



Easter

PARISH OF ESHER

Christ Church, Esher with St George's, West End



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of the rising moon
shone supreme..*

Good Friday will come before Easter Sunday this year. It always does, of course. It's just that in 2022 it's perhaps a bit more difficult to ignore that essential order of things. After two years of Covid loss and death – plus the ongoing catastrophes in Ukraine, Afghanistan, Syria and elsewhere – Easter hope must, now more than ever, travel through Good Friday despair, and not around it.

Which is to say that if Easter joy is to be anything other than wishful thinking it must grapple with the world as it is and not just as we would want it to be. It cannot overlook the horror, either of the first Good Friday, or of those enduring unspeakable suffering today. In short, it must face the darkness.

One man who confronted that reality was the Christian preacher and civil rights activist Martin Luther King. After years of struggle against the evils of segregation, and with the threat of deadly violence hanging over him, he shared these thoughts with his friends one night:

'We have experiences when the light of day vanishes, leaving us in some dark and desolate midnight – moments when our highest hopes are turned into shambles of despair .. and we feel that there is no light anywhere.' And yet, he acknowledged – as he looked to the horizon – there 'in the east the radiant light of the rising moon shone supreme.'

That, as one of the Gospel writers put it, is the light the darkness does not overcome, but rather reveals. That is our Easter hope.

Revd Darren McCallig
Rector of Esher

Easter Blessings

MAY YOU KNOW THE
JOY & PEACE OF THE RISEN CHRIST



Easter Greetings from the Rector
and all at Christ Church in Esher
and St George's in West End

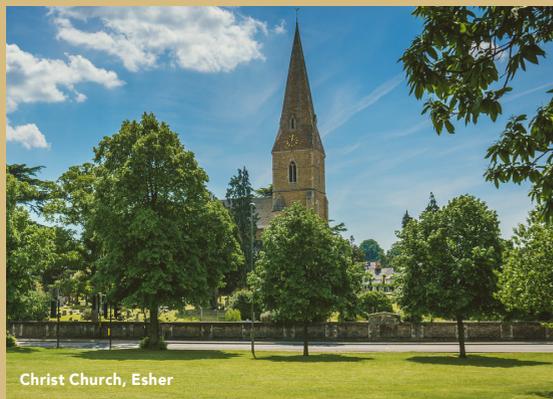
All Are Welcome

The Parish of Esher is for everyone. On Sundays we explore the riches of the Christian spiritual tradition through music and words, 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 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 9am 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.

As well as the church services, there's a range of other activities and programmes: a monthly lunchtime concert series, Music on the Green; book groups, study groups and prayer groups; regular 'Friends' coffee mornings; and much more besides.

Check out our website www.esherparish.org.uk for more information.



Palm Sunday, 10 April

Palm Sunday Services

9.00am, St George's, West End

10.30am, Christ Church, Esher

A Concert for Palm Sunday

7.00pm, Christ Church, Esher

Tuesday, 12 April

Wednesday, 13 April

Music in the Tower

1.00pm & 8.00pm, Christ Church

Places are limited so please book ahead.

Maundy Thursday, 14 April

Maundy Thursday Service

8.00pm, Christ Church, Esher

Good Friday, 15 April

Good Friday Service

2.00pm, Christ Church, Esher

Easter Sunday, 17 April

Easter Sunday Services

9.00am, St George's, West End

10.30am, Christ Church, Esher

Please check the Parish website or contact the Parish Office for the latest Covid precautions.



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