

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

14 APRIL 2024

CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion	Led by Revd Darren McCallig at 9am at St George's (SG)
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Reading, Prayers	Sue Langley, Revd Darren McCallig
Musician	Barbara Wadley
Eucharist & Holy Baptism Service	Led by Revd Darren McCallig at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Churchwarden	Helen Coulson
Sidespeople	Michael Banks, Bob Lonnon
Reading	Andrew John
Refreshments	Debbie Banks, Sue Dunne
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane
SERVICE MUSIC	
Opening music	<i>Berceuse</i> (Vieme)
SG & CC hymns	199, 217, 394
SG, CC settings	Addington, Coulson
Communion anthem	<i>Come ye faithful</i> (Thatcher)
Closing music	<i>Tocatta and Fugue in F, BuxWV 157</i> (Buxtehude)
THE COLLECT	
Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.	
THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER	
Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. 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 Acts 3.12-19

Peter addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. 'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

GOSPEL Luke 24.36-48

While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

ADDITIONAL LECTIONARY TEXTS

PSALM 4

1 Answer me when I call, O God,
defender of my cause; you set me free
when I am hard-pressed; have mercy
on me and hear my prayer.

2 'You mortals, how long will you
dishonour my glory; how long will you
worship dumb idols and run after false
gods?'

3 Know that the Lord does wonders
for the faithful; when I call upon the
Lord, he will hear me.

4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak
to your heart in silence upon your bed.

5 Offer the appointed sacrifices and
put your trust in the Lord.

6 Many are saying, 'O that we might
see better times!' Lift up the light of
your countenance upon us, O Lord.

7 You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine and oil
increase.

8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall
asleep; for only you, Lord, make me
dwell in safety.

READING 1 John 3.1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

PARISH NOTICES

St George's Church West End - Next Sunday, 21 April, is our beloved Tin Tabernacle's Patronal Festival. In the 9am Eucharist, therefore, we will celebrate the special role of that little church in the life of the people of West End and look to George, its Patron Saint, as an example of heroic faith. All who worship there regularly or occasionally will, as always, be very welcome.

St George's Day Parade & Service - We're honoured that Christ Church will be hosting the Esher District Scouts St George's Day Service on Sunday 21 April at 3pm

Sunday School - This week we will be looking at our identity, what makes us who we are and how we reveal ourselves.

Youth Group - Last Sunday we met our older, wiser selves - a beautiful space to retreat to when we need unconditional self-love, peace, compassion, wisdom and kindness.

Book Group - Our next meeting will be at 4pm on Monday 22 April when we'll discuss *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro. We can expect some interesting conversation about the topical issue of Artificial Intelligence. To know more contact Revd Jonathan Andrew – 01372 464380 / jandrewesher@gmail.com

Music on the Green - At our next concert, on Wednesday 17 April, we'll host a French horn recital by Henry Ward, accompanied by Owen Lee, with a varied programme including music by Rosetti and Strauss.

Parish Electoral Roll - This will be revised from 14 April to 28 April inclusive (see full details on the church porch notice). If you'd like to be added to the Electoral Roll, forms may be obtained from the Parish Office and must be returned by Sunday 28 April. If you are on the Electoral Roll but have changed your name or address please advise the Parish Office. The APCM will be held on Sunday 19 May after the 10.30am service in Christ Church.

May they rest in peace! - We have previously reported the sad news that our dear friends Ann Willig and Gill Barnett recently died. We can now confirm that Ann's funeral will be at 12 noon on 26 April and Gill's at 11.30am on Friday 3 May. This week, we heard that Joyce Page has also passed away. Many of us will remember Joyce and her husband Peter as long-term faithful members of our church family. Joyce's funeral will be at 11am on Monday 13 May. All three of these services will be held in Christ Church and, of course, all who knew them are welcome to attend. Please continue to hold Ann, Gill and Joyce and their families in your prayers.

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.

Fellowship Group - The next meeting will be in Christ Church at 11am on Wednesday 1 May

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.

Lent Appeal - We can confirm the total raised is £3,964. This will go a long way to covering the CCTV cost. Many thanks to everyone for their generosity. It is greatly appreciated.

We can now begin to schedule the works.

Christ Church Defibrillator - We're raising funds for this life saving equipment. Please donate to the First Aid Fund by scanning the QR code here or in either church, use the card machine in Christ Church or contact the Parish Office



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



CHRIST CHURCH, ESHER
LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Wednesday 17 April 2024

Henry Ward & Owen Lee

horn & piano

Enjoy the mellifluous sounds of the French horn in a programme ranging from the Bohemian Classical era composer Rosetti via Richard Strauss to some contemporary works.

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, George Raine, Katherine S, Keith Howell-Jones, Sebastian, Hazel Harding, John Cheetham

RIP Anniversaries: Gerald Garratt, Kathleen Portch, Andrew Suszynski, Norman Walker, Doreen Vandeputte

RIP: Margot Williams, Jamie Bush, June Trew, Gill Barnett, Ann Willig, William Fraser, Susan Scott, Joyce Page, Rosemary Saunders

Baptism: Harland William Serajian-Esfahan

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

April		Time	Reading
Monday	15		Exodus 19, Ps 96, Luke 1.1-25
Tuesday	16		Exodus 20.1-21, Ps 98, Luke 1.26-38
Wednesday	17		Exodus 24, Ps 105, Luke 1.39-56
Thursday	18	9.30-10.30am	Exodus 25.1-22, Ps 136, Luke 1.57-end
Friday	19		Exodus 28.1-4a, 29-38, Ps 107, Luke 2.1-20

LOOKING AHEAD

April		Time	Event
Sunday	14	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Eucharist & Holy Baptism Service, Christ Church
		12.30pm	Interment of Rosemary Saunders
Monday	15	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Tuesday	16	All day	Parish Office closed
Wednesday	17	1.15pm	Music on the Green lunchtime concert: Henry Ward (horn) & Owen Lee (piano)
		6.30pm	Esher District Scouts St George's Day Service rehearsal, Christ Church
		7pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	18	All day	Parish Office closed
		9.30am	Morning Prayer, Zoom

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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.		