

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

12 JULY 2026

CHURCH SERVICES	
Holy Communion	Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 9am at St George's (SG)
Preacher	Revd Jonathan Andrew
Churchwarden	Charles Hawkshaw-Burn
Reading, Prayers	Veronica Whittall, Gerard Harper
Musician	Oliver Macfarlane
Parish Communion (live streamed)	Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Jonathan Andrew
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Helen Griffin, Ben Ritchie
Reading, Prayers	Brian Elliott, Jan Sayer
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane
Refreshments	Sia Marshall, Catherine Powell
SERVICE MUSIC	
Opening music	<i>Lent from Grande Dialogue in C (Marchand)</i>
SG / CC hymns	698, 451, 584 (omit v4) / 698, 451, 584
SG / CC settings	Addington / Coulson
Post-sermon music	<i>Andante from Piano Concerto no. 21, K.467 (Mozart)</i>
Communion anthem	<i>O pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Stanford)</i>
Closing music	<i>Pasticcio (Langlais)</i>
COLLECT	
Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	
POST COMMUNION PRAYER	
God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Romans 8.1-11

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Other Lectionary Texts

Genesis 25.19-end
Psalm 119.105-112
Isaiah 55.10-13
Psalm 65

GOSPEL Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!' 'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

PARISH NOTICES

Vacancy Update - We hope to be able to provide a further update around Sunday 19 July. Thank you to everyone for all your support, prayers and help during the interview period. As you'll appreciate, Helen and Fraser are bound by the confidentiality of the process so we'd be grateful if you could continue to respect their position.

Sunday School - This week we'll create a garden of differently crafted flowers showing how the world blooms when the Word of God is planted in good soil.

Christ Church Cleaning - Volunteers are needed for a general deep clean and tidy of Christ Church on Friday 17 July (9.30am-3pm) and Saturday 18 July (9.30am-1pm). Long extendable brushes, gloves and hand-held hoovers will be an advantage. Buckets and refreshments will be provided. If you can help please sign-up in church and/or speak with Hilary Greaves 07710 324038.

Flower Coordinator - We are still looking for a volunteer flower rota coordinator for Christ Church to take over from Carol Calvert. Please talk with Carol to understand what's involved. In the meantime we're arranging a rota with current volunteers. The more people on the rota the easier it'll be. To join the rota contact Helen Coulson 07506 701454.

Parish Giving Scheme - We're now using the Church of England's Parish Giving Scheme for all donations. For details please refer to the PGS website at www.parishgiving.org.uk.

EHS Development Project - Esher High School has submitted a planning application for a synthetic turf pitch that will enhance their sports facilities for young people, specifically supporting girls' sport. For more details and to access the EBC planning portal page go to www.esherhigh.surrey.sch.uk/ and select the 'About Us' tab and then 'Synthetic Turf Pitch - School Development Project'.

Book Group - On Monday 13 July, 4pm, in Christ Church, we'll discuss *Madame Bovary* by Gustave Flaubert. In 1856 the French government brought an action against the book's publisher and author on a charge of immorality. We'll reflect on the merits of this classic and of changing moralities. We will break for the summer and will meet again on Monday 14 September.

Bishop Paul at Holy Trinity, Claygate - On Tuesday 14 July, 7.30pm-9pm, Bishop Paul invites everyone to his gathering to understand his key priorities for the next two years. These being prayer, pastoral care and a focus on our 'priority of priorities' - deepening discipleship, revitalisation and investing wholeheartedly in children and young people. There will be:

- An opportunity to meet him at reception
- Praise-filled worship led by the Youth Catalyst Team and local musicians.
- A celebration of what God is doing in each parish, shared through faith-building stories.

Music on the Green - For our last lunchtime recital before the summer break, we'll be at Old St George's Church on Wednesday 15 July. The cello and piano duo of Aleksandra Pykacz and Hiroko Yamamoto will offer us a summery all-French repertoire, from Debussy and Satie to Charles Aznavour and Edith Piaf. Light lunch from 12.30pm, music from 1.15pm.

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

Youth Group - We are now taking a break and will return on Friday 4 September.

National Youth Choir - Recently we reported that our outgoing bass choral scholar Alex Bernard had gained a place in the National Youth Choir, and we've just learnt that his predecessor Rowan Marshall has successfully auditioned for the NYC too. Fantastic news! Congratulations go to Rowan as well as Alex!

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

RIP Anniversaries: Susan Merrick, Allistar Goff, Geoffrey Fox, Emily Oliver, Audrey Grosvenor, Charles Roberts, Margaret Lauder

Banns of Marriage: Michael John Inman & Vienna Nichola Langdon

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

	July	Time	Reading
	Monday	13	1 Samuel 5, Ps 126, Luke 20.41-21.4
	Tuesday	14	1 Samuel 6.1-16, Ps 132, Luke 21.5-19
	Wednesday	15	1 Samuel 7, Ps 119.153-end, Luke 21.20-28
	Thursday	16	10am 1 Samuel 8, Ps 143, Luke 21.29-end
	Friday	17	1 Samuel 9.1-14, Ps 144, Luke 22.1-13

LOOKING AHEAD

	July	Time	Event
	Sunday	12	9am Holy Communion, St George's Church
			10.30am Parish Communion, Christ Church
	Monday	13	4pm Book Group, Christ Church
			7.15pm Choir practice, Christ Church
	Wednesday	15	1.15pm Music on the Green concert: Aleksandra Pykacz & Hiroko Yamamoto, Old St George's Church
			7.30pm Bellringing practice, Christ Church
	Thursday	16	All day Parish Office closed
			10am Morning Prayer, Zoom
	Friday	17	9.30am Deep Clean & Tidy, Christ Church
	Saturday	18	9.30am Deep Clean & Tidy, Christ Church
	Sunday	19	9am Holy Communion, St George's Church
			10.30am Parish Communion, Christ Church
	Monday	20	7.15pm Choir practice, Christ Church

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