

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

21 JULY 2024

CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion	Led by The Right Revd Martin Wharton at 9am at St George's Church (CC)
Preacher	The Right Revd Martin Wharton
Reading, Prayers	Sue Langley, Gerard Harper
Musician	Oliver Macfarlane
Parish Communion	Led by The Right Revd Martin Wharton at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	The Right Revd Martin Wharton
Churchwarden	Jane Tyrrell
Sidespeople	Will Stevens
Reading, Prayers	Christine Steeds, Martin Fuller
Refreshments	Sandra Argent, Sue Dunne
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane

SERVICE MUSIC

Opening music	<i>Elevacion, from 4 Piezas para la Misa (José Lidón)</i>
SG hymns	608, 742 (omit v3,4), 650
CC hymns	608, 742 (omit v3), 650
SG / CC settings	Addington / Coulson
Post sermon music	<i>Lord God of Abraham, from Elijah (Mendelssohn)</i>
Anthem	<i>Day by day (Philip Godfrey)</i>
Closing music	<i>Prelude and Fugue in B flat, BWV 560 (Bach)</i>

THE COLLECT

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise
be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies
which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.
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 2.11-22

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called 'the uncircumcision' by those who are called 'the circumcision' – a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands – remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

GOSPEL Mark 6.30-34, 53-56

The apostles returned from their mission. They gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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 Jeremiah 23.1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

PARISH NOTICES

Thank You - To The Right Revd Martin Wharton CBE, for visiting us today and leading our services. It was a joy to worship with you.

Peace & Contemplation - Our first Peace & Contemplation evening was held on Thursday, with the theme of Love. Many attended and judging by the positive comments, everyone enjoyed the hour of readings and music interspersed with periods of silence. Our next evening will focus on Creation and will be held on Thursday 28 November. Thank you to all those involved in producing this wonderful evening.

Music on the Green - The John McDonald Jazz Quartet concert last week was a great success - with a 100+ audience we collected c. £670. It was the perfect way to send us off on our summer break. The next free concert will be on Wednesday 19 September.

Book Group - The next meeting will be in Christ Church on Monday 22 July at 4pm when we'll discuss the touching true story *The Penguin Lessons*, by Tom Michell. For details contact Revd Jonathan Andrew – 01372 464380 / jandrewsher@gmail.com.

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

CCTV Installation - The good news is that the installation of the CCTV is finished, ahead of schedule. The contractors have worked extremely hard and with much care to ensure successful completion, together with minimal disruption to the fabric of the church. We are extremely pleased with the end result. The challenge now is to understand fully the workings of the system - although we are reassured it is very straightforward! A very big thank you again to all those who contributed and enabled this project to go ahead.

Barrier - The barrier is now in full working order and operates as normal.

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. Thank you so much.

Sunday School - We will be creating some beautiful flowers of compassion to remind us of the love Jesus showed his disciples and followers, even when he was exhausted and in need of a rest himself.

Youth Group - In our final session before the summer break we focussed on team work and created art inspired by our Parish values. Love was their top choice – I'm sure Jesus would approve! See display in Christ Church. Youth Group returns on Sunday 8 September.

Fairytales Family Activities - Families are invited to Old St George's on Tuesday 13 August, 11am-1.30pm, to take part in a variety of activities inspired by legends and folktales. Create a folk story, make a dragon, decorate a crown! It's a free event organised by the Churches Conservation Trust and follows on from Storytime (10.30-11am) at Esher Library.

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.

Lower Green Community Centre 'Pay It Forward' Appeal

If you were at Christ