

# PARISH OF ESHER

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

*Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love*

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

22 SEPTEMBER 2024

## CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion	Led by Revd Janice Price at 9am at St George's Church (SG)
Preacher	Revd Janice Price
Reading, Prayers	Bridget Williams
Musician	Oliver Macfarlane
Parish Communion (live streamed)	Led by Revd Janice Price at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Janice Price
Churchwarden	Jane Tyrrell
Sidespeople	Sean Seymour-Cole, Karen Sarkissian
Reading, Prayers	Brian Elliott, David Stark
Refreshments	Sue Dunne, Janie McCulloch
Musicians	Oliver Macfarlane, Josie Griffin

## SERVICE MUSIC

Opening music	<i>Chorale &amp; Var. II from 'Sei gegrüßet, Jesu gütig', BWV 768 (Bach)</i>
SG / CC hymns	584 (omit v4), 546, 644 / 584, 546, 644
SG / CC settings	Addington / Coulson
Anthem	<i>My eyes for beauty pine (Howells)</i>
Closing music	<i>Organo pleno from 'Sei gegrüßet, Jesu gütig', BWV 768 (Bach)</i>

## 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

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 James 3.13-4.3, 7-8a**

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

**GOSPEL Mark 9.30-37**

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

## ADDITIONAL LECTIONARY TEXTS

### PSALM 54

- 1 Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause.
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.
- 3 For the arrogant have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God.
- 4 Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.
- 5 Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.
- 6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.
- 7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

### READING Jeremiah 11.18-20

It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, 'Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!' But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

### READING Wisdom 1.16-2.1, 12-22

The ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death; considering him a friend, they pined away and made a covenant with him, because they are fit to belong to his company. For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves, 'Short and sorrowful is our life, and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end, and no one has been known to return from Hades. 'Let us lie in wait for the righteous man, because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions; he reproaches us for sins against the law, and accuses us of sins against our training. He professes to have knowledge of God, and calls himself a child of the Lord. He became to us a reproof of our thoughts; the very sight of him is a burden to us, because his manner of life is unlike that of others, and his ways are strange. We are considered by him as something base, and he avoids our ways as unclean; he calls the last end of the righteous happy, and boasts that God is his father. Let us see if his words are true, and let us test what will happen at the end of his life; for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him, and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries. Let us test him with insult and torture, so that we may find out how gentle he is, and make trial of his forbearance. Let us condemn him to a shameful death, for, according to what he says, he will be protected.' Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray, for their wickedness blinded them, and they did not know the secret purposes of God, nor hoped for the wages of holiness, nor discerned the prize for blameless souls.

Parish of Esher youth  
and the Lower Green community

Saturday 28 September, 10am-1pm

# Harvest

# CRAZY CRAFTS

Lower Green Community Centre  
Farm Road, Esher



**We warmly invite you to our free  
Harvest community crafting event!**

Come anytime 10am-1pm to the Lower Green Community Centre (Recreation Ground, KT10 8AU) and make amazing Harvest themed creations – paper plate animals, pom-poms, animal cards and a lot more! Entry is free, the cafe will be open and kids get a goodie bag. Please look after your children at all times.



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## PARISH NOTICES

**Thank You** - To Revd Janice Price, for visiting us today and leading our services. It was a joy to worship with you.

**Macmillan Coffee Morning** - This year we are supporting the annual Macmillan Coffee Morning fundraising drive this Sunday at our post-service refreshments.

**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.

**Harvest Thanksgiving** - We're holding services at St George's Church and Christ Church on Sunday 6 October. All harvest donations will be given to the Lower Green Community Centre. For details of specific needs please go to the harvest page on the Parish website.

**Harvest Crazy Crafts** - Join us at Lower Green Community Centre on Saturday 28 September for our autumn community crafting extravaganza! Come anytime 10am-1pm to make harvest themed creations – paper plate animals, pom-poms, animal cards and more! Entry is free, the cafe will be open and kids get a goodie bag. Please look after your children at all times.

