

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

21 JUNE 2026

CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion	Led by Revd Patrick Bateman at 9am at St George's (SG)
Preacher	Revd Patrick Bateman
Churchwarden	Charles Hawkshaw-Burn
Reading, Prayers	Charles Hawkshaw-Burn, Stephen Lee
Musician	Robert Cunningham
Parish Communion (live streamed)	Led by Revd Patrick Bateman at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Patrick Bateman
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Mercedes Cunningham, Julia Forrest
Reading, Prayers	Gavin Bradley, David Stark
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Alex Couatts, Robert Cunningham
Refreshments	Sandra Argent, Michelle Cullen

SERVICE MUSIC

Opening music	<i>Prelude in G</i> (William Harris)
SG / CC hymns	823, 587, 477 / 823, 494, 477
SG / CC settings	Addington / Coulson
Communion anthem	<i>Draw us in the Spirit's tether</i> (Harold Friedell)
Closing music	<i>Tuba Tune</i> (C S Lang)

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.

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

Our two churches, Christ Church and St George's, have been beacons of faith, hope and love in Esher for well over a century.

Generations have come through our doors to celebrate marriages, welcome newborns into our Christian faith and to grieve their losses - all of it embraced by the worship and prayer offered each week.

Every Sunday we explore the richness of our Christian traditions 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 but whatever the reason, we all belong here.

You can find full details of our services online. Most Sundays we worship at 9am at St George's, West End and at 10.30am at Christ Church, Esher.

We look forward to welcoming you.

READING Romans 6.1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL Matthew 10.24-39

Jesus said to the twelve disciples: 'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. 'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.'

Other Lectionary Texts

Genesis 21.8-21

Psalms 86.1-10, 16-end

Jeremiah 20.7-13

Psalms 69.8-20

PARISH NOTICES

Thank you - To Revd Patrick Bateman, for visiting us and leading our morning services. It is a joy to worship with you.

Vacancy Update - We are delighted to confirm we've shortlisted three candidates and they have accepted our invitation to interview on July 1 and 2. As is standard practice throughout the recruitment process, we're unable to share further details at this stage. We will, however, provide further updates as soon as we are able to do so.

Sunday School - We will be making some welcome posters for St George's and Christ Church - as the disciples were welcomed by strangers, we will welcome all those who come through our church doors.

Rectory Fun Day - In preparation for the July interviews we'd like to give the Rectory a tidy-up on Saturday 27 June, 9am to 12 noon. If you're able to join the working party, please let Fraser McGuicken know. As a note, we're also now maintaining the Rectory garden on a monthly basis thanks to generous donations.

Flower Coordinator - We are still looking for a full time flower rota coordinator for Christ Church to take over from Carol Calvert. Please do get in touch with Carol if you would like to know what is involved. In the meantime we will be arranging a rota with the volunteers we currently have. The more people on the rota the easier it will be for everyone. If you would like to join the rota please get in touch with Helen Coulson 07506 701454. Thank you.

Parish Giving Scheme - We're now using the Church of England's Parish Giving Scheme for all contributions and one-off donations. If you have any questions please ask Fraser, Will, Charles, Sandra or the Parish Office. For full details please refer to the PGS website at www.paritygiving.org.uk/.

Churchwardens' Visitation Service - Our Churchwardens, Will Stevens and Fraser McGuicken, will be authorised in their role at a visitation service on Monday 22 June, 7.30pm, at St John's Church, West Byfleet, KT14 6EH. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Fellowship Group - The new date for our July meeting will be confirmed next week and publicised in the pewsheet. Our usual first Wednesday of the month is when the Rector candidates will be visiting us.

Youth Group - Our next meeting before the summer break is on Friday 3 July, 5.30-7pm.

Book Group - At our next meeting in Christ Church on Monday 13 July, 4pm, we will discuss *Madame Bovary* by Gustave Flaubert. When this book was published in 1856, the French government brought an action against both publisher and author on a charge of immorality. Fortunately for contemporary readers, and for us, both were acquitted. We'll have the opportunity to reflect on changing morality as well as on the merits of this French classic. This will be our last meeting of the summer but we'll reconvene on Monday 14 September.

Bishop Paul at Holy Trinity, Claygate - On Tuesday 14 July, 7.30pm-9pm, Bishop Paul invites everyone to his gathering to listen and understand his three key priorities for the next two years. These being on prayer, pastoral care and a sharper focus on our 'priority of priorities' - deepening discipleship (including revitalisation) and investing wholeheartedly in children and young people. There will be:

- An opportunity to meet him at reception
- Praise-filled worship led by the Youth Catalyst Team and local musicians.
- A celebration of what God is doing in each parish, shared through faith-building stories.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Michael Newbould, Gilly Barrett, Jim Green, George Raine, Katherine S, Keith Howell-Jones, John Cheetham, Sebastian, David Gerrard, Katie Clark, Louise Tyzack, Caroline Kerr, Armand Sarkissian, Phoebe Ainsworth, Josh Baines, John Stacey, Paul Nicholls Gudrun & David Jensen

RIP Anniversaries: Margaret Stevens, Jean Bennett, Ann Grant, Ingrid Bradley-Williams, Michael Simpson, Doreen Coslett

RIP: Brian Jeffries, Lynn Besant

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

June		Time	Reading
Monday	22		Judges 8.22-end, Ps 71, Luke 15.1-10
Tuesday	23		Judges 9.1-21, Ps 73, Luke 15.11-end
Wednesday	24		Malachi 3.1-6, Ps 50, Luke 3.1-17
Thursday	25	10am	Judges 11.1-11, Ps 78.1-39, Luke 16.19-end
Friday	26		Judges 11.29-end, Ps 55, Luke 17.1-10

LOOKING AHEAD

June		Time	Event
Sunday	21	9am	Holy Communion, St George's
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	22	7.15pm	Choir practice
		7.30pm	Churchwardens' Visitation Service, St John's Church, West Byfleet
Thursday	25	All day	Parish Office closed
		10am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
Sunday	28	9am	Holy Communion, St George's
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	29	7.15pm	Choir practice
Tuesday	30	8pm	Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting, Christ Church

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