

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

19 OCTOBER 2025

CHURCH SERVICE	
Holy Communion	Led by Revd Stuart Sadler at 9am at St George's West End (SG)
Preacher	Revd Stuart Sadler
Churchwarden	Charles Hawkshaw-Burn
Reading, Prayers	Charles Hawkshaw-Burn, Stephen Lee
Musician	Oliver Macfarlane
Eucharist & Holy Baptism (live streamed)	Led by Revd Stuart Sadler at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Stuart Sadler
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Sean Seymour-Cole, Stewart Henderson
Reading	Sandra Argent
Refreshments	Michelle Cullen, Helen Griffin
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane, Robert Cunningham
SERVICE MUSIC	
Opening music	<i>Elevación, from 4 Piezas para la Misa</i> (José Lidón)
SG & CC hymns	706, 604, 678
SG / CC settings	Addington / Coulson
Communion anthem	<i>For the beauty of the earth</i> (Rutter)
Closing music	<i>Pentagram I</i> (David Blackwell)
THE COLLECT	
God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	
THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER	
We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. 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 3.14-4.5

Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

GOSPEL Luke 18.1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

Other Lectionary Texts

Jeremiah 31.27-34

Psalms 119.97-104

Genesis 32.22-31

Psalms 121

PARISH NOTICES

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

Sunday School - This week we'll discuss the importance of staying focused on God, making a prayer paper chain to symbolise how our prayers link us to Him, Jesus and each other.

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 or email the names to the Parish Office.

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. Both collections will be donated to support the work of the Royal British Legion.

ECO representative - We're still looking for 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, please let us know. We'd like to strengthen our connections with the Diocesan NZC team and build our credentials in this area.

Jennifer Meade - As many of you know, our dear friend and long-time Tower Captain died peacefully last week. Her funeral will be in Christ Church, and we will let you know the date when decided. All who knew her will be welcome. Please hold Jennifer in your prayers, together with all who mourn her loss.

Book Group - At our meeting on Monday 3 November, 4pm, in Christ Church, we'll discuss *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver, a novel that delves into the US opioid epidemic illustrating what it does to young lives.

Fellowship Group - The next meeting in Christ Church is on Wednesday 5 November, 10.30am. Coffee provided beforehand. All welcome.

Advent Course - Anyone interested in leading a three week course, after Sunday service at Christ Church, in the lead up to Christmas please let Will Stevens know. 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 costs £10 depending on number ordered.

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.

An Evening with Bryn Haworth - Stewart and Carol Henderson will guest with this legendary, slide guitarist to support the Church Homeless Charity and the Angeltree Prison Fellowship at St. George's Church, Ashted KT21 2DA on Saturday 25 October, 7.30pm. Tickets, £10, via sgsgashtead.org.uk/events or 01372 813964.

Save the Date! - As many across the Parish are usually busy in the run-up to Christmas with family, friends and other celebrations, the PCC has agreed to change tack this year and bring back the popular Epiphany lunch rather than the Christmas lunch. Please join us on Sunday 18 January at the West End Village Hall to celebrate together. More details to follow!

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, Louise Tyzack, Caroline Kerr, Christine Steeds, Phoebe Ainsworth
RIP Anniversaries: Miriam MacGibbon, Bill Bedford, Maynard Pockson, Frederick Harrison, Pat Davies, John Ross, Jackie Hinton, June Freeman

RIP: Allen Palmer, Claire Trepess, Pam Green, Margaret Pattenden, Jennifer Meade, Robert Lauder

Baptism: Neoma Mika Ekpenyog Adebajo, Annelise Charlotte Lucinda Logue

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

October		Time	Reading
Monday	20		1 Maccabees 3.1-26, Ps 80, Mark 15.1-15
Tuesday	21		1 Maccabees 3.27-41, Ps 89.1-18, Mark 15.16-32
Wednesday	22		1 Maccabees 3.21-end, Ps 119.105-128, Mark 15.33-41
Thursday	23	9.30am	1 Maccabees 4.1-25, Ps 92, Mark 15.42-end
Friday	24		1 Maccabees 4.26-35, Ps 88, Mark 16.1-8

LOOKING AHEAD

October		Time	Event
Sunday	19	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Eucharist & Holy Baptism, Christ Church
		12.30pm	Interment of Robert Lauder, Christ Church
Monday	20	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Wednesday	22	7.30pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	23	All day	Parish Office closed
		9.30am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
		7.30pm	Save the Children 'The Case for Aid' Talk, Christ Church
Sunday	26	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	27	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Wednesday	29	7.30pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church

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