

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

4 AUGUST 2024

CHURCH SERVICES	
Holy Communion	Led by Revd Darren McCallig at 9am at St George's Church (SG)
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Reading, Prayers	Stephen Lee
Musician	Rowan Marshall
Parish Communion	Led by Revd Darren McCallig at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Churchwarden	Helen Coulson
Sidespeople	Jane Tyrrell, Valerie Msoka
Reading, Prayers	Valerie Msoka, Jane Tyrrell
Refreshments	Sandra Argent, Sue Dunne
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane, Rowan Marshall
SERVICE MUSIC	
Opening music	<i>Adagio e mesto from Sonata no. 1 in D (C P E Bach)</i>
SG & CC hymns	545, 631, 739
SG / CC settings	Addington / Coulson
Post-sermon music	<i>La fille aux cheveux de lin (Debussy)</i>
Closing music	<i>Allegro in B flat (Mendelssohn)</i>
THE COLLECT	
Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	
THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER	
God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through 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 Ephesians 4.1-16

I, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.' (When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

GOSPEL John 6.24-35

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. 'They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

ADDITIONAL LECTIONARY TEXTS

PSALM 78.23-29

23 The Lord commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of heaven.

24 He rained down manna upon them to eat and gave them grain from heaven.

25 So mortals ate the bread of angels; he provided for them food enough.

26 He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens and led out the south wind by his might.

27 He rained down flesh upon them like dust and winged birds like the sand of the sea.

28 He let it fall in the midst of their camp and round about their dwellings.

29 So they ate and were well filled, for he gave them what they craved.

READING Exodus 16.2-4, 9-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining." 'And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God." 'In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

PARISH NOTICES

Jennifer - Many of you will have heard that our dear friend Jennifer Meade has been taken ill and is in hospital for assessment and possible treatment. Visiting is restricted, but Jonathan will be calling in over the weekend to pass on our love and assure her of our prayers.

Healing Service - The 9am Eucharist on Sunday 11 August at St George's West End will include the opportunity for prayer for healing, either for ourselves, or for other people or situations about which we are individually concerned. Anointing with oil of healing will also be available.

Parish Office - Melanie is on leave next week. The churchwardens are also away, Helen from 5-22 August and Jane from 7-19 August. For urgent pastoral matters please contact Revd Jonathan Andrew – 07968 765188 / jandrewesher@gmail.com.

Lower Green CC 'Pay It Forward' - Thank you to everyone who has donated to this appeal. We're pleased to say that £520 has been raised so far. Kerry and Cathy have started to offer lunchboxes during the holidays to children who would normally have a free school lunch. This has been received so well. If you would like to know more, please contact Bridget Williams. For more details and to donate to this Lower Green scheme please click on the link: www.localgiving.org/appeal/LG_PayItForward or use card machine and QR code pewcards.

Peace & Contemplation - Our first Peace & Contemplation evening was on the theme of Love. The next evening will focus on Creation and will take place on Thursday 28 November.

Music on the Green - The next free lunchtime concert on Wednesday 19 September will feature a woodwind duo, Hacha Duo.

Book Group - The next meeting on Monday 30 September, 4pm, will discuss Carlo Levi's memoir of southern Italy in the 1930s – *Christ stopped at Eboli*. For details contact Revd Jonathan Andrew – 01372 464380 / jandrewesher@gmail.com.

West End Village Show - This year the show will take place on Saturday 24 August from 12 noon. For more details please see the website: westendflowershow.co.uk. As ever, the parish will be seeking help in selling cakes in St George's Church and serving teas in the West End Village Hall, all to raise funds for our churches. If you can help with supplying cakes, biscuits and other goodies and/or provide assistance on the day itself either at St George's Church or at the Village Hall please complete the sign-up sheets in either church. Thank you so much.

Sunday School - Sunday School is now on its summer break, returning Sunday 1 September.

Youth Group - Youth Group returns after the summer break on Sunday 8 September.

Fairytales Family Activities - Families are invited to Old St George's on Tuesday 13 August, 11am-1.30pm, to take part in a variety of activities inspired by legends and folktales. Create a folk story, make a dragon, decorate a crown! It's a free event organised by the Churches Conservation Trust and follows on from Storytime (10.30-11am) at Esher Library.

Choir - The choir is on its summer break and will return to sing on Sunday 1 September.

'Zoom' Morning Prayer & Zoffee! - Morning Prayer continues each Thursday at 9.30am.

Fellowship Group - The next meeting will be on Wednesday 4 September at 10.30am.

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.

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.

WEST END VILLAGE SHOW

Saturday 24 August 2024

OUR ANNUAL PLEA FOR CAKES!

Our churches have two major events running at the West End Village Show on Saturday 24 August 2024.

The Cake Stall at St George's Church and Afternoon Teas in the Village Hall.

So we need cakes, biscuits and scones for both the Cake Stall and the Afternoon Teas. We need as much as you can make as it's a very busy show – at the last show in 2023 we served 400+ teas in the Village Hall!

This is essential fundraising for the Parish. So please do try to bake as much as you are able to.

It would be helpful if you can:

- Label your cake (what type of cake is it?)
- Use a paper plate and cover it with preferably a sealed plastic bag (cling film is not that effective). We will not be able to return china plates.
- State whether for the St George's Church Cake Stall or for the Afternoon Teas (why not make some for both!)
- Deliver your cakes on Friday 23 August to Christ Church, 9am - 3pm, or on Saturday 24 August to the Cake Stall at St George's Church, and/or the West End Village Hall after 11am. Or drop them off directly to Bridget, Helen or Andrea by arrangement!
- Also, if you can donate something extra for the Gift Stall at St George's Church we would be most grateful! Thank you.

We have a number of helpers at the Cake Stall – but do please help with the Afternoon Teas – serving teas and cakes, washing up and clearing up etc.

If you are able to help please sign-up in St George's Church or Christ Church. All help is appreciated.

THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

Bridget Williams (01372 462731), Helen Coulson (07506 701454)
and Andrea Lindow (01372 462041)

PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

RIP Anniversaries: Pamela Dallas, Arthur Teague, Iris Simmons

RIP: John Marshall, Hazel Harding

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

August	Time	Reading
Monday 5		1 Samuel 24, Ps 71, Acts 3.11-end
Tuesday 6		1 Kings 19.1-16, Ps 27, 1 John 3.1-3
Wednesday 7		1 Samuel 28.3-end, Ps 77, Acts 4.13-31
Thursday 8	9.30-10.30am	1 Samuel 31, Ps 78.1-39, Acts 4.32-5.11
Friday 9		2 Samuel 1, Ps 55, Acts 5.12-26

LOOKING AHEAD

August	Time	Event
Sunday 4	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
	10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday 5	All day	Parish Office closed (Aug 5-9 incl.) No choir practice (resumes Sept 9)
Wednesday 7	7pm	Bellringing practice
Thursday 8	9.30am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
Sunday 11	9am	Eucharist with Prayers for Healing, St George's Church
	10.30am	Eucharist with Holy Baptism, Christ Church
Wednesday 14	7pm	Bellringing practice
Thursday 15	All day	Parish Office closed
	9.30am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
	12.30pm	Funeral of John Marshall, Randalls Park Crematorium
Sunday 18	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
	10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church

CONTACTS

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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 10am on the preceding Tuesday. Thank you.