

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

12 APRIL 2026

CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion	Led by Revd William Allberry at 9am at St George's (SG)
Preacher	Revd William Allberry
Churchwarden	Charles Hawkshaw-Burn
Reading, Prayers	Veronica Whittall, Bridget Williams
Musician	Robert Cunningham
Parish Communion (live streamed)	Led by Revd William Allberry at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd William Allberry
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Volunteers required
Reading, Prayers	Jane Anderson, Will Stevens
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane Robert Cunningham
Refreshments	Volunteers required
SERVICE MUSIC	
Hymns	209, 667, 394
Setting	Coulson
Communion anthem	<i>O sons and daughters, let us sing</i> (Jean Tisserand)
COLLECT	
Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. Amen.	
POST COMMUNION PRAYER	
Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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 2.14a, 22-32

On the day of Pentecost,

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know – this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence." 'Fellow Israelites,

I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption." This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

GOSPEL John 20.19-end

When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Other Lectionary Texts

Exodus 14.10-end; 15.20-21

Psalms 16

1 Peter 1.3-9

PARISH NOTICES

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

Sunday School - This week we'll be creating another stained-glass effect window in the shape of a cross, in honour of the Resurrection.

Leave - Revd Jonathan Andrew will be on a well-deserved break from Saturday 11 April to Friday 24 April inclusive. Melanie returns to the Parish Office on Monday 13 April. If you need any assistance during this time please contact the churchwardens.

Flower Coordinator - Carol Calvert is 'retiring' after 32 years of managing the Christ Church flower team. To understand what's involved Carol is happy to chat.

Esher May Fair - This year the Fair will take place on Esher Green on Saturday 16 May from 12 noon to 4pm. It's an ideal opportunity to invite people into Christ Church to promote our Parish. We could perhaps have a stall on the green. Stuart will organise musical entertainment between 2pm and 4pm. Ann hopes to be able to open up the bell tower. Please let Bridget or Will know if you're available to help or have any ideas for what we should do.

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.](#)



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.

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.

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.

Fellowship Group - The next meeting will be in Christ Church at 10.30am on Wednesday 6 May. We welcome all who want to pray, reflect on their faith and put the world to rights!

Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2026 - The Parish of Esher's annual APCM will be held in Christ Church on Sunday 17 May after the 10.30am service. Everyone can attend and those on the Electoral Roll are able to vote.

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: Michael O'Brien, Dawn Danclar-Doody, Gerald Garratt, Kathleen Portch

RIP: Dany McLeod, Bishop Andrew Watson, Kay Benson, Gary Roberts, Stella Lynn

Banns of Marriage: William Joshua Mark Stollery & Caroline Emma Tailby

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

	April	Time	Reading
	Monday	13	Exodus 15.1-21, Ps 19, Colossians 1.1-14
	Tuesday	14	Exodus 15.22-16.10, Ps 8, Colossians 1.15-end
	Wednesday	15	Exodus 16.11-end, Ps 30, Colossians 2.1-15
	Thursday	16	10am Exodus 17; Ps 28; Colossians 2.16-3.11
	Friday	17	Exodus 18.1-12, Ps 61, Colossians 3.12-4.1

LOOKING AHEAD

	April	Time	Event
	Sunday	12	9am Holy Communion, St George's Church
			10.30am Parish Communion, Christ Church
			2.45pm Quarter Peal in Jennifer Meade's memory, Christ Church
	Monday	13	4pm Book Group, Christ Church
			7.15pm Choir practice, Christ Church
	Wednesday	15	1.15pm Music on the Green lunchtime concert: Surrey Brass
			7.30pm Bellingring practice, Christ Church
	Thursday	16	All day Parish Office closed
			10am Morning Prayer, Zoom
	Friday	17	10.30am Funeral of Dany McLeod, St George's Church

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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 10am on the preceding Tuesday. Thank you.		