

# PARISH OF ESHER

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

*Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love*

FIRST SUNDAY OF TRINITY

2 JUNE 2024

## CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion	Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 9am at St George's (SG)
Preacher	Revd Jonathan Andrew
Reading, Prayers	Jackie Andrew, Juliet Philip
Musician	Barbara Wadley
All Age Eucharist	Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Jonathan Andrew
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Bob Lonnon, Will Stevens
Reading, Prayers	The Petri family, Kath Chapman
Refreshments	Janie McCulloch, Jennifer Meade
Musician	Stuart Whatton

## SERVICE MUSIC

Opening music	<i>Adagio from Fantaisie in C</i> (Franck)
SG / CC hymns	649, 437, 422 / 436, 446, 422
SG / CC settings	Addington / Coulson
Post sermon music	<i>Listen To Your Heart</i> (Hans-Günther Heumann)
Anthem	<i>Simple Gifts</i> (arr. Llewellyn)
Closing music	<i>Fanfare</i> (Leighton)

## THE COLLECT

God of truth,  
help us to keep your law of love  
and to walk in ways of wisdom,  
that we may find true life  
in Jesus Christ your Son  
**Amen.**

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal Father,  
we thank you for nourishing us  
with these heavenly gifts:  
may our communion strengthen us in faith,  
build us up in hope,  
and make us grow in love;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Welcome to the Parish

The Parish of Esher is for everyone.

The two church buildings, Christ Church in Esher and St George's in West End, have been beacons of faith, hope and love in Esher for well over a century.

Generations have come through the doors to celebrate their marriages, welcome their new-borns and grieve their losses – all of it embraced by the beauty of the worship offered in these houses of prayer week in and week out.

On Sundays we explore the riches of the Christian spiritual tradition 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. All of us belong here.

You can also 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 9.00am 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.

You are very welcome.

## READING 1 Samuel 3.1-10

The boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

## GOSPEL Mark 2.23-end

One sabbath Jesus was going through the cornfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, 'Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?' And he said to them, 'Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.' Then he said to them, 'The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.'

## ADDITIONAL LECTIONARY TEXTS

### PSALM 139.1-5, 12-17

- 1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvellously made; your works are wonderful and I know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! how great is the sum of them!
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

## READING Deuteronomy 5.12-15

The Lord says this: Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work – you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

## PARISH NOTICES

**Music on the Green** - The next lunchtime concert will be at Old St George's Church on Wednesday 19 June, 1.15 pm. Our visiting musicians will be the Baudelaire Trio (violin, cello, piano). They will mark the centenary of Fauré's death with his Piano Trio in D minor, plus music by Piazzolla and Lili Boulanger. Free concert, light lunch from 12.30pm.

**Sunday School** - Our All Age creche will be at the back of Christ Church as usual, with colouring and puzzles for the children.

**Youth Group** - We look forward to welcoming our lovely Youth Group to Christ Church this Sunday evening at 4.30pm when we'll create vision boards - great for encouraging deep thinking about what we want out of life.

### Prayer points

Prayer points from Esher Church School.

*Pray that the Early Years pupils make good friendships, talk kindly and be inclusive, especially when new children come into the school.*

*Pray Key Stage 1 pupils will be patient with themselves as they navigate their tests. Pray for their forthcoming trips and that they have fun.*

*Pray that Year 6 pupils focus and enjoy their SATS. That they make happy memories in their last term and cope with their feelings about starting at their next school.*

**Fellowship Group** - The next meeting will be in Christ Church at 11am on Wednesday 5 June. We welcome all to pray, to reflect on their faith and to put the world to rights! Why not come a bit earlier to join everyone for coffee?

**Book Group** - At the next meeting on Monday 24 June, 4pm, we'll discuss Graham Greene's humorous novel *Travels with my Aunt*. To know more please contact Revd Jonathan Andrew – 01372 464380 / jandrewesher@gmail.com.

**Peace & Contemplation** - The Wonder of Love. Now Thursday 18 July, 8pm, at Christ Church. An evening of inspiring readings, beautiful music and reflective silence. All are welcome.

**'Ring Out for Peace'** - On Thursday 6 June churches and cathedrals across the country will ring their bells at 6.30pm. This initiative will commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D-Day Landings, the largest amphibious invasion in history, liberating the northwest of Europe from Nazi occupation. Our own tower at Christ Church has a band who will ring to mark this anniversary in Esher. Thank you.

**Christ Church Cedar Tree** - The tree by the car park will be reduced on Tuesday 4 June. Please avoid using the car park on that day.

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting** - The APCM took place in Christ Church on Sunday 18 May. It went well, with the Churchwardens and two PCC members re-elected, and one new PCC member. There were a few questions, so after completing the required formalities the meeting finished in good time. We thank our staff team and all our volunteers who ensure our services and activities take place, our churches are maintained and we can continue to serve our local community.

**Holy Communion** - The sacrament is distributed by 'simultaneous administration' – the priest touches the communion wafer in to the wine surface before giving it to the communicant.

**'Zoom' Morning Prayer & Zoffee!** - Morning Prayer continues each Thursday at 9.30am. To join please contact the Parish Office.

**Parish Office** - Melanie will be on leave on Wednesday 5 June so the Parish Office will be closed for two days. If you need any help please contact the churchwardens. Christ Church will still be open each day.

**Darren** - The Rector's Adoption Leave will continue until Tuesday 20 November 2024. We pray that Darren and his wife have the time and space to grow and enjoy their new family. For all enquiries please do contact the Churchwardens or the Parish Office.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Elizabeth Arnold, Michael Newbould, Pam & Jim Green, Gilly Barrett, Allen Palmer, George Raine, Katherine S, Keith Howell-Jones, Sebastian, Hazel Harding, John Cheetham, Armand Sarkissian, Vicky Jenkins

RIP Anniversaries: Maureen Tkach, Leslie King, John Knight, Dennis Body, David Archer, Lesley Denny

RIP: Joyce Page, Maria Dawn Danclar-Doody, Jennifer Simmons

## BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

June		Time	Reading
Monday	3		Joshua 14, Ps 30, Luke 12.1-12
Tuesday	4		Joshua 21.43-22.8, Ps 36, Luke 12.13-21
Wednesday	5		Joshua 22.9-end, Ps 34, Luke 12.22-31
Thursday	6	9.30-10.30am	Joshua 23, Ps 37, Luke 12.32-40
Friday	7		Joshua 24.1-28, Ps 31, Luke 12.41-48

## LOOKING AHEAD

June		Time	Event
Sunday	2	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	All Age Eucharist, Christ Church
		4.30pm	Youth Group, Christ Church
Monday	3	7.15pm	Choir practice
Tuesday	4	All day	Reduction of cedar tree, Christ Church
Wednesday	5	All day	Parish Office closed
		11am	Fellowship Group, Christ Church
		7pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	6	All day	Parish Office closed
		9.30am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
		6.30pm	'Ring Out for Peace' Commemoration of the D-Day Landings 80th Anniversary, Christ Church
Sunday	9	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	10	7.15pm	Choir practice

## CONTACTS

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**Parish Administrator** Melanie Williams **Office Hours** 9am to 3.15pm, Monday to Wednesday & Friday

**Live Streaming** Please be aware that all services held at Christ Church are live streamed via our YouTube channel.

Please submit information and notices for inclusion in the Sunday pewsheet by midday on the preceding Wednesday. Thank you.