot. She turned a 100 only a few months back! Margot was a stalwart of the Parish and a regular worshipper at St George's. We remember Margot's whole family in our prayers at this very difficult time. We'll share news of the family's plans soon.

Lent Appeal 2024 - This year we are raising funds for much needed CCTV at Christ Church. For more details see separate Lent Appeal notice overleaf. You can donate via the card machine in Christ Church or online by scanning the QR code pew cards. Do think about using the appeal envelopes, including your details, so we can claim Gift Aid and enhance your donation.

Fellowship Group - The next meeting will be in Christ Church at 11am on Wednesday 3 April. We welcome all to pray, to reflect on their faith and to put the world to rights!

John Bosten Celebration Service - If you wish you had attended this service or are keen to fully read of John's life story, please do email the Parish Office. Melanie can send you a copy of the eulogy by Jamie, an old friend.

Holy Communion - The sacrament is distributed by 'simultaneous administration' – the priest touches the communion wafer in to the wine surface before giving it to the communicant.

'Zoom' Morning Prayer & Zoffee! - Morning Prayer continues each Thursday at 9.30am. To join please contact the Parish Office.

PARISH NOTICES

Music on the Green - Our next lunchtime concert will be on Wednesday 20 March when we welcome Alastair Penman and Jonathan Pease, bringing us a classically based programme, on saxophone and piano respectively, including music by Debussy, Satie and Demersseman.

Music in the Tower 2024 - This year our featured artist will be Emilija Karaliute, who is bringing us a programme entitled '*The Power of Nature - Melodies from the Forest*'. A former National Laureate of Lithuania, Emilija will perform on the kanklės, a Lithuanian folk instrument related to the zither. The music will be interspersed with selected readings for this contemplative time of year. There'll be four performances in the Tower Room of Christ Church during Holy Week – on Tuesday 26 March and Wednesday 27 March, at 1pm and 8pm. This year's admission price will be £15 per person, to include light refreshments after the performance. This annual event is always a highlight of the Esher cultural calendar and seats are strictly limited to 20 per performance. Please reserve your places now on the sign-up sheet in Christ Church or via the Parish Office!

Book Group - Our next meeting will be on Monday 25 March, 4pm, when we'll discuss *Unlawful Killings* by Wendy Joseph KC. A High Court Judge gives an inside view of the justice system sharing what it's like to witness humanity good and bad – at times very bad. To know more contact Revd Jonathan Andrew – 01372 464380 / jandrewesher@gmail.com

Weekly Organ Meditations - Barbara Wadley's organ series continues at St Mark's Church in Whiteley Village, KT12 4ES. Thursday lunchtimes, 12-12.30pm. Free admission. Retiring collection for the historic organ. Refreshments provided. Everyone welcome.

Easter Gardens - Sunday School has prepared an Easter Garden at Christ Church burying a 'Hallelujah' as well. As a celebratory word, it is removed from church liturgy in Lent and is traditionally marked by this ceremony, before being resurrected on Easter Day. Do admire our little creation by Carol's garden! The folks at St George's will also be creating their own little Easter Garden shortly.

Sunday School - As this week is our All Age Service, Kath will be running our popular creche at the back of Christ Church with some Mothering Sunday gift making for the children.

Easter Eggs - We're offering Real Easter Eggs for sale in both churches - £5 each. The Real Easter Egg is the only one that includes an Easter story book, which features a brand new design for 2024, supports charitable projects and is made of Fairtrade chocolate.

Parish Easter Card - We'll be taking delivery from the printers very soon. For as many people as possible to receive our missive, we need to try to cover more roads in our Parish. To help us achieve this, please see Will Stevens who is coordinating delivery.

Kid's Activities at Old St George's - As we celebrate the beginning of Spring and the flowers returning, Old St George's Church is offering free plant-based family activities on Wednesdays 3 and 11 April, 11am-3pm. There's something for the whole family - make a herb bag, spices poster or flower basket.

Youth Group - Some beautifully deep conversations this month, what an amazing bunch of young people they are. Next session is 7 April, 4.30-6pm. (sorry no plans yet!)