**Sunday School** - We'll explore ways in which we can serve others (and ourselves as creations of God) and the fun we can have making sense of the often tricky things Jesus taught us - things aren't always what we think they are.

**Fellowship Group** - The next meeting will be in Christ Church on Wednesday 2 October at 10.30am. We welcome all to pray, to reflect on their faith and to put the world to rights!

**The Bishops' Camino 2024** - Join Bishop Paul and Bishop Andrew on Saturday 12 October as they walk through the Surrey countryside to raise funds for the Bishop of Guildford's Communities Fund. To sign-up to walk see: [www.cofeguildford.org.uk/mission/growing-community/bishop-of-guildfords-communities-fund/](http://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/mission/growing-community/bishop-of-guildfords-communities-fund/)

**Vicky Jenkins** - It is with such sadness that we received news from Margaret Miller, Vicky's friend, that she has passed away. Vicky has been a long-standing and active member of our community. She will be much missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and all her friends.

The funeral will take place in Christ Church and is planned for Friday 11 October, 11am.

**Anne Williams** - We have been informed that Anne, who for many years was a faithful member of our congregation, has died. Her funeral was held earlier this month. We hold Anne and her husband Bill in our prayers.

**Rector Update** - We are pleased to let you know that Darren will be returning from adoption leave earlier than originally planned on Tuesday 5 November. We, of course, look forward to welcoming him back, but we ask for your understanding in giving him time to catch up and settle back in.

**Book Group** - On Monday 30 September, 4pm, we'll discuss Carlo Levi's memoir of southern Italy in the 1930s – *Christ stopped at Eboli*. For details contact Revd Jonathan Andrew – 01372 464380 / [jandrewsher@gmail.com](mailto:jandrewsher@gmail.com).

**Music on the Green** - Last week's concert, blending continental Baroque with Scottish folk music, was a great success and can be watched back on the MOTG YouTube channel. Our next concert on Wednesday 16 October, 1.15pm, at Christ Church will be a cello and piano recital, featuring music by Britten and his teacher Frank Bridge as well as a recently composed Cello Sonata by William Harmer, who will himself be our pianist, accompanying the cellist Gabriel Francis-Dehqani. Light lunch from 12.30pm.

**Especially Now** - This exhibition of paintings of places across England, by Flin McCulloch, runs until Sunday 22 September, 10am to 4pm, at the Riverhouse Barn Arts Centre.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Elizabeth Arnold, Michael Newbould, Gilly Barrett, Allen Palmer, Pam & Jim Green, George Raine, Katherine S, Keith Howell-Jones, John Cheetham, Sebastian, Armand Sarkissian, Ruramayi, Karen Harris, David Gerrard

RIP Anniversaries: John Allen, Hilda Brown, Norma Bowles, Margaret Williams (Dr), Geoff Walker, Dorothy McGuire, Eileen Lock, Janet Thirtle, Peter Meade, Cynthia Collis, John MacLeod, Charles Orr, Leslie Norris, Bill Stevens, Betty Taylor

RIP: Wadad Gorton, Anne Williams, Vicky Jenkins

## BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

September		Time	Reading
Monday	23		1 Kings 21, Ps 71, Acts 21.37-22.21
Tuesday	24		1 Kings 22.1-28, Ps 73, Acts 22.22-23.11
Wednesday	25		1 Kings 22.29-end, Ps 77, Acts 23.12-end
Thursday	26	9.30-10.30am	2 Kings 1.2-17, Ps 78.1-39, Acts 24.1-23
Friday	27		2 Kings 2.1-18, Ps 55, Acts 24.24-25.12

## LOOKING AHEAD

September		Time	Event
Sunday	22	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	23	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Wednesday	25	All day	Parish Office closed
		7pm	Bellringing practice
Thursday	26	9.30am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
Saturday	28	10am-1pm	Harvest Crazy Crafts, Lower Green Community Centre
Sunday	29	10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	30	4pm	Book Group, Christ Church
		7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
October		Time	Event
Wednesday	2	10.30am	Fellowship Group, Christ Church
		7pm	Bellringing practice

## CONTACTS

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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 10am on the preceding Tuesday. Thank you.