

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

26 OCTOBER 2025

CHURCH SERVICE

Holy Communion	Led by Canon Richard Truss at 9am at St George's West End (SG)
Preacher	Canon Richard Truss
Churchwarden	Charles Hawkshaw-Burn
Reading, Prayers	Joan Trower, Jackie Andrew
Musician	Stuart Whatton
Parish Communion (live streamed)	Led by Canon Richard Truss at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Canon Richard Truss
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Julia Forrest, Bob Lonnon
Reading, Prayers	Stewart Henderson, Jane Tyrrell
Refreshments	Janie McCulloch, Wendy Tanqueray
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane

SERVICE MUSIC

Opening music	<i>Chorale-Improvisation 'O Gott, du frommer Gott' (Karg-Elert)</i>
SG / CC hymns	507, 383, 584 (omit v2) / 507, 383, 584
SG / CC settings	Addington / Coulson
Communion anthem	<i>In God's word will I rejoice (Purcell)</i>
Closing music	<i>Allegro di molto from Sonata in D (C P E Bach)</i>

THE COLLECT

Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy
of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and 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 4.6-8, 16-18

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL Luke 18.9-14

Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

Other Lectionary Texts

Joel 2.23-end

Psalm 65

Ecclesiasticus 35.12-17

Jeremiah 14.7-10, 19-end

Psalm 84.1-7

PARISH NOTICES

Thank You - To Canon Richard Truss, for visiting us today and leading our services. It is a joy to worship with you.

Sunday School - Our activity this Sunday will be on humility and we'll be creating (and racing!) some very humble caterpillars!

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 - On Sunday 9 November, at 9am, there will be a Holy Communion Service in George's, West End. 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 recently. We can now confirm her funeral will be in Christ Church on Thursday 13 November at 1.15pm. All who knew her will be welcome. Please hold Jennifer in your prayers, together with all who mourn her loss.

Esher Church School - Following a recent meeting with Faith Prefects at Esher Church School, we have been learning about the impact their role is having on them. Feedback from the children included, "It's like church business but at school - talking about Jesus and God and stories from the Bible"; "We make sure everyone is kind to each other whether they have a faith or not" and "It makes me feel that my faith is important. It makes me feel closer to God."

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.

Youth Group - Our next meeting will be on Friday 7 November, 5.30pm, in Christ Church.

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 Date! - Instead of our usual Christmas lunch this year, we will host a Parish Epiphany lunch celebration at West End Village Hall on Sunday 18 January. 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: Kathleen Thompson, Clive Craigmile, Lucy Knight, Rosemary Saunders, Patrick Townend, Sheelagh Daley, Zak Gillard, Peter Knight

RIP: Claire Trepess, Pam Green, Margaret Pattenden, Jennifer Meade

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

October		Time	Reading
Monday	27		1 Maccabees 6.1-17, Ps 98, John 13.1-11
Tuesday	28		Wisdom 5.1-16, Ps 116, Luke 6.12-16
Wednesday	29		1 Maccabees 7.1-20, Ps 111, John 13.21-30
Thursday	30	9.30am	1 Maccabees 7.21-end, Ps 115, John 13.31-end
Friday	31		1 Maccabees 9.1-22, Ps 139, John 14.1-14

LOOKING AHEAD

October		Time	Event
Sunday	26	2am	Greenwich Mean Time starts (clocks go back)
		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
Thursday	30	All day	Parish Office closed
		9.30am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
November		Time	Event
Sunday	2	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
		4.30pm	All Souls' Service, Christ Church
Monday	3	4pm	Book Group, Christ Church
		7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church

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