

# PARISH OF ESHER

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

*Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love*

PENTECOST

19 MAY 2024

## CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion	Led by Revd Caroline Mullins at 9am at St George's (SG)
Preacher	Revd Caroline Mullins
Reading, Prayers	Peter Bedford
Musician	Rowan Marshall
Parish Communion	Led by Revd Caroline Mullins at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Caroline Mullins
Churchwarden	Helen Coulson
Sidespeople	Sean Cole, Janie McCulloch
Reading, Prayers	Janie McCulloch, Martin Fuller
Refreshments	Helen Griffin, Wendy Tanqueray
Musicians	Oliver Macfarlane, Rowan Marshall
<b>SERVICE MUSIC</b>	
Opening music	<i>Choral &amp; Variations on 'Veni creator spiritus' - Vars. 1 &amp; 3 (Durufle)</i>
SG / CC hymns	238, 258, 630
SG / CC settings	Addington / Coulson
Anthem	<i>You shall receive power (Sumsion)</i>
Closing music	<i>Choral &amp; Variations on 'Veni creator spiritus', Theme &amp; Var. 4 (Durufle)</i>

## THE COLLECT

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,  
ignite in us your holy fire;  
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,  
revive your Church with the breath of love,  
and renew the face of the earth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Faithful God,  
who fulfilled the promises of Easter  
by sending us your Holy Spirit  
and opening to every race and nation  
the way of life eternal:  
open our lips by your Spirit,  
that every tongue may tell of your glory;  
through 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 Acts 2.1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall

prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

## GOSPEL John 15.26-27, 16.4b-15

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. '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.

## ADDITIONAL LECTIONARY TEXTS

### PSALM 104.25-35, 37

25 O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
in wisdom you have made them all; the  
earth is full of your creatures.

26 Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to number,  
creatures both small and great.

27 There move the ships, and there is  
that Leviathan, which you have made  
for the sport of it.

28 All of them look to you to give them  
their food in due season.

29 You give it to them, they gather it;  
you open your hand and they are filled  
with good things.

30 You hide your face and they are  
terrified; you take away their breath and  
they die and return to their dust.

31 You send forth your Spirit and they  
are created; and so you renew the face  
of the earth.

32 May the glory of the Lord endure for  
ever; may the Lord rejoice in all his works.

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles;  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
I will praise my God while I have my being.

35 May these words of mine please him; I  
will rejoice in the Lord.

37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. Alleluia!

### READING Romans 8.22-27

We know that the whole creation has  
been groaning in labour pains until  
now; and not only the creation, but we  
ourselves, who have the first fruits of the  
Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for  
adoption, the redemption of our bodies.  
For in hope we were saved. Now hope  
that is seen is not hope. For who hopes  
for what is seen? But if we hope for  
what we do not see, we wait for it with  
patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in  
our weakness; for we do not know how  
to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit  
intercedes with sighs too deep for words.  
And God, who searches the heart, knows  
what is the mind of the Spirit, because  
the Spirit intercedes for the saints  
according to the will of God.

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**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**  
COMMUNICATIONS

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS  
& ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 2024**

**Sunday 19 May 2024, 12 noon  
Christ Church**

**AGENDA**

Opening prayers

Annual Meeting of Parishioners for the election of Churchwardens

Annual Parochial Church Meeting:

- Minutes of the May 2023 Annual Parochial Church Meeting and matters arising
- Parish reports
- Appointment of Independent Examiner for 2023
- Election of PCC members for three years
- Appointment of sidespeople
- Any other business

Concluding prayers

## PARISH NOTICES

**Esher May Fair** - On Saturday 18 May teas and entertainment will be available in Christ Church, 2-4pm, and the Bell Tower will be open to visitors. If you can help on the day or supply cakes do please contact the Parish Office or the churchwardens. Thank you for all the help you can give.

**Pentecost** - Sunday is the Feast of Pentecost. Red is the liturgical colour associated with the Holy Spirit so it would be lovely to see a 'sea' of red clothes in both churches! Many thanks in advance!

**Sunday School** - This week we will be making some pin wheels to represent 'wind' or 'breath', words often associated with the experience of the Holy Spirit.

**Youth Group** - At our May meeting, we discussed the Fruit of Spirit as a wonderful reference for our spiritual growth – playing fruit-inspired games and making fruit creatures. Next meeting is 2 June.

### Prayer points

Our wonderful parish school, Esher Church School, has given us the following 'prayer points'.

*Pray for the Staff Team to be able to rest after a long week and an Ofsted inspection.*

*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 focus and enjoy their SATS. That they make happy memories in their last term and cope with their feelings about starting at their next school.*

**Peace & Contemplation** - Join us for an hour of peace with short readings, live music and golden silence in Christ Church on Thursday 4 July, 8pm. Enjoy this time to relax and reflect.

**Music on the Green** - The next free lunchtime concert will take place in Old St George's Church on Wednesday 19 June at 1.15pm. Light lunch will be served from 12.30pm.

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting** - The APCM is in Christ Church after the 10.30am service this Sunday. Refreshments will be served.

**Electoral Roll** - The Roll has been revised ahead of the APCM and is available for inspection in both churches or from the Parish Office.

**PCC Minutes** - Recent PCC minutes can be read in Christ Church and St George's.

**Parochial Church Council Vacancies** - New members are very welcome to join the PCC – to contribute ideas and use their skills to assist in the running of the parish. If you're interested, please speak to a Churchwarden or any PCC member and complete a nomination form, which can be found at the back of church.

**St George's Gardening Party** - On Friday 24 and Saturday 25 May, 10am - Midday, we're clearing the undergrowth and earth which has encroached on to the boundary fencing at St George's. Any help with this necessary job will be gratefully received and appreciated.

**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.

**Fellowship Group** - The next meeting will be in Christ Church at 11am on Wednesday 5 June.

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

**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.

**Book Group** - Our next meeting in Christ Church is on Monday 20 May, 4pm, when we'll discuss *South*, Ernest Shackleton's account of his trans-Antarctic expedition of 1913-17. To know more contact Revd Jonathan Andrew – 01372 464380 / jandrewesher@gmail.com

## 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: Dorothy Christie, David Lankey, Susan Garrett, Winifred Brookes, Roger Seekings, Michael Gilmore, Peter Dickson, James Howard

RIP: Gill Barnett, Ann Willig, Joyce Page, Maria Dawn Danclar-Doody, Jennifer Simmons

## BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

	May	Time	Reading
	Monday	20	Joshua 1, Ps 126, Luke 9.18-27
	Tuesday	21	Joshua 2, Ps 132, Luke 9.28-36
	Wednesday	22	Joshua 3, Ps 119.153-end, Luke 9.37-50
	Thursday	23	9.30-10.30am Joshua 4.1-5.1, Ps 143, Luke 9.51-end
	Friday	24	Joshua 5.2-end, Ps 144, Luke 10.1-16

## LOOKING AHEAD

	May	Time	Event
	Saturday	18	Midday Christ Church at the Esher May Fair, Esher Green
	Sunday	19	9am Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
		Midday	Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Christ Church
	Monday	20	4pm Book Group, Christ Church
		7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
	Wednesday	22	11am Funeral of Maria Dawn Danclar-Doody, Christ Church
		7pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
	Thursday	23	All day Parish Office closed
		9.30am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
	Saturday	25	1pm Wedding of Antonia Gibson & Cameron Davey, Christ Church
	Sunday	26	9am Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church

## 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 midday on the preceding Wednesday. Thank you.