

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

16 JUNE 2024

CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion	Led by Revd William Allberry at 9am at St George's (SG)
Preacher	Revd Dr Gnanavaram
Reading, Prayers	Peter Bedford
Musician	Theo Tang
Parish Communion	Led by Revd William Allberry at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Dr Gnanavaram
Churchwarden	Helen Coulson
Sidespeople	Sean Cole, Will Stevens
Reading, Prayers	Miranda Fuller, Helen Coulson
Refreshments	Sandra Argent, Wendy Tanqueray
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane, Theo Tang, Annabelle Doolan

SERVICE MUSIC

Opening music	<i>Variation no. 3 from Concert Variations</i> (Bonnet)
SG hymns	698, 451 (omit v2,3), 584 (omit v4)
CC hymns	698, 451, 584
SG / CC settings	Addington / Coulson
Communion Music & Anthem	<i>Vesper Voluntary no. 3</i> (Elgar) <i>Ave Maria</i> (Elgar)
Closing music	<i>Dialogue pour Trompette et Larigot, from Messe pour les Paroisses</i> (Couperin)

THE COLLECT

God our saviour,
look on this wounded world
in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises of peace
won for us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining
and whose power we cannot comprehend:
show us your glory as far as we can grasp it,
and shield us from knowing more than we can bear
until we may look upon you without fear;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
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 2 Corinthians 5.6-10, 14-17

Brothers and sisters, we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord – for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

GOSPEL Mark 4.26-34

Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got into a boat and began to teach them using many parables. Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.' He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.' With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

ADDITIONAL LECTIONARY TEXTS

PSALM 92.1-4, 11-14

1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning and of your faithfulness in the night season;

3 On the psaltery and on the lyre and to the melody of the harp.

4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord; and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.

11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

12 Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God;

13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be green and succulent;

14 That they may show how upright the Lord is, my rock, in whom there is no fault.

READING Ezekiel 17.22-end

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

PARISH NOTICES

Thank You - We are honoured to welcome our guest preacher, Revd Dr Gnanavaram, to both our churches this Sunday. Revd Dr Gnanavaram, former Principal of Tamilnadu Theological Seminary, Madurai, South India, is a good friend of William's and many will recall when he preached on his last visit to Esher with his wife Kiruba in 2012.

Music on the Green - The next lunchtime concert will be at Old St George's Church on Wednesday 19 June, 1.15 pm. Our visiting musicians will be the Baudelaire Trio (violin, cello, piano). They will mark the centenary of Fauré's death with his Piano Trio in D minor. Free concert, light lunch from 12.30pm.

Book Group - At the next meeting on Monday 24 June, 4pm, we'll discuss Graham Greene's humorous novel *Travels with my Aunt*. To know more please contact Revd Jonathan Andrew – 01372 464380 / jandrewesher@gmail.com.

Fellowship Group - The next meeting will be in Christ Church at 11am on Wednesday 3 July.

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.

Sunday School - We'll make Father's Day cards and gifts for fathers, grandfathers, carers and anyone special we'd like to thank and celebrate!

Youth Group - At this month's meeting we made inspiring vision boards, to help us get clarity on our goals and keep us motivated. The last meeting before the summer is 7 July.

Margaret Dane - It is with great sadness that we received news last weekend from Margaret's great friend, Angela Stockbridge, that Margaret had passed away peacefully on Friday. Angela said "Margaret was positive and very determined throughout the past three months and received the very best of care by the staff at the Marsden." 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.

Churchwarden's Visitation Service - Once elected at their Annual Parochial Church Meeting, every churchwarden must attend a visitation service, where they are authorised in their role by an Archdeacon. Our own churchwardens, Jane Tyrrell and Helen Coulson, will attend a service at St John's, North Holmwood, on Monday 17 June, where this visitation service will take place.

Let's Talk About Dementia - There is a free informal session for anyone who wants to learn about the challenges of dementia, living with it, helping someone with the condition and what support there is. The session will be at the Claygate Centre for the Community, Elm Road, Claygate, KT10 0EH, on Wednesday 19 June, 11am-2pm.

'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.

Prayer points from Esher Church School

Pray that the Early Years pupils make good friendships, talk kindly and be inclusive, especially when new children come into the school.

Pray Key Stage 1 pupils will be patient with themselves as they navigate their tests. Pray for their forthcoming trips and that they have fun.

Pray that Year 6 pupils make happy memories in their last term and cope with their feelings about starting at their next school.

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, Armand Sarkissian, Vicky Jenkins

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

RIP: Jennifer Simmons, Margaret Dane

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

June		Time	Reading
Monday	17		Judges 8.22-end, Ps 71, Luke 15.1-10
Tuesday	18		Judges 9.1-21, Ps 73, Luke 15.11-end
Wednesday	19		Judges 9.22-end, Ps 77, Luke 16.1-18
Thursday	20	9.30-10.30am	Judges 11.1-11, Ps 78.1-39, Luke 16.19-end
Friday	21		Judges 11.29-end, Ps 55, Luke 17.1-10

LOOKING AHEAD

June		Time	Event
Sunday	16	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	17	All day	Parish Office closed
		7.15pm	Choir practice
Tuesday	18	11am	Funeral of Jennifer Simmons, Christ Church
Wednesday	19	1.15pm	Music on the Green concert: Baudelaire Trio, Old St George's Church, Esher
Thursday	20	All day	Parish Office closed
		9.30am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
Sunday	23	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	24	All day	Parish Office closed (22-30 Jun incl.)
		4pm	Book Group, Christ Church
		7.15pm	Choir practice

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Parish Administrator Melanie Williams **Office Hours** 9am to 3.15pm, 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 midday on the preceding Wednesday. Thank you.