

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

7 APRIL 2024

CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion	Led by Revd William Allberry at 9am at St George's (SG)
Preacher	Revd William Allberry
Reading, Prayers	Juliet Philip
Musician	Oliver Macfarlane
All Age Eucharist	Led by Revd William Allberry at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd William Allberry
Churchwarden	Jane Tyrrell
Sidespeople	Sean Cole, Will Stevens
Reading, Prayers	Andi Petri, Esher Church School pupils
Musicians	Oliver Macfarlane

SERVICE MUSIC

Opening music	<i>Grave, 2nd movement from Concerto in G (Bach/Ernst)</i>
SG & CC hymns	216, 207, 769
SG, CC setting	Addington, Coulson
Communion anthem	<i>The strife is o'er (Ley)</i>
Closing music	<i>Carillon de Longpont (Vieme)</i>

THE COLLECT

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 Acts 4.32-35

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

GOSPEL John 20.19-end

It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

ADDITIONAL LECTIONARY TEXTS

PSALM 133

- 1 O how good and pleasant it is, when a family lives together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: life for evermore.

READING 1 John 1.1-2.2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life – this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us – we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

PARISH NOTICES

Sunday School - As it is an All Age service today, there's no Sunday School and the creche will be available at the back of Christ Church with puzzles, colouring and crafts.

Youth Group - Youth Group will take place today in Christ Church, 4.30-6pm, for more games and meaningful conversation.

Book Group - Our next meeting will be at 4pm on Monday 22 April when we'll discuss *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro. We can expect some interesting conversation about the topical issue of Artificial Intelligence and what it means to be human. To know more contact Revd Jonathan Andrew – 01372 464380 / jandrewsher@gmail.com

Music on the Green - At our next concert, on Wednesday 17 April, we'll host a French horn recital by Henry Ward, accompanied by Owen Lee, with a varied programme including music by Rosetti and Strauss.

Parish Electoral Roll - This will be revised from 14 April to 28 April inclusive (see full details on the notice in the church porch). If you would like to be added to the Electoral Roll, application forms may be obtained from the Parish Office and must be returned by Sunday 28 April. If you are on the Electoral Roll but have changed your name or address details please advise the Parish Office. The APCM will be held on Sunday 19 May after the 10.30am service in Christ Church.

Christ Church Defibrillator - We're raising funds for this life saving equipment. Please donate to the First Aid Fund by scanning the QR code here or in either church, use the card machine in Christ Church or contact the Parish Office



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

Parish Office - Melanie will return to the office on Monday 8 April.

Margot Williams - Very sadly we received news from Cornwall of the passing of dear Margot. She turned a 100 only a few months back! Margot was a stalwart of the Parish and a regular worshipper at St George's. We remember Margot's whole family in our prayers at this difficult time. The service will take place on Friday 12 April, 11am, at St George's in West End. Those that knew Margot are welcome to join the family in West End Village Hall afterwards.

Gill Barnett - Our dear friend, Gill, died recently at Moore Place Care Home where she has lived for the last few years. Surrounded by the love of her three children and supported by the sacraments of the Church, hers was a peaceful passing. Gill will be known to many church friends as a long-standing and committed member of our Parish community. Along with her late husband Mike, Gill supported the Parish in many ways, not least as a loyal choir member. We send love and prayers to her children and wider family.

Ann Willig - We are very sorry to share the sad news that Ann Willig has died. Ann was a much-loved and deeply committed member of the West End congregation. Please keep her, and all those who are grieving her loss, in your prayers.

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.

Fellowship Group - The next meeting will be in Christ Church at 11am on Wednesday 1 May

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.



CHRIST CHURCH, ESHER
LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Wednesday 17 April 2024

Henry Ward & Owen Lee

horn & piano

Enjoy the mellifluous sounds of the French horn in a programme ranging from the Bohemian Classical era composer Rosetti via Richard Strauss to some contemporary works.

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, Michael Newbould, Pam & Jim Green, Gilly Barrett, Allen Palmer, George Raine, Katherine S, Keith Howell-Jones, Sebastian, Hazel Harding, John Cheetham

RIP Anniversaries: Donald Leeper, Peter Gilmore, Ken Hapgood, Elizabeth Warburg, John Bradish, Ann Boreham, Peter van Tol, Margaret Williams, Michael O'Brien

RIP: Margot Williams, Jamie Bush, June Trew, Gill Barnett, Ann Willig, William Fraser

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

	April	Time	Reading
Monday	8		1 Samuel 2.1-10, Ps 111, Romans 5.12-end
Tuesday	9		Exodus 15.22-16.10, Ps 8, Colossians 1.15-end
Wednesday	10		Exodus 16.11-end, Ps 30, Colossians 2.1-15
Thursday	11	9.30-10.30am	Exodus 17, Ps 28, Colossians 2.16-3.11
Friday	12		Exodus 18.1-12, Ps 61, Colossians 3.12-4.1

LOOKING AHEAD

	April	Time	Event
Sunday	7	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
		12.30pm	Interment of Susan Scott
		4.30pm	Youth Group, Christ Church
Monday	8	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Tuesday	9	11am	Funeral of Jamie Bush, Christ Church
Wednesday	10	1-2.30pm	ABSRM organ exams, Christ Church
		7pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	11	All day	Parish Office closed
		9.30am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
Friday	12	11am	Funeral of Margot Williams, St George's Church
Sunday	14	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
		12.30pm	Interment of Rosemary Saunders

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 pewsheets by midday on the preceding Wednesday. Thank you.		