

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

TRINITY SUNDAY

15 JUNE 2025

CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion	Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 9am at St George's West End (SG)
Preacher	Revd Jonathan Andrew
Reading	Charles Hawkshaw-Burn, Juliet Philip
Musician	Theo Tang
Parish Communion (live streamed)	Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Jonathan Andrew
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Judy Madavo, Joanna Rand
Reading, Prayers	Stewart Henderson, Tom & Sally Radford
Refreshments	Helen Griffin, Sia Marshall
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane, Theo Tang

SERVICE MUSIC

Opening music	Duruflé: Prélude (Coda only) from Suite pour orgue Op. 5
SG & CC hymns	276, 676, 603
SG / CC settings	Addington / Coulson
Communion anthem	<i>Communion Anthem: Holy, holy, holy</i> (Schubert)
Opening music	Bach: Trio super 'Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend', BWV 655

THE COLLECT

Holy God,
faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply
into the mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and eternal God,
you have revealed yourself
as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:
hold us firm in this faith,
that we may know you in all your ways
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,
who are three Persons yet one God,
now and for ever.
Amen.

Message from our Rector, Darren

My dear friends,

Today is Trinity Sunday, the day we focus on the doctrine of One God in Three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It's a church teaching which many find perplexing, and there is a long tradition of various analogies being pressed into service to convey something of the meaning of this mystery. Saint Patrick, for example, is said to have pointed to the shamrock – with its distinctive triform leaf – to aid his attempts to teach the faith. More recently, the American author and theologian Frederick Buechner put it like this:

'If the idea of God as both Three and One seems far-fetched and obfuscating, look in the mirror someday. There is (a) the interior life known only to yourself and those you choose to communicate it to (the Father). There is (b) the visible face, which in some measure reflects that inner life (the Son). And there is (c) the invisible power you have that enables you to communicate that interior life in such a way that others do not merely know about it, but know it in the sense of its becoming part of who they are (the Holy Spirit). Yet what you are looking at in the mirror is clearly and indivisibly the one and only you.'

(Beyond Words)

God bless



READING Romans 5.1-5

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

GOSPEL John 16.12-15

Jesus said to the disciples, "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

Other Lectionary Texts

Proverbs 8.1-4, 22-31

Psalm 8

Flowers - The time has come to ask everyone who attends Christ Church if they know anyone who would help with the flowers. I have recently had three resignations – down to Anno Domino I am afraid – the fetching and carrying is becoming more and more onerous for many of us. I have already had to cancel the offer of our flower arrangements (at a small cost) to bridal couples as we just haven't the manpower.

The rota simply entails the arrangement of one pedestal and a small Lady Chapel posy once a week as the norm, and only once per six months or so. In addition, I always try to give everyone a term off. All volunteers would be given every assistance and could, if preferred, work with an established member of the team at first. All equipment is provided, the church flower fund is available for the purchase of said flowers. It is a rewarding task and a joy to work with flowers. It is now, however, becoming increasingly difficult to manage. I would love to hear from anyone who is interested and of course I would give all the help I can. I also live in hope! Carol.

PARISH NOTICES

Churchwarden Election - A Special Meeting of Parishioners to fill the casual vacancy for a Parish Churchwarden will be held in Christ Church this Sunday, 15 June, at 12 noon.

Churchwarden's Visitation Service - Once elected every Churchwarden must attend a visitation service, where they're authorised in their role by an Archdeacon. Our two new Churchwardens will be attending a service at St Paul's Church, Addlestone, on Wednesday 18 June, 7.30pm. Everyone can attend.

Rector's News - I'm very touched by the number of people who've been in contact to wish me well in my move to the Parish of Chingford later in the year. I'll be bringing with me many wonderful memories of my five years here and - while looking forward to new challenges - will be very sad to leave Esher and West End. My final Sunday service will be on 10 August. Darren.

Rector's Leave - Darren is on leave 14-21 June inclusive. Please contact the office or the churchwarden if you need assistance.

