

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

TWELTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

18 AUGUST 2024

CHURCH SERVICES	
Holy Communion	Led by Revd William Allberry at 9am at St George's Church (SG)
Preacher	Revd William Allberry
Reading, Prayers	Mair Molteno, Juliet Philip
Musician	Stuart Whatton
Parish Communion	Led by Revd William Allberry at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd William Allberry
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Peter Heaney, Sia Marshall
Reading, Prayers	Stuart Whatton, Tom & Sally Radford
Refreshments	Sally Radford, Wendy Tanqueray
Musician	Stuart Whatton
SERVICE MUSIC	
Opening music	<i>Aria</i> (Howells)
SG hymns	608, 748 (omit v2,4), 690
CC hymns	608, 748 (omit v2), 690
SG / CC settings	Addington / Coulson
Closing music	<i>Prelude and Fugue in G major</i> , <i>BWV 557</i> (Bach)
THE COLLECT	
God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	
THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER	
God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 5.15-20

Brothers and sisters, be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL John 6.51-58

Jesus said to the crowd I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.' The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

ADDITIONAL LECTIONARY TEXTS

PSALM 34.9-14

- 9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing.
10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
11 Come, children, and listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
12 Who among you loves life and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?
13 Keep your tongue from evil-speaking and your lips from lying words.
14 Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

READING Proverbs 9.1-6

Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, 'You that are simple, turn in here!' To those without sense she says, 'Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight.'

PARISH NOTICES

Jennifer - We are delighted to say that Jennifer is now back home, although she will need to attend hospital for further tests. She would love to receive visits from her Church friends but, to avoid over-tiring her, please contact her daughter Lizzie (07803 086074) to agree a suitable time.

Lower Green CC 'Pay It Forward' - Thank you to everyone who has donated to this appeal. We're pleased that £520 has been raised so far. Kerry and Cathy are now offering lunchboxes during the holidays to children who would normally have a free school lunch. This has been received so well. For more information please contact Bridget Williams. To donate to this Lower Green scheme please go to: www.localgiving.org/appeal/LG_PayItForward or use card machine and QR code pewcards.

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

Fellowship Group - The next meeting will be on Wednesday 4 September at 10.30am.

Music on the Green - Our autumn season of monthly concerts kicks off on Wednesday 18 September at 1.15pm, with the usual light lunch from 12.30pm – musicians to be confirmed. Do ring the date in your diary!

Music Exam Success - Theo Tang, our junior organ scholar, has recently passed Grade 8 Music Theory, a testing exam equivalent to an A level, with an impressive 70 out of 100. He's also notched up instrumental success, gaining a Merit for Grade 5 Violin. Well done, Theo!

Choir - The choir is on its summer break and will return to sing on Sunday 1 September.

Book Group - The next meeting on Monday 30 September, 4pm, will discuss Carlo Levi's memoir of southern Italy in the 1930s – *Christ stopped at Eboli*. For details contact Revd Jonathan Andrew – 01372 464380 / jandrewesher@gmail.com.

Peace & Contemplation - Our next event on Thursday 28 November will focus on 'Creation'.

West End Village Show - This year the show will take place on Saturday 24 August from 12 noon. For more details please see the website: westendflowershow.co.uk. As ever, the parish will be seeking help in selling cakes in St George's Church and serving teas in the West End Village Hall, all to raise funds for our churches. If you can help with supplying cakes, biscuits and other goodies and/or provide assistance on the day itself either at St George's Church or at the Village Hall please complete the sign-up sheets in either church. Instructions for supplying cakes are on the reverse of the fair flyers in church, in past pewsheets and also on the Parish website. Thank you.

Ice Cream Sunday - Join us for Sundaes on Sunday 8 September at 10.30am. There'll be cool ice cream and a warm welcome as we mark the beginning of the new school year. Starting or returning to nursery, school, university or work is a special time, so bring your school bag, briefcase or laptop bag to the All Age Communion Service to be blessed for the year ahead. We'll continue celebrating after the service with an ice cream van in the grounds of the church offering free sweet treats.

Sunday School - Sunday School is now on its summer break, returning Sunday 1 September.

Youth Group - Youth Group returns after the summer break on Sunday 8 September.

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.

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, John Cheetham, Sebastian, Armand Sarkissian, Vicky Jenkins, Ruramayi, Karen Harris

RIP Anniversaries: Margaret Corbett, John Hammond, Mary Eccles, Vera Coffee, Doreen Alan

RIP: John Marshall, Brian Hatfield

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

August		Time	Reading
Monday	19		2 Samuel 11, Ps 98, Acts 8.26-end
Tuesday	20		2 Samuel 12.1-25, Ps 106, Acts 9.1-19a
Wednesday	21		2 Samuel 15.1-12, Ps 111, Acts 9.19b-31
Thursday	22	9.30-10.30am	2 Samuel 15.13-end, Ps 115, Acts 9.32-end
Friday	23		2 Samuel 16.1-14, Ps 139, Acts 10.1-16

LOOKING AHEAD

August		Time	Event
Sunday	18	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Wednesday	21	7pm	Bellringing practice
Thursday	22	All day	Parish Office closed
		9.30am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
Saturday	24	Midday	West End Village Show, West End Green
Sunday	25	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	26	All day	August Bank Holiday
Wednesday	28	7pm	Bellringing practice
Thursday	29	All day	Parish Office closed
		9.30am	Morning Prayer, Zoom

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 pewsheet by 10am on the preceding Tuesday. Thank you.		