

# PARISH OF ESHER

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

*Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love*

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

7 JULY 2024

CHURCH SERVICES	
Holy Communion	Led by Revd William Allberry at 9am at St George's Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd William Allberry
Reading, Prayers	Stephen Lee
Musician	Barbara Wadley
All Age Eucharist	Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Jonathan Andrew
Churchwarden	Jane Tyrrell
Sidespeople	Bob Lonnon, Will Stevens
Reading, Prayers	Esher Church School pupils
Refreshments	Vinnie Consiglio, Helen Griffin
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Liam Anderson
SERVICE MUSIC	
Opening music	<i>Voluntary VIII, from 12 Short Pieces for the Organ (Samuel Wesley)</i>
SG & CC hymns	546, 587, 477
SG / CC settings	Addington / Coulson
Communion songs	<i>Edelweiss (from The Sound of Music) How Far I'll Go (from Disney's Moana)</i>
Closing music	<i>Trumpet Tune and Air (Purcell)</i>
THE COLLECT	
Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. <b>Amen.</b>	
THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER	
God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. <b>Amen.</b>	

## 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 2 Corinthians 12.2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows – was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

## GOSPEL Mark 6.1-13

Jesus came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

## ADDITIONAL LECTIONARY TEXTS

### PSALM 123

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he show us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.

### READING Ezekiel 2.1-5

The heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God. When I saw this, I fell on my face, and I heard the voice of someone speaking.

He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God. 'Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

# Peace & Contemplation

'The Wonder of Love'  
part of the 'Wonder' series

Thursday 18 July 2024, 8pm to 9pm  
Christ Church, Esher, KT10 8QS

An evening of inspiring readings,  
beautiful music and reflective silence

All are welcome

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## PARISH NOTICES

**CCTV Installation** - This is scheduled to start on Tuesday 9 July. The contractors will be in and around the church all day every day that week, and possibly a couple of days into the following week beginning July 15, as their start has been delayed. There may be times when power is switched off, pews moved and drilling may be taking place. It is difficult to say exactly when these may occur, so please be aware that although the church will be open, it may not be a quiet and peaceful space during this time. There will also be at least one van parked in the car park. Please bear with us during this time – the contractors will do their best to be as unobtrusive as possible under the circumstances – they are familiar with working in churches. If you have any questions, please contact Jane Tyrrell.

**Book Group** - The next meeting will be in Christ Church on Monday 22 July at 4pm when we'll be discussing the touching true story *The Penguin Lessons*, by Tom Michell. For more information please contact Revd Jonathan Andrew – 01372 464380 / jandrewsher@gmail.com.

**Music on the Green** - After our June visit to Old St George's, we return to Christ Church on Wednesday 17 July, 1.15pm, for our last concert of the season. We'll be welcoming the John McDonald Jazz Quartet who will perform some popular jazz standards from the Great American Songbook – the perfect way to send us off on our summer break. Free concert, light lunch from 12.30pm.

**Barrier** - We're having problems controlling the barrier from the Parish Office. It will stay up until it can be checked next week.

**M25 Junction 10** - From 9pm, Friday 12 July, to 6am, Monday 15 July, the interchange will be closed in both directions. For details go to: [www.nationalhighways.co.uk/our-roads/south-east/m25-junction-10/](http://www.nationalhighways.co.uk/our-roads/south-east/m25-junction-10/)

**Margaret Dane** - It is with great sadness that we received news from Margaret's great friend, Angela Stockbridge, that she had passed away. Margaret, with her late husband, Frank, were long-standing and very active members of our parish community. She will be very much missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and all her friends. We can confirm the funeral will take place on Monday 8 July, 11am, in Christ Church. All are welcome to attend.

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

### Prayer point from Esher Church School

*We pray for the whole school to enjoy the remainder of term and that everyone at Esher Church School has a very restful, enjoyable and blessed summer holiday.*

**Sunday School** - During the All Age service there'll be children's activities in Christ Church.

**Youth Group** - Looking forward to seeing our wonderful Youth Group on Sunday 4.30-6pm where I'll be challenging them with some team building games and activities.

**Fellowship Group** - The group will be taking a break during August. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 4 September at 10.30am.

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

**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.

# Lower Green Community Centre 'Pay It Forward' Appeal

If you were at Christ Church on Sunday 30 June, you will have been introduced to Cathy Heavens, who is the Centre & Support Hub Manager at the Lower Green Community Centre. We have had links with the Centre for several years, particularly when the Foodbank was there 2012 to 2015 and, of course, more recently with Kath's very successful Crazy Craft Saturdays held for local children.

Cathy told us about their 'Pay It Forward' scheme used in the Cafe. This is a discreet way for those on low incomes to benefit from the generosity of others. It works simply, the money buys a 'suspended hot drink/meal' for someone to claim at a later point. They stamp their 'Pay It Forward' cards with the amounts donated and keep it safe for later use. The importance of having food, snacks and drinks available to those in need will be of even greater benefit during the school summer holidays. Children who otherwise during term time would have had access to a free hot lunch every day - will not have that during the holiday period.

The PCC were unanimous in deciding that we should make a one off appeal for this wonderful scheme. By timing this appeal during July we hope that whatever we raise will cover the six week summer holiday period and enable anyone needing a decent meal to benefit. No one in Esher should be hungry.

If you would like to donate to this scheme you can do one of the following:

- Pay via the Community Centre fundraising page using this QR code or going to [www.localgiving.org/appeal/LG\\_PayItForward](http://www.localgiving.org/appeal/LG_PayItForward)
- Give cash via our LGCC 'Pay It Forward' Appeal GA envelopes
- Pay via the card machine in Christ Church or online via the QR code pewcards – remembering to select 'LGCC Pay It Forward'



Both Cathy and the Cafe Manager, Kerry, encourage us to visit them; buy a cup of coffee and find out about the Centre and what they do. The address is – Lower Green Community Centre, Recreation Ground, Farm Road, Esher KT10 8AU. (Go to the end of Farm Road and when you get to the Thames Water blue gates turn left along the driveway and you are there.)

Thank you for your support.  
The Parochial Church Council of Esher



CHRIST CHURCH, ESHER  
LUNCHTIME CONCERT

# John McDonald Jazz Quartet

Wednesday 17 July 2024  
at 1.15 pm

*This concert is free to watch on our 'Music on the Green' YouTube channel.  
Online donations welcome on our JustGiving page [www.justgiving.com/campaign/MOTG](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/MOTG)*

## 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, Hazel Harding, Sebastian, John Cheetham, Armand Sarkissian, Vicky Jenkins

RIP Anniversaries: Monique Hawkshaw-Burn, Helen Melliar-Smith, Eileen Gibbs, Stuart Jones, Susan Merrick

RIP: Jennifer Simmons, Margaret Dane, Gill Barnett

## BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

July		Time	Reading
Monday	8		1 Samuel 5, Ps 126, Luke 20.41-21.4
Tuesday	9		1 Samuel 6.1-16, Ps 132, Luke 21.5-19
Wednesday	10		1 Samuel 7, Ps 119.153-end, Luke 21.20-28
Thursday	11	9.30-10.30am	1 Samuel 8, Ps 143, Luke 21.29-end
Friday	12		1 Samuel 9.1-14, Ps 144, Luke 22.1-13

## LOOKING AHEAD

July		Time	Event
Sunday	7	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	All Age Eucharist, Christ Church
		12.30pm	Interment of Gill Barnett, Christ Church
		4.30pm	Youth Group, Christ Church
Monday	8	11am	Funeral of Margaret Dane, Christ Church
		7.15pm	Choir practice
Tuesday	9	All day	CCTV Installation (9-15 Jul incl.), Christ Church
		8pm	Parochial Church Council Meeting, Christ Church
Wednesday	10	11am	Fellowship Group, Christ Church
		7pm	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

## CONTACTS

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<b>Live Streaming</b> 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 Wednesday. Thank you.		