

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

PENTECOST

24 MAY 2026

CHURCH SERVICES

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| Holy Communion (live streamed) | Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 9am at St George's (SG) |
| Preacher | Revd Jonathan Andrew |
| Churchwarden | Charles Hawkshaw-Burn |
| Reading, Prayers | Veronica Whittall, Bridget Williams |
| Musician | Stuart Whatton |
| Parish Communion (live streamed) | Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC) |
| Preacher | Revd Jonathan Andrew |
| Churchwarden | Will Stevens |
| Sidespeople | Angela Sweet, Gavin Bradley |
| Reading, Prayers | Jill Woolgar, Martin Fuller |
| Musicians | Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane, Robert Cunningham, Thomas Doolan |
| Refreshments | Wendy Tanqueray |

SERVICE MUSIC

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| Opening music | <i>Variation III from Concert Variations, Op. 1 (Bonnet)</i> |
| SG & CC hymns | 238, 258, 630 |
| SG / CC settings | Addington / Reneau |
| Communion anthem | <i>Come, thou Holy Spirit, come</i> (Richard J Clark) |
| Closing music | <i>Tocatta in D minor, BWV 565 (Bach)</i> |

COLLECT

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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 Acts 2.1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my

Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

GOSPEL John 20.19-23

It was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

Other Lectionary Texts

Numbers 11.24-30

Psalm 104.26-end

1 Corinthians 12.3b-13

John 7.37-39

PARISH NOTICES

Vacancy Update - We are now live with our second advertisement in the Church Times. We ask for your continued prayers as we look forward to appointing a new Rector. The closing date for applications is 27 May, and we will shortlist, assuming suitable applicants, in early June.

Sunday School - To celebrate Pentecost, we'll make crowns with special decorations to mark the arrival of the Holy Spirit on earth.

Churchwarden's Visitation Service - Once elected every Churchwarden must attend a visitation service, where they're authorised in their role by an Archdeacon. Our elected Churchwardens, Will Stevens and Fraser McGuicken, will attend a service on Monday 22 June, 7.30pm, at St John's Church, West Byfleet, KT14 6EH. Everyone can attend.

Parish Giving Scheme - Recently we sent an invitation about the Church of England's Parish Giving Scheme to those registered to receive emails. To understand how it works go to the website www.parishgiving.org.uk/, or talk to the office and/or PCC members. There are paper leaflets and forms in both churches. We'll also send the email again.

Esher May Fair - This wonderful event saw our church buzzing with activities and visitors alike. Our two churches pulled together to produce a most enjoyable and entertaining afternoon. Huge thanks to everyone for whatever part you played in making the Esher May Fair a success. Especially Music (Stuart), Bells (Ann), Children (Kath), making/eating cakes, tea pouring, clearing up – you know who you are! Without our volunteers none of this is possible. We'll let you know the total raised shortly.

Flower Coordinator - We are still looking for a volunteer to take over the Christ Church Flower team as soon as possible. Carol has kindly offered to explain what's involved.

Pentecost - This Sunday, 24 May, is the Feast of Pentecost. As red is the liturgical colour associated with the Holy Spirit it would be very lovely if there was a 'sea' of red clothes to be seen in our church services!

The Chosen - The next showing will be for four weeks commencing next week on Tuesday 26 May at 7.30pm in Christ Church.

Sunday 31 May - There will be services both at St George's and at Christ Church on this day. This is because we had a joint Ascension Day service on Sunday 17 May ahead of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in Christ Church.

Confirmation - Kath Chapman will present Annabelle & Thomas Doolan for confirmation by the acting Bishop of Guildford at Guildford Cathedral at a service on Saturday 23 May at 7pm. Stuart Whatton and Barbara Wadley have been invited to lead the music during communion. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Parish Office - The office will be closed June 1-5 incl. If you need urgent assistance during this time, please contact the churchwardens.

Fellowship Group - The next meeting will be in Christ Church at 10.30am on Wednesday 3 June.

Peace & Contemplation - 'The Wonder of Faith' on Thursday 4 June, 8pm, at Christ Church. Join us for an hour of peace with inspiring readings, beautiful music and reflective silence. Enjoy this time to relax.

Book Group - We'll discuss *The Life and Death of St Kilda* by Tom Steel at our next meeting on Monday 8 June.

Music on the Green - Join us on Wednesday 17 June, 1.15pm, to enjoy our next monthly lunchtime concert, which is planned to be jazz-focused. Our renowned light lunch will be available from 12.30pm

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: Susan Garrett, Winifred Brookes, Roger Seekings, Michael Gilmore, Peter Dickson, James Howard, Alice Biden, Sheila Haslett, Peter Welham, Joyce Simms

RIP: Gloria Fox, Elspeth Fraser

Banns of Marriage: William Peter Gains & Elspeth Grace Louise Allen
Lewis Paul Casserley & Hannah Louise Relfe

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

| | May | Time | Reading |
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| | Monday | 25 | Joshua 1, Ps 126, Luke 9.18-27 |
| | Tuesday | 26 | Joshua 2, Ps 132, Luke 9.28-36 |
| | Wednesday | 27 | Joshua 3, Ps 119.153-end, Luke 9.37-50 |
| | Thursday | 28 | 10am Joshua 4.1-5.1, Ps 143, Luke 9.51-end |
| | Friday | 29 | Joshua 5.2-end, Ps 144, Luke 10.1-16 |

LOOKING AHEAD

| | May | Time | Event |
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| | Sunday | 24 | 9am Holy Communion, St George's |
| | | | 10.30am Parish Communion, Christ Church |
| | Monday | 25 | All day Spring Bank Holiday |
| | | | No choir practice |
| | Tuesday | 26 | 7.30pm Screening of The Chosen, Christ Church |
| | Wednesday | 27 | 7.30pm Bellringing practice, Christ Church |
| | Thursday | 28 | All day Parish Office closed |
| | | | 10am Morning Prayer, Zoom |
| | Sunday | 31 | 9am Holy Communion, St George's |
| | | | 10.30am Parish Communion, Christ Church |

CONTACTS

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