

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

SEVENTEETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

12 OCTOBER 2025

CHURCH SERVICE	
Holy Communion	Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 9am at St George's West End (SG)
Preacher	Revd Judith Roberts
Churchwarden	Charles Hawkshaw-Burn
Reading, Prayers	Sue Langley, Gerard Harper
Musician	Stuart Whatton, Robert Cunningham
Parish Communion (live streamed)	Led by Revd Judith Roberts at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Judith Roberts
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Bob Lonnon, Stewart Henderson
Reading, Prayers	Carol Henderson, Tom & Sally Radford
Refreshments	Wendy Tanqueray, Volunteer required
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Robert Cunningham
SERVICE MUSIC	
Opening music	<i>Andante in G</i> (Herbert Chambers)
SG hymns	675 (omit v3-5), 828, 742 (omit v3)
CC hymns	675 (omit v4-5), 828, 742 (omit v3)
SG / CC settings	Addington / Coulson
Communion anthem	<i>Adoramus te, Christe</i> (Palestrina)
Closing music	<i>Praeambulum in D minor</i> (Josef Seger)
THE COLLECT	
Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	
THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER	
Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through 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 2 Timothy 2.8-15

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David – that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful – for he cannot deny himself. Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

GOSPEL Luke 17.11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

Other Lectionary Texts

Jeremiah 29.1, 4-7

Psalms 66.1-11

2 Kings 5.1-3, 7-15c

Psalms 111

PARISH NOTICES

Thank You - To Revd Judith Roberts, for visiting us today and leading our services. It is a joy to worship with you.

Sunday School - As Jesus teaches us our faith makes us 'well', this week we'll focus on the practice of gratitude – to Jesus for his abundant gifts and those around us for enriching our lives.

Vacancy Update - We are now producing the Parish Profile, our shop window for prospective rectors when looking at Esher for their next role. It will outline who we are, our vision, our priorities and key qualities we would like a new rector to bring to Esher. A reminder that you can still submit inputs via your Churchwardens.

All Souls' Service - We'll mark All Souls' Day at Christ Church on Sunday 2 November, 4.30pm. The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed will be a quiet and gentle service with carefully chosen words and music. We will pray for those who have passed away, naming them and lighting a candle in their memory. To ensure your loved ones are remembered by name, please check the lists in either church.

Remembrance Sunday - At 9am, on Sunday 9 November there will be a Holy Communion Service in George's. At 10.50am, the Act of Remembrance will take place at the War Memorial on Esher Green followed by the Remembrance Sunday Service in Christ Church. Please join us in remembering all those who gave their today for our tomorrow.

Harvest - Thanks to everyone from the Parish and ECS we delivered a huge amount of donations to Lower Green. Cathy said: "I'm absolutely amazed and overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity of everybody who's donated food and household products to our emergency food store - thank you so, so much. This will help families through the cold months and makes the difference between people deciding whether to eat or be warm."

Music on the Green - On Wednesday 15 October, 1.15pm, Ian Close, saxophone and John McDonald, piano will take us on a tour of New York's Tin Pan Alley, Rio sambas and the UK jazz scene. Light lunch from 12.30pm.

Advent course - Can anyone help lead a three week course after our Sunday services? A suggestion is The Archbishop of York's Advent Book 2025, *Listening to the Music of the Soul* by Guli Francis-Dehqani, Bishop of Chelmsford. The book cost is £10 depending on number ordered. Please let Will Stevens know if you're willing to lead or help or if you'd like to purchase the book.

Harvest Crazy Crafts - We had a full session last Saturday and the LGCC kitchen was delighted to feed so many, courtesy of their new chef! Christmas Crazy Crafts will be on Saturday 29 November, 10am-1pm.

Youth Group - Our October meeting was full of reflection and self-appreciation. It was great to see the children acknowledge all they'd recently achieved – a vital practice for a deeper sense of meaning and purpose.

Save the Children - 'The Case for Aid' talk by Monica Harding MP and Gareth Owen OBE at Christ Church on Thursday 23 October, 7.30pm. Book £10 tickets via stcesher@gmail.com.

Book Group - Our next meeting will be on Monday 3 November, 4pm, in Christ Church. We'll discuss *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver, a novel which delves into the US opioid epidemic and vividly illustrates what it does to young lives. If interested, do read!

ECO representative - We're seeking a volunteer to lead our Parish on the Diocese's Eco Church and Net Zero Carbon initiative. If you're passionate about this and can help the Parish, please let us know. We'd like to strengthen our connections with the Diocesan NZC team and build our credentials in this area.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Michael Newbould, Gilly Barrett, Jim Green, George Raine, Katherine S, Keith Howell-Jones, John Cheetham, Sebastian, Ruramayi, Karen Harris, David Gerrard, Katie Clark, Armand Sarkissian, Jennifer Meade, Louise Tyzack, Caroline Kerr, Christine Steeds
RIP Anniversaries: Patricia Richards, Gladys Thomas, Barbara Pratt, Dan Walter
RIP: Andrew Park, Allen Palmer, Claire Trepass, Pam Green, Margaret Pattenden

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

October	Time	Reading
Monday 13		1 Maccabees 1.1-19, Ps 71, Mark 14.1-11
Tuesday 14		1 Maccabees 1.20-40, Ps 73, Mark 14.12-25
Wednesday 15		1 Maccabees 1.41-end, Ps 77, Mark 14.26-42
Thursday 16	9.30am	1 Maccabees 2.1-28, Ps 78.1-39, Mark 14.43-52
Friday 17		1 Maccabees 2.29-48, Ps 55, Mark 14.53-65

LOOKING AHEAD

October	Time	Event
Sunday 12	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
	10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday 13	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Tuesday 14	11.30am	Funeral of Claire Trepass, Christ Church
Wednesday 15	1.15pm	Music on the Green lunchtime concert: Ian Close (saxophone) & John McDonald (piano)
	7.30pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday 16	All day	Parish Office closed
	9.30am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
	11am	Funeral of Margaret Pattenden, St George's Church
Sunday 19	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
	10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
	12.30pm	Interment of Robert Lauder, Christ Church
Monday 20	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church

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