

# PARISH OF ESHER

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

*Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

26 APRIL 2026

## CHURCH SERVICES

Patronal Eucharist	Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 9am at St George's (SG)
Preacher	Revd Jonathan Andrew
Churchwarden	Charles Hawkshaw-Burn
Reading, Prayers	Juliet Philip
Musician	Stuart Whatton
Parish Communion (live streamed)	Led by Revd Judith Roberts at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Judith Roberts
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Sean Seymour-Cole, Angela Sweet
Reading, Prayers	Gavin Bradley, Jan Sayer
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Theo Tang
Refreshments	Wendy Tanqueray, Julia Forrest

## SERVICE MUSIC

Opening music	<i>Adagio from Fantaisie in C, Op. 16</i> (Franck)
SG / CC hymns	216, 422, 576 / 216, 207, 220
SG / CC settings	Addington / Coulson
Communion anthem	<i>Now the green blade riseth</i> (French trad, arr Lindley)
Closing music	<i>Prelude &amp; Fugue in G, BWV 557</i> (Bach)

## COLLECT

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice  
and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ  
to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us  
to lay down his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
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 2.42-end

Many were baptized and were added to the community.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

## GOSPEL John 10.1-10

Jesus said to the Pharisees:

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

### Other Lectionary Texts

Genesis 7

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2.19-end

## PARISH NOTICES

**Thank you** - To Revd Judith Roberts, for visiting us and leading our 10.30am service. It is a joy to worship with you.

**St George's Church, West End** - On Sunday, we will mark our beloved Tin Tabernacle's Patronal Festival. In the 9am Eucharist we'll celebrate this little church's special role in the life of West End people and look to George, its Patron Saint, as an example of heroic faith. Everyone is welcome.

**Vacancy Update** - We are pleased to confirm that we're now advertising again in the Church Times 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** - To demonstrate our community in Christ, we'll be making some sheep finger puppets and playing hide and seek with them to show that Jesus will always come to our rescue in times of trouble.

**Youth Group** - For our next meeting, Friday 1 May, 5.30-7pm, at Christ Church, we'll be learning about the Drama Triangle and Winners' Triangle – how to spot them and how to navigate from one to the other, moving from conflict to peace.

**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.

**The Chosen** - The next showing will be for four weeks commencing Tuesday 26 May.

**Parish Office** - The office will be closed May 4-5, 8 and 11-12. If you need any assistance during this time, please contact the churchwardens.

**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.

**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. If you can help let Ann, Sandra, Bridget and Will know or sign-up on the sheets in church.

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

**Music on the Green** - Join us on Wednesday 20 May, 1.15pm, to hear the Vita Nova Piano Trio in a programme of Beethoven and Schumann. Our renowned 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: Martin Moreton, William Pearson, John Daley, David Wigley, Ian Dewar Mary Bedford, Edna Chambers

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

Banns of Marriage: 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/May		Time	Reading
Monday	27		Exodus 32.1-14, Ps 103, Luke 2.41-end
Tuesday	28		Exodus 32.15-34, Ps 139, Luke 3.1-14
Wednesday	29		Exodus 33, Ps 135, Luke 3.15-22
Thursday	30	10am	Exodus 34.1-10, 27-end; Ps 118; Luke 4.1-13
Friday	1		Proverbs 4.10-18, Ps 139, James 1.1-12

## LOOKING AHEAD

April		Time	Event
Sunday	26	9am	Patronal Eucharist, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	27	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Tuesday	28	2pm	Funeral of Stella Lynn, Randalls Park Crematorium
Wednesday	29	10am	Funeral of John Bentley, Long Ditton Cemetery
		7.30pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	16	All day	Parish Office closed
		10am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
May		Time	Event
Friday	1	Midday	Memorial Service for John Bentley, Christ Church
		5.30pm	Youth Group, Christ Church

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