

# PARISH OF ESHER

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

*Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love*

EPIPHANY

7 JANUARY 2024

## CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion	Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 9am at St George's Church (SG)
Preacher	Revd Jonathan Andrew
Reading, Prayers	Stephen Lee
Musician	Stuart Whatton
Parish Communion	Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Jonathan Andrew
Churchwarden	Jane Tyrrell
Sidespeople	Clive Madden, Will Stevens
Reading, Prayers	Helen Coulson, Jane Tyrrell
Refreshments	Sandra Argent, Wendy Tanqueray
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane

## SERVICE MUSIC

Opening music	<i>Chorale Prelude 'Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern' (Reger)</i>
SG hymns	103, 105, 94 (omit v4)
CC setting	103, 105, 94
Communion music	<i>O God, your goodness</i> (Beethoven)
Closing music	<i>Toccata in B minor</i> (Gigout)

## THE COLLECT

Creator of the heavens,  
who led the Magi by a star  
to worship the Christ-child:  
guide and sustain us,  
that we may find our journey's end  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God,  
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:  
may we who with the wise men  
have been drawn by your light  
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,  
the Word made flesh, 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 Isaiah 60.1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

## GOSPEL Matthew 2.1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." 'Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

## ADDITIONAL LECTIONARY TEXTS

### Ephesians 3.1-12

I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles – for surely you have already heard of the commission of God’s grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God’s grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

### Psalms 72.10-15

10 May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.

11 May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.

12 For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.

13 He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

14 From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight.

15 Long may he live! May gold of Sheba be given to him. May prayer be made for him continually, and blessings invoked for him all day long.

## PARISH NOTICES

**Sunday School** - We look forward to a creative return on Sunday 7 January! See Kath if you can help, even for one Sunday per term! We can't run without our much-appreciated volunteers as our cohort of wonderful children grows. We look forward to welcoming our wonderful children back in 2024! Thank you.

**Youth Group** - We're really excited to welcome back our lovely youth at the new year gathering in Christ Church on Sunday 7 January 4.30-6pm where we'll be experimenting with our intuition. We're all so much more powerful than we realise!

**Book Group** - On Monday 22 January we'll discuss *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. If you'd like to join us, just turn up or contact Revd Jonathan Andrew – 01372 464380 / jandrewesher@gmail.com

**Parish Giving** - Donate today via cash, the card machine in Christ Church or online by scanning the QR code on the little cards in Christ Church and that will soon be in St George's.

**Darren** - The Rector's Adoption Leave will continue until Tuesday 20 November 2024. For parish enquiries please contact the Churchwardens or the Parish Office.

**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.

**Parish Office** - The office will re-open on Tuesday 9 January. If you need help please contact the churchwardens. All office phone calls and emails will be redirected to them.

**Christ Church Barrier** - The barrier is now fully functional again. As before, access to the car park is via the office intercom system or by using a card if you have one.

**Home for Ukrainian Family** - We have been contacted by a local friend of Tetiana from Ukraine who has been living with her 18 year old daughter in a flat in Claygate for the past year. Tetiana now needs to look locally for her and her daughter as their stay in the flat is coming to an end. They are kind, gentle and respectful. Tetiana's husband and son are still fighting in Ukraine. She is a data analyst and has recently passed a UK finance exam. She is currently working as a waitress at Sandown Park. If you can help Tetiana in any way please contact the Parish Office. Alternatively contact Tetiana direct on her mobile (07445 554922) or via her email (bontanya5@gmail.com) Thank you.

**Candlemas Service** - This service is usually held at Old St George's Church in Esher at the turn of January and February. Our Candlemas celebration recalls the day on which Jesus was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified, and in our celebration we offer ourselves for cleansing. We celebrate both the joy of Jesus' coming and his searching judgement, looking back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his passion. All are welcome to join us for a reflective and atmospheric evening. More details to follow.

**Fellowship Group** - The next meeting will be on Wednesday 10 January at 11am.

**Parish Winter Help & Support** - Now that winter is upon us we all need to look out for each other. Family and friends should keep in contact with vulnerable and elderly people. Do contact our Pastoral Team for help and go to Surrey County Council's website: [www.surreycc.gov.uk/adults/care-and-support/contact](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/adults/care-and-support/contact)



CHRIST CHURCH, ESHER  
LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Wednesday 17 January 2024

# Trio Sonorité

*clarinet, cello & piano*

*Our 2024 series kicks off with a concert by Trio Sonorité. Programme to include works by Beethoven, Milhaud and Mark-Anthony Turnage, plus a surprise item!*

**Free entry & light lunch from 12.30pm. Concert from 1.15pm.**

**Christ Church, Church Street, Esher, Surrey KT10 8QS**

*Join us in person or watch it on YouTube at 'Music on the Green Esher'*

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## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Those who are ill:** Elizabeth Arnold, Betty Walker, Michael Newbould, Malcolm Sayer, Gilly Barrett, Allen Palmer, Katherine S, Keith Howell-Jones, Gill Barnett, George Raine, Sebastian, Pam & Jim Green

**RIP Anniversaries:** Cyril Handison, Doris Blake, Audrey Orr, Patrick Alderton, Audrey Humphrys, Sarah Holton, Irene Redfern, Edward Buckley, Hedley Williams

**RIP:** Hannelore Schulze, Andy Peake, John Treneman, Stuart Williams, John Bosten, Rosalind Moysen (Wilkes)

## BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

January		Time	Reading
Monday	8		1 Samuel 16.1-3, 13, Ps 89.19-29, John 1.29-34
Tuesday	9		Genesis 1.20-2.3, Psalm 9, Matthew 21.18-32
Wednesday	10		Genesis 2.4-end, Psalm 20, Matthew 21.33-end
Thursday	11	9.30-10.30am	Genesis 3, Psalm 21, Matthew 22.1-14
Friday	12		Genesis 4.1-16, 25-26, Psalm 67, Matthew 22.15-33

## LOOKING AHEAD

January		Time	Event
Sunday	7	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
		4.30pm	Youth Group, Christ Church
Monday	8	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Tuesday	9	All day	Parish Office re-opens
Wednesday	10	11am	Fellowship Group, Christ Church
		7.45pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	11	All day	Parish Office closed
		9.30am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
Sunday	14	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	15	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church

## CONTACTS

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	<b>CHURCHWARDENS</b> Helen Coulson & Jane Tyrrell	<b>CHILDREN &amp; FAMILIES WORKER</b> Kathryn Chapman <a href="mailto:youth@esherparish.org.uk">youth@esherparish.org.uk</a>
<b>PARISH ADMINISTRATOR</b> Melanie Williams <b>OFFICE HOURS</b> 9am to 3.15pm, Monday to Wednesday & Friday Please submit information and notices for inclusion in the Sunday pewsheets by midday on the preceding Wednesday. Thank you.		