Darren - The Rector's Adoption Leave will continue until Tuesday 20 November 2024. We pray that Darren and his wife have the time and space to grow and enjoy their new family. For all enquiries please do contact the Churchwardens or the Parish Office.

Our Parish Lent Appeal 2024

The Parish supported an international cause for its recent Advent Appeal, as is our custom. We're now supporting a local issue for our Lent Appeal.

The Diocese of Guildford is advocating local community needs, and we are following suit. As the old saying goes 'Charity begins at home' and we have a specific need following the unwelcome visit of an intruder a year ago. It was particularly unnerving for Darren and Jennifer who both happened to be in Christ Church at the time. The ensuing Police visit emphasised that our security was, to say the least, somewhat inadequate. So it is extremely fortunate the intruder made the decision to run off.

We have already made some improvements and at the recommendation of the Diocese, we called in a security company to survey Christ Church and to provide recommendations and a quote for the installation of a CCTV system with cameras at all our external doors.

We now have the required Diocese of Guildford approval to proceed with the work, but needless to say it is costly. We need to raise circa £5k to cover this cost, and this is the aim of our Lent Appeal in 2024.

Keeping Christ Church open outside of worship times is a key element in the link we have with the local community we serve. Our open doors provide people with a quiet place to pray, somewhere to sit and think and enables visitors to enjoy our historic and magnificent building.

We need to be able to open Christ Church in the safest way possible for visitors and for our staff and key volunteers working onsite.

It is for these reasons that we are aiming to raise the funds required for the CCTV cameras and installation, which will help to provide the extra security needed whilst the church is open for use by our community.

To donate to the Lent Appeal please scan the QR code here or on the pew cards in either church, use the card machine in Christ Church or contact the Parish Office. You can also donate via cash/cheque using the Gift Aid appeal envelopes.



Thank you for your support.
The Parochial Church Council of Esher



CHRIST CHURCH, ESHER
LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Wednesday 20 March 2024

Alastair Penman & Jonathan Pease

saxophone & piano

*As we approach Easter, enjoy a melodious classically-based programme
of works by composers including Debussy, Satie and Demersserman.*

Free entry & light lunch from 12.30pm. Concert from 1.15pm.
Christ Church, Church Street, Esher, Surrey KT10 8QS
Join us in person or watch it on YouTube at 'Music on the Green Esher'

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Elizabeth Arnold, Michael Newbould, Pam & Jim Green, Gilly Barrett, Allen Palmer, Katherine S, Keith Howell-Jones, Gill Barnett, George Raine, Sebastian, Malcolm Sayer, Ann Willig

RIP Anniversaries: Beryl Taylor, Elli Weller, Kooi Yin Chang, Violet Barker, Betty Pemberton, James Seaton, Frances Cate, Peter Whicheloe, Jill Treneman, Robert Tesh, Mark Allen

RIP: John Bosten, Betty Walker, Margot Williams, Jamie Bush

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

March		Time	Reading
Monday	11		Exodus 2.11-22, Psalm 77, Hebrews 9.1-14
Tuesday	12		Exodus 2.23-3.20, Psalm 79, Hebrews 9.15-end
Wednesday	13		Exodus 4.1-23, Psalm 90, Hebrews 10.1-18
Thursday	14	9.30-10.30am	Exodus 4.27-6.1, Psalm 86, Hebrews 10.19-25
Friday	15		Exodus 6.2-13, Psalm 102, Hebrews 10.26-end

LOOKING AHEAD

March		Time	Event
Sunday	10	9am	Mothering Sunday Service, St George's Church
		10.30am	Mothering Sunday Service, Christ Church
Monday	11	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Tuesday	12	3.20pm	Visit by Warnham Bellringers, Christ Church
Wednesday	13	7pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	14	All day	Parish Office closed
		9.30am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
Friday	15	11am	Funeral of Betty Walker, Christ Church
Sunday	17	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	18	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church

CONTACTS

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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 midday on the preceding Wednesday. Thank you.		