

# PARISH OF ESHER

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

*Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love*

SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

11 FEBRUARY 2024

CHURCH SERVICES	
Holy Communion	Led by Revd Katrina Jenkins at 9am at St George's Church (SG)
Preacher	Revd Katrina Jenkins
Reading, Prayers	Peter Bedford
Musician	Barbara Wadley
Parish Communion	Led by Revd Katrina Jenkins at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Katrina Jenkins
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Sean Cole, Bob Lonnon
Reading, Prayers	Diana Johns, Jan Sayer
Refreshments	Sandra Argent, Wendy Tanqueray
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane
SERVICE MUSIC	
Opening music	<i>Chorale Prelude 'Morgenglanz der Ewigkeit' (Reger)</i>
SG & CC hymns	584, 116, 827
SG, CC settings	Addington, Coulson
Communion anthem	<i>Ave verum corpus</i> (Elgar)
Closing music	<i>Chorale Improvisation 'Lobe den Herren, O meine Seele' (Karg-Elert)</i>
THE COLLECT	
Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. <b>Amen.</b>	
THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER	
Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. <b>Amen.</b>	

## 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 2 Corinthians 4.3-6**

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

## **GOSPEL Mark 9.2-9**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

## ADDITIONAL LECTIONARY TEXTS

### 2 Kings 2.1-12

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.' Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.' Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being

taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

### Psalms 50.1-6

- 1 The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.
- 3 Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him.
- 4 He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:
- 5 'Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!'
- 6 The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge. *Selah*

**Parish of Esher services**

**Wednesday 14 February, 8pm**

# **Ash Wednesday Choral Eucharist**

**Christ Church  
Esher**

**Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. The cross of ash reminds us of our human frailty, and assures us of God's steadfast love.**

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## PARISH NOTICES

**Ash Wednesday** - Our Ash Wednesday Choral Eucharist will be taking place in Christ Church on Wednesday 14 February at 8pm.

**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. You can also use the appeal envelopes including your details so we can claim Gift Aid.

**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.

**Candlemas Service** - The service collection of £238 will be donated to the Churches Conservation Trust ([www.visitchurches.org.uk](http://www.visitchurches.org.uk)) which takes care of Old St George's Church.

**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 will be prioritising the purchase and installation of one at Christ Church. St George's has an external one very close by at the West End Village Hall. Depending on model, supplier and servicing they cost about £1.5k. We are fundraising for this life saving equipment.

To donate to the Parish First Aid Fund please scan the QR code here or in either church, use the card machine in Christ Church or contact the Parish Office



**Advent Appeal** - The parish raised £2,944 for the 'Friends of the Holy Land Appeal'. It is still possible to donate to the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem by giving via the website: [www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk)

**Fellowship Group** - The next meeting will be in Christ Church at 11am on Wednesday 6 March. Everyone is welcome to join.

**John Bosten Celebration Service** - Since 2018, I have brought my friend, John Bosten, who had vascular dementia and mobility difficulties, to Sunday Eucharist at Christ Church. He died last December aged 93. Thanks so much, all of you, for the support you gave him and me. As a child, John lived in Church Street, and he was a teenage wartime server here. You are invited to our Celebration on Friday 23 February at 11.30am, with favourite music, and a chance for you to learn more about John's life. You are also invited to the finger buffet at the back of the church afterwards. Please sign up at the back if you are coming, so we can order plenty of food and drink. Nick (his friend and carer)

**Music on the Green** - For our next concert on Wednesday 21 February, 1.15pm, we welcome the guitar and lute duo of Emanuele Addis and Gus McQuade to give us a programme entitled 'Love & Longing', featuring composers Dowland, Piazzolla and Mompou. Lunchtime concerts are free with a light lunch at 12.30pm.

**Sunday School** - Kath is on annual leave. There is no Sunday School, but she has left some St Valentine's crafting and resource at in Church for all our curious minds to enjoy.

**Youth Group** - The next Youth Group will be on Sunday 3 March, 4.30-6pm, at Christ Church.

**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. During this time please do contact the Churchwardens or the Parish Office.

**Book Group** - Our next meeting will be on Monday 26 February, 4pm, when we will discuss George Orwell's early memoir *Down and Out in Paris and London*. If you'd like to know more contact Revd Jonathan Andrew – 01372 464380 / [jandrewsher@gmail.com](mailto:jandrewsher@gmail.com)

**'Zoom' Morning Prayer & Zoffee!** - Morning Prayer continues each Thursday at 9.30am.

# 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 21 February 2024

LONDON CONTEMPORARY SOLOISTS SHOWCASE

# Emanuele Addis & Gus McQuade

*guitar & lute*

*A week on from St Valentine's Day, enjoy the delicate sounds of the guitar and lute, in a programme 'Love & Longing' featuring composers Dowland, Piazzolla and Mompou.*

**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

RIP Anniversaries: Leonard Schwarz, Mark Pond, Patricia McKenna, Greta Olle, Sheila Hayne, Eric Williams

RIP: John Bosten, Rosalind Moysen (Wilkes), Eileen Pocklington, Betty Walker

## BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

February		Time	Reading
Monday	12		Genesis 37.1-11, Ps 30, Galations 1
Tuesday	13		Genesis 37.12-end, Psalm 36, Galations 2.1-10
Wednesday	14		Daniel 9.3-6, 17-19, Psalm 38, 1 Timothy 6.6-19
Thursday	15	9.30-10.30am	Genesis 39, Psalm 77, Galations 2.11-end
Friday	16		Genesis 40, Psalm 3, Galations 3.1-14

## LOOKING AHEAD

February		Time	Event
Sunday	11	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	12		No choir practice
Wednesday	14	7pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
		7-7.30pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
		8pm	Ash Wednesday Service, Christ Church
Thursday	16	All day	Parish Office closed
		9.30am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
Sunday	18	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
		12.30pm	Interment of Christine Eccles
Monday	19	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church

## CONTACTS

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<b>Live Streaming</b> 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 pewsheet by midday on the preceding Wednesday. Thank you		