

# PARISH OF ESHER

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

*Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love*

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

19 APRIL 2026

CHURCH SERVICES	
Eucharist & Holy Baptism	Led by Revd Barry Hengist at 9am at St George's (SG)
Preacher	Revd Barry Hengist
Churchwarden	Charles Hawkshaw-Burn
Reading	Charles Hawkshaw-Burn
Musician	Theo Tang
Parish Communion (live streamed)	Led by Revd Barry Hengist at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Barry Hengist
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Gavin Bradley, Bob Lonnon
Reading, Prayers	Colin Martin, David Stark
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Theo Tang
Refreshments	Sandra Argent, Helen Griffin
SERVICE MUSIC	
Opening music	<i>Andante sostenuto</i> (Gabriele Mercanti)
SG hymns	327 (omit v3), 203, 221 (omit v3)
CC hymns	327, 203, 194
SG / CC settings	Addington / Coulson
Communion anthem	<i>Come ye faithful</i> (Thatcher)
Closing music	<i>Marziale in G</i> (Amilcare Bosi)
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. <b>Amen.</b>	
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. <b>Amen.</b>	

## 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, 36-41

In the day of Pentecost,

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd.

'Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified. Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

## GOSPEL Luke 24.13-35

On that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and

leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

### Other Lectionary Texts

Zephaniah 3.14-end

Psalms 116.1-3, 10-end

1 Peter 1.17-23

## PARISH NOTICES

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

**Vacancy Update** - We are pleased to confirm that we'll be advertising again in the Church Times effective 17 April as we move forward to appointing a new Rector. The closing date for applications will be 27 May and we will shortlist, assuming suitable applicants, in early June.

**Sunday School** - This week we'll look at how even when we feel alone, Jesus is always with us and the importance of joining other people on their journey in life, even if it's just for a short while.

**Flower Coordinator** - We are looking for a volunteer to take over the Christ Church Flower team as soon as possible. A huge thank you to Carol Calvert who has retired after 32 years looking after the flowers at Christ Church. Carol has kindly offered to have a chat to discuss what's involved.

**Esher & Claygate Car Service** - This service provides transport to medical appointments. It is a much-valued service that can trace its origins to Parish of Esher church members. Volunteers offer return journeys to surgeries and one-way transport to local hospitals. If you can help – or need our help – please call 07501 029237 (Monday to Friday).

**Fabulous Flautist!** - Congratulations to our parish choir member Belinda Doolan, who's been awarded a 47/50 distinction in her ARSM flute diploma, proving that it's not just youngsters who get all the top marks!

**The Great Tommy Sleep Out** - Just wanted to say a very BIG thank you from Sam and myself for everyone's donations and good wishes in support of our recent sleep out for the British Veterans Enterprise. We raised an amazing £1,000. Thank you, Sandra & Sam.

**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.](#)



**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.

**Annual Report** - The Parish's Annual Report & Accounts for 2025 will be emailed to everyone registered to receive Parish emails, including those on the Electoral Roll, before the APCM

**Fellowship Group** - Next meeting will be on Wednesday 6 May, 10.30am, in Christ Church.

**Choral Evensong** - On Sunday 10 May, 6pm, we will welcome members of Chingford Parish Choir for a special Dedication Festival to mark the 172nd anniversary of Christ Church.

**Book Group** - Our next meeting will be on Monday 11 May, 4pm, when we'll discuss *The Life and Death of St Kilda* by Tom Steel. It tells the story of a tiny, inhospitable island near the Outer Hebrides and of the people for whom it was home. New faces welcome.

**Esher May Fair** - The Fair is taking place on Esher Green on Saturday 16 May, 12 noon to 4pm. It's an opportunity to invite people into Christ Church to promote our Parish. Stuart is kindly arranging music entertainment, 2pm to 4pm, and Ann plans to open the bell tower. Please let Ann, Sandra, Bridget or Will know if you can help or have ideas for what to do.

**Ascension Day** - Sunday 17 May will be a joint service at Christ Church followed by the APCM.

## 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:** Andrew Suszynski, Norman Walker, Susan Hawkshaw-Burn, Doreen Vandeputte, Mary Hartnell, Rosemary Kerrison, Josephine Semple, Oliver Gobat, Leanne Barrett, Lochie Buckingham

**RIP:** Dany McLeod, Gary Roberts, Stella Lynn, John Bentley

**Baptism:** Victoria Louise Casserley

**Banns of Marriage:** Oliver William Wiltshire & Lily Summer Coles  
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	20		Exodus 19, Ps 96, Luke 1.1-25
Tuesday	21		Exodus 20.1-21, Ps 98, Luke 1.26-38
Wednesday	22		Exodus 24, Ps 105, Luke 1.39-56
Thursday	23	10am	Joshua 1.1-9; Ps 5; Ephesians 6.10-20
Friday	24		Exodus 28.1-4a, 29-38, Ps 107, Luke 2.1-20

## LOOKING AHEAD

	April	Time	Event
Sunday	19	9am	Eucharist & Holy Baptism, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	20	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Tuesday	21	8pm	Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting, Christ Church
Wednesday	22	7.30pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	23	All day	Parish Office closed
		10am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
Sunday	26	9am	Patronal Eucharist, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church

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