Confirmation – The Deanery Confirmation Service will be held at St Peter's Hersham on Sunday 22 June, 5pm. All are welcome to come along to support our parish's candidates.'

Sunday School - We'll be constructing a large Trinity Tree to celebrate Trinity Sunday and the teaching that God is three in one.

Youth Group - Our next meeting before the summer break is on 4 July, 5.30-7pm.

Musical Success - Congratulations to our senior organ scholar Theo Tang for achieving a stratospherically high mark of 142/150 in his recent Grade 7 organ exam! At Hampton School, Theo has also become this year's Steinway Piano Scholar, a special honour which will lead to him giving a solo public recital at Steinway Hall in central London.

Peace & Contemplation - The Wonder of Joy on Thursday 19 June, 8pm, at Christ Church. An evening of inspiring readings, beautiful music and reflective silence.

Music on the Green - The next concert will be on Wednesday 18 June at 1.15 pm when we'll welcome the violin and piano duo, Guillaume Tardif and Mine Dogantan-Dack, for a delightful Romantic era programme of Schubert, Chopin and Wieniawski.

Book Group - On Monday 30 June at 4pm, we'll meet in Christ Church to discuss *James*, by Percival Everett, which creatively builds on the character of the slave Jim in Mark Twain's *Huckleberry Finn* and has been awarded the 2025 Pulitzer Prize. Contact Revd Jonathan Andrew – 07968 765188 / jandrewesher@gmail.com

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Emly Deanery - A Deanery meeting will be held on Tuesday 17 June at 7.30pm at St Christopher's Church, Hinchley Wood with Beth Collingridge of the Single Friendly Church Network speaking about 'Singleness in the UK Church.' All are welcome.

Geoff Trickey – We have learned of the sad death of Geoff Trickey who, together with his wife Coral, was a very committed member of our church community for many years. His funeral will take place at 2pm on Friday 27th June at St Mary's Church, Stoke D'Abernon, KT11 3PX. The family would welcome all of us who knew Geoff to the service and afterwards in the church hall for sandwiches, scones and cakes.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Michael Newbould, Gilly Barrett, Allen Palmer, Pam & Jim Green, George Raine, Katherine S, Keith Howell-Jones, John Cheetham, Sebastian, Ruramayi, Karen Harris, David Gerrard, Katie Clark, Armand Sarkissian, Jennifer Meade

RIP Anniversaries: Ann Townend, Pamela Lowe, Beryl Walter, Poppy Theobald, Ralph Corbett, Anatoli Bogdanovskiy, Gerald Fancett, Lily Day, Margaret Stevens

RIP: John Syrad, Geoff Trickey, Keith Hinshelwood

Banns of Marriage: Theodore Chabo & Madeleine Brown

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

	June	Time	Reading
	Monday	16	Job 7, Ps 1, Romans 4.1-12
	Tuesday	17	Job 8, Ps 5, Romans 4.13-end
	Wednesday	18	Job 9, Ps 119.1-32, Romans 5.1-11
	Thursday	19	9.30am Job 10, Ps 15, Romans 5.12-end
	Friday	20	Job 11, Ps 19, Romans 6.1-14

LOOKING AHEAD

	June	Time	Event
Sunday	15	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
		Midday	Confirmation Preparation, Christ Church
		Midday	Special Meeting of Parishioners, Christ Church
Monday	16	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Tuesday	17	Midday	Funeral of John Syrad, Christ Church
Wednesday	18	1.15pm	Music on the Green lunchtime concert: Guillaume Tardif & Mine Dogantan-Dack, Christ Church
Thursday	19	All day	Parish Office closed
		8pm	Peace & Contemplation, Christ Church
Sunday	22	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
		5pm	Deanery Confirmation Service, St Peter's Church, Hersham

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	Parish Office Christ Church, Church Street, Esher KT10 8QS Tel 01372 462282 Email office@esherparish.org.uk Parish Administrator Melanie Williams Office Hours 9.30am to 3.45pm, Monday to Wednesday & Friday 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 10am on the preceding Tuesday. Thank you.	