

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

14 JULY 2024

CHURCH SERVICES	
Holy Communion	Led by Revd Darren McCallig at 9am at St George's Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Reading, Prayers	Jackie Andrew, Juliet Philip
Musician	Stuart Whatton
Eucharist & Holy Baptism Service	Led by Revd Darren McCallig at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Sean Cole, Ian Royce
Reading	Jill Woolgar
Refreshments	Helen Griffin, Jennifer Meade
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane, Theo Tang
SERVICE MUSIC	
Opening music	<i>Adagio from Sonata no.</i> (Mendelssohn)
SG / CC hymns	823, 591, 826 / 341, 823, 826
SG / CC settings	Addington / Coulson
Communion anthem	<i>How lovely are thy dwellings</i> (Noel Rawsthorne)
Closing music	<i>Alla Marcia in F</i> (Alan Maclean)
THE COLLECT	
Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	
THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER	
Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. 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 1.3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

GOSPEL Mark 6.14-29

King Herod heard of the healings and other miracles, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.' For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

ADDITIONAL LECTIONARY TEXTS

PSALM 85.8-end

8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.
Be gracious to us, Lord our God,

READING Amos 7.7-15

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said, 'See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.' Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land." ' And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.' Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

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 - The good news is that the installation of the CCTV is finished, ahead of schedule. The contractors have worked extremely hard and with much care to ensure successful completion, together with minimal disruption to the fabric of the church. We are extremely pleased with the end result. The challenge now is to understand fully the workings of the system - although we are reassured it is very straightforward! A very big thank you again to all those who contributed and enabled this project to go ahead.

Barrier - The cable between the office and barrier had been eaten! It's been replaced. The support fork, after being driven in to, has also been fixed. The barrier is now in full working order and operates as normal.

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.

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.

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

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/

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.

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.

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 - This week we'll be tidying up the Sunday School garden and planting some seeds - new life in church to mirror this week's baptisms!

Youth Group - In our final session before the summer break we focussed on team work and created art inspired by our Parish values - Love was their top choice, I'm sure Jesus would approve! It's on display at the back of Christ Church. Youth Group will return on Sunday 8 September.

Fairytales Family Activities - Families are invited to Old St George's on Tuesday 13 August, 11am to 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 Public Library.

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 ww.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

Wednesday 17 July 2024

John McDonald Jazz Quartet

Let us entertain you with popular jazz standards from the Great American Songbook including Kern and Bacharach - the perfect way to send us off on our summer break.

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, 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: Allistar Goff, Geoffrey Fox, Emily Oliver, Audrey Grosvenor, Charles Roberts, Frederick Purvis, Brenda Wilde, Michael Lumley-Kelly

RIP: Margaret Dane

Baptisms: Arthur William Roche Maclean, Finley Rowan Ward

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

	July	Time	Reading
Monday	15		1 Samuel 10, 1-16, Ps 1, Luke 22.24-30
Tuesday	16		1 Samuel 10.17-end, Ps 5, Luke 22.31-38
Wednesday	17		1 Samuel 11, Ps 119.1-32, Luke 22.39-46
Thursday	18	9.30-10.30am	1 Samuel 12, Ps 15, Luke 22.47-62
Friday	19		1 Samuel 13.5-18, Ps 19, Luke 22.63-end

LOOKING AHEAD

	July	Time	Event
Sunday	14	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Eucharist & Holy Baptism Service, Christ Church
Monday	15	7.15pm	Choir practice
Wednesday	17	All day	Parish Office closed
		1.15pm	Music on the Green concert: John McDonald Jazz Quartet, Christ Church
		7pm	Bellringing practice
Thursday	18	All day	Parish Office open
		9.30am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
		8pm	Peace & Contemplation, Christ Church
Sunday	21	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church

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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 Wednesday. Thank you.		