

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

21 APRIL 2024

CHURCH SERVICES	
Patronal Eucharist	Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 9am at St George's (SG)
Preacher	Revd Jonathan Andrew
Reading, Prayers	Sue Langley, Bridget Williams
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Rowan Marshall
Parish Communion	Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Jonathan Andrew
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Sean Cole, Sia Marshall
Reading	Stewart Henderson, Jennifer Meade
Refreshments	Janie McCulloch, Wendy Tanqueray
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Rowan Marshall
Scouts St George's Day Service	Led by Revd Dr Mike Branscombe at 3pm at Christ Church (CC)
Musician	Stuart Whatton
MORNING SERVICE MUSIC	
Opening music	<i>The Angels' Song, on a Theme of Orlando Gibbons (Stanford)</i>
SG / CC hymns	327, 203, 579 / 327, 203, 194
SG / CC settings	Addington / Coulson
Communion anthem	<i>Cantate Domino (Pitoni)</i>
Closing music	<i>St George's Gallop (Simon Peberdy)</i>
THE COLLECT	
Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.	
THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER	
Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; 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 4.5-12

The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

GOSPEL John 10.11-18

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

ADDITIONAL LECTIONARY TEXTS

PSALM 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

READING 1 John 3.16-end

We know love by this, that the Son of God laid down his life for us – and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

PARISH NOTICES

St George's Church West End - This Sunday, is our beloved Tin Tabernacle's Patronal Festival. In the 9am Eucharist we'll celebrate the special role of the little church in the life of West End people and look to George, its Patron Saint, as an example of heroic faith. Everyone is welcome to attend.

St George's Day - We're honoured Christ Church is hosting the Esher District Scouts St George's Day Service today at 3pm.

Sunday School - We'll look at Jesus the shepherd, how he knows us all by name and that we are never lost when we are found in Christ. We'll also have colouring sheets to take home to celebrate St George's Day.

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.

Organ exam successes! - Three of our young musicians recently took Associated Board grade exams on the Christ Church organ. The examiner was very impressed and awarded them all distinctions! Congratulations to Theo Tang (Grade 6) and Annabelle & Tom Doolan (Grades 4 & 3 respectively) for this fantastic set of results, including in Theo's case the exceptional achievement of earning full marks (30/30) on his final piece – a rare phenomenon!

Music on the Green - The next concert will be on Wednesday 15 May at 1.15pm.

Book Group - Our next meeting will this Monday, 22 April, 4pm, when we'll discuss *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro. To know more contact Revd Jonathan Andrew – 01372 464380 / jandrewsher@gmail.com

Fellowship Group - The next meeting will be in Christ Church at 11am on Wednesday 1 May.

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

May they rest in peace! - Further to the sad news that our dear friends Ann Willig and Gill Barnett recently died we can confirm that Ann's funeral will be at 12 noon on 26 April and Gill's at 11am on Friday 3 May. Joyce Page has also passed away recently. Many will remember Joyce and Peter as long-term faithful members of our church family. Joyce's funeral will be at 11am on Monday 13 May. All three services will be held in Christ Church and all who knew them are very welcome to attend. Please continue to hold Ann, Gill and Joyce and their families in your prayers.

Patch, the Church Cat - Sadly, Sam and I had to put Patch to sleep this week – she went peacefully in our arms. Her health has been a rollercoaster over the last year and despite bouncing back a few times, she had no bounce left to give. We want to thank everyone who popped in from time to time to see her and to all those that chipped in and helped with spiralling vet bills and medication costs. We cannot describe the pain and cat shaped hole she has left in our lives. Love Sandra & Sam.

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.

Parish Electoral Roll - This will be revised from 14 April to 28 April inclusive (see full details on the church porch notice). If you'd like to be added to the Electoral Roll, forms may be obtained from the Parish Office and must be returned by Sunday 28 April. If you are on the Electoral Roll but have changed your name or address please advise the Parish Office. The APCM will be held on Sunday 19 May after the 10.30am service in Christ Church.

Lent Appeal - The total raised is £3,964 plus Gift Aid. This will go a long way to covering the CCTV cost. Many thanks to everyone for their generosity. It is greatly appreciated. We can now begin to schedule the works.

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

RIP Anniversaries: Mary Hartnell, Rosemary Kerrison, Josephine Semple, Oliver Gobat, Leanne Barrett, Lochie Buckingham, Martin Moreton

RIP: Margot Williams, Jamie Bush, June Trew, Gill Barnett, Ann Willig, William Fraser, Joyce Page, Rosemary Saunders

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

April		Time	Reading
Monday	22		Exodus 32.1-14, Ps 103, Luke 2.41-end
Tuesday	23		Joshua 1.1-9, Ps 5, Ephesians 6.10-20
Wednesday	24		Exodus 33, Ps 135, Luke 3.15-22
Thursday	25	9.30-10.30am	Isaiah 62.6-10, Ps 148, Acts 12.25-13.13
Friday	26		Exodus 35.20-36.7, Ps 33, Luke 4.14-30

LOOKING AHEAD

April		Time	Event
Sunday	21	9am	Patronal Eucharist, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
		3pm	Esher District Scouts St George's Day Service, Christ Church
Monday	22	4pm	Book Group, Christ Church
		7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Tuesday	23	7.30pm	Kingston Bellringers visit, Christ Church
Wednesday	24	7pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	25	All day	Parish Office closed
		9.30am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
Friday	26	Midday	Funeral of Anne Willig, Christ Church
Saturday	27	11.30am	Somerset Bellringers visit, Christ Church
Sunday	28	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 midday on the preceding Wednesday. Thank you.		