

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

20 SEPTEMBER 2026

CHURCH SERVICES

Eucharist & Holy Baptism	Led by Revd William Allberry at 9am at St George's (SG)
Preacher	Revd William Allberry
Churchwarden	Charles Hawkshaw-Burn
Reading	Charles Hawkshaw-Burn
Musician	Theo Tang
Parish Communion (live streamed)	Led by Revd William Allberry at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd William Allberry
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Valerie Msoka, Ivy Tang
Reading, Prayers	Miranda Fuller, David Stark
Musicians	Oliver Macfarlane, Theo Tang
Refreshments	Helen Griffin, Janie McCulloch
Pet Service	Led by Kat Mahale at 4pm at St George's (SG)
Churchwarden	Charles Hawkshaw-Burn
Organist	Robert Cunningham

MORNING SERVICE MUSIC

Opening music	<i>'Freu dich sehr, O meine Seele', Op. 65 no. 5 (Karg-Elert)</i>
SG hymns	706, 631, 818
CC hymn	706, 675 (omit v4-5), 818
SG / CC settings	Addington / Coulson
Post sermon music	<i>Andante moderato, Op. 84 no. 5 (Fauré)</i>
Communion anthem	<i>Ave verum corpus (Mozart)</i>
Closing music	Fanfare from 4 Piezas para la Misa (José Lidón)

COLLECT

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Rector of Esher

Dear Church Family,

We are delighted to confirm that the Institution and Induction of our new Rector, The Revd Jo Winn-Smith, will take place on Wednesday 30 September at 7.30pm at Christ Church, Esher.

This will be a very special occasion in the life of our parish as we welcome Jo and her family to mark the beginning of this new chapter together.

Please do save the date in your diaries.

We will share further details, including arrangements for the evening, over the coming weeks.

We very much hope you will be able to join us.

With best wishes,

Fraser McGuicken & Will Stevens
Parish of Esher Churchwardens.

READING Philippians 1.21-end

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you.

Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well – since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

GOSPEL Matthew 20. 1-16

Jesus said to his disciples:

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

Other Lectionary Texts

Exodus 16.2-15

Psalms 105.1-6, 37-end

Jonah 3.10-end of 4

Psalms 145.1-8

PARISH NOTICES

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

Rector Update - We're delighted to confirm that the Institution and Induction of our new Rector, The Revd Jo Winn-Smith, will be taking place on Wednesday 30 September at 7.30pm at Christ Church. The service will be a Eucharist celebrating the Feast of Saint Michael and All Angels. The Christ Church car park will be closed for use by clergy and key personnel only. We must also ensure emergency access.

Sunday School - This weekend we'll discuss how God's gifts are not earned by status or how long you have been a Christian for, but are free gifts of love, paid in full by Him, whenever you come to faith.

Flower Coordinator - We are very pleased to announce that Angela Sweet has very kindly agreed to become the new Flower Coordinator at Christ Church. Angela will be in touch soon with more flower news.

'Zoom' Morning Prayer & Zoffee! - Morning Prayer continues each Thursday at 10am.

The Chosen - The next series of this world beating production covering Jesus's ministry will commence at 7.30pm at Christ Church on Tuesday 13 October and then each Tuesday for the next three weeks.

Lower Green Community Centre (LGCC) - Huge thanks, following calls on recent Sundays, to all who generously donated groceries urgently needed by the LGCC Food Store. The donations were delivered and put on their shelves this week. Cathy and her team send their very grateful thanks to you all. Please continue to add items to your shopping for this worthy cause. And remember Harvest donations will all go to LGCC. Bridget Williams & Michael Banks

St George's Update - St George's will close temporarily after the Pet Service on Sunday 20 September, to allow us to complete the necessary remediation work to the foundations and flooring. We expect the church to reopen in December. Whilst we'll miss worshipping at St George's during this time, it gives us a wonderful opportunity to come together as one parish, as we welcome our new Rector, The Revd Jo Winn-Smith, and begin this exciting new chapter in the life of our parish. We'll share further details about the building works over the coming weeks, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to St George's once the work is complete.

Old St George's Church - The church will open on Saturday 19 September for Heritage Open Days 2026 with guided tours at 11am & 2pm.

Pet Service - This Service of Prayer for the animals that are our friends and companions will take place at St George's on Sunday 20 September at 4pm. We'll be fundraising for the Swan Sanctuary in Shepperton. This will be the last service in the church until the flooring works have been completed.

Harvest Thanksgiving - This service will be at Christ Church on Sunday 4 October. Harvest donations will be given to the Lower Green Community Centre. For their Emergency Food Store requirements refer to the harvest flyer or harvest page on the parish website.

Book Group - We had a lively discussion of *The Penelopiad* on Monday. Our next two meetings will be on Monday 12 October and Monday 9 November. For October, we agreed to read *Theo of Golden*, by Allen Levi: for November, we'll read Melanie McDonagh's book *Converts: From Oscar Wilde to Muriel Spark, Why So Many Became Catholic in the 20th Century*. Plenty of notice on the date, as the subject may be of particular interest.

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, Myfanwy Tranmer, Christine Steeds

RIP Anniversaries: John Mitchell, Hilda Brown, Norma Bowles, Margaret Williams, Geoff Walker, Dorothy McGuire, Eileen Lock, Janet Thirtle, Peter Meade, Cynthia Collis, John MacLeod, Jonathon Meckiffe, Graham Beetlestone

Baptism: Oliver Luca Kemp

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

September		Time	Reading
Monday	21		1 Kings 19.15-end, Ps 49, 2 Timothy 3.14-end
Tuesday	22		1 Kings 13.11-end, Ps 48, Acts 19.21-end
Wednesday	23		1 Kings 17, Ps 119.57-80, Acts 20.1-16
Thursday	24	10am	1 Kings 18.1-20, Ps 57, Acts 20.17-end
Friday	25		1 Kings 18.21-end, Ps 51, Acts 21.1-16

LOOKING AHEAD

September		Time	Event
Sunday	20	9am	Eucharist & Holy Baptism, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
		4pm	Pet Service, St George's Church
Monday	21	7pm-9pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Wednesday	23	All day	Parish Office closed
		7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Thursday	24	10am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
Sunday	27	10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	28	7pm-9pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Wednesday	30	7.30pm	Institution Service of Revd Joanna Winn-Smith, Christ Church

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	Parish Office Christ Church, Church Street, Esher KT10 8QS Tel 01372 462282 Email office@esherparish.org.uk Parish Administrator Melanie Williams Office Hours 9.30am to 3.45pm, Monday to Wednesday & Friday 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 10am on the preceding Tuesday. Thank you.	