

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

28 JUNE 2026

CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion	Led by Revd Katherine Miller at 9am at St George's (SG)
Preacher	Revd Katherine Miller
Churchwarden	Charles Hawkshaw-Burn
Reading, Prayers	Peter Bedford
Musician	Stuart Whatton
Eucharist & Holy Baptism (live streamed)	Led by Revd Katherine Miller at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Katherine Miller
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Sean Seymour-Cole, Helen Griffin
Reading	Colin Martin
Musicians	Stuart Whatton
Refreshments	Sia Marshall, Janie McCulloch

SERVICE MUSIC

Opening music	<i>Chorale Prelude 'Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier', BWV 731 (Bach)</i>
SG / CC hymns	362, 566, 810 / 341, 566, 810
SG / CC settings	Addington / Coulson
Communion anthem	<i>Cantate Domino (Pitoni)</i>
Closing music	<i>Postlude in G, Op. 105 no. 2 (Stanford)</i>

COLLECT

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God,
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,
that all the world may acknowledge
the kingdom of your Son 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 Romans 6.12-end

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL Matthew 10.40-end

Jesus said to the twelve:

'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple – truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

Other Lectionary Texts

Genesis 22.1-14

Psalm 13

Jeremiah 28.5-9

Psalm 89.1-4, 15-18

PARISH NOTICES

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

Vacancy Update - We're looking forward to the Rector interviews next Wednesday and Thursday and would be grateful for your prayers as we seek God's guidance during this important stage of the appointment process. As is standard recruitment practice we cannot share further details. We will, however, update the church family and share more information as soon as we can.

Sunday School - This week we'll be looking at the core messages of Jesus, focusing on unconditional love and a little rewrite of the wonderful book, *No Matter What*.

Christ Church Cleaning - Volunteers are needed for a general deep clean and tidy of Christ Church on Friday 17 July (9.30am-3pm) and Saturday 18 July (9.30am-1pm). Long extendable brushes, gloves and hand-held hoovers will be an advantage. Buckets and refreshments will be provided. If you can help please sign-up in church and/or speak with Hilary Greaves 07710 324038.

Parish Giving Scheme - We're now using the Church of England's Parish Giving Scheme for all contributions and one-off donations. If you have any questions please ask Fraser, Will, Charles, Sandra or the Parish Office. For full details please refer to the PGS website at www.parishgiving.org.uk/.

Flower Coordinator - We are still looking for a volunteer flower rota coordinator for Christ Church to take over from Carol Calvert. To know what's involved please get in touch with Carol. In the meantime we're arranging a rota with the volunteers we have. The more people on the rota the easier it will be for everyone. To join the rota please contact Helen Coulson 07506 701454. Thank you.

Rectory Fun Day - Before the July interviews we're giving the Rectory a tidy-up on Saturday 27 June, 9am to 12 noon. If you're able to join the working party, please let Fraser McGuicken know. As a note, we're also maintaining the garden on a monthly basis thanks to donations.

Youth Group - For our last meeting before the summer, we'll think about how things are not always as they seem by experimenting with photography and photoshop magic.

Fellowship Group - We'll meet in Christ Church on Wednesday 8 July at 10.30am.

Book Group - On Monday 13 July, 4pm, in Christ Church, we'll discuss *Madame Bovary* by Gustave Flaubert. In 1856 the French government brought an action against the book's publisher and author on a charge of immorality. We'll reflect on the merits of this classic and changing moralities. We'll break for summer, resuming on Monday 14 September.

Bishop Paul at Holy Trinity, Claygate - On Tuesday 14 July, 7.30pm-9pm, Bishop Paul invites everyone to his gathering to understand his key priorities for the next two years. These being prayer, pastoral care and a focus on our 'priority of priorities' - deepening discipleship, revitalisation and investing wholeheartedly in children and young people. There will be:

- An opportunity to meet him at reception
- Praise-filled worship led by the Youth Catalyst Team and local musicians.
- A celebration of what God is doing in each parish, shared through faith-building stories.

Music on the Green - For our last lunchtime recital before the summer break, we'll be at Old St George's Church on Wednesday 15 July. The cello and piano duo of Aleksandra Pykacz and Hiroko Yamamoto will offer a summery all-French repertoire, from Debussy and Satie to Charles Aznavour and Edith Piaf. Light lunch from 12.30pm, music from 1.15pm.

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

RIP Anniversaries: Monty Doggett, Jean Rutland, Roy Owen, Enid Mitchener, Florence Janes, Eleanor Mitchell

RIP: Brian Jeffries, Lynn Besant

Baptism: Oscar William Roberts-Dowd

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

June/July		Time	Reading
Monday	29		Isaiah 49.1-6, Ps 113, Acts 11.1-18
Tuesday	30		Judges 14, Ps 89.1-18, Luke 18.1-14
Wednesday	1		Judges 15.1-16.3, Ps 119.105-128, Luke 18.15-30
Thursday	2	10am	Judges 16.4-end, Ps 92, Luke 18.31-end
Friday	3		2 Samuel 15.17-21, Ps 92, John 11.1-16

LOOKING AHEAD

June		Time	Event
Saturday	27	9am	Rectory Fun Day
Sunday	28	9am	Holy Communion, St George's
		10.30am	Eucharist & Holy Baptism, Christ Church
Monday	29	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Tuesday	30	8pm	Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting, Christ Church
Wednesday	1	All day	Parish Office closed
		9am	Rector Applicants Tour of Esher
		6pm	Rector Applicants Supper, Christ Church
		7.30pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
July		Time	Event
Thursday	2	All day	Parish Office closed
		9am	Rector Applicants Interviews, Christ Church
		10am	Morning Prayer, Zoom

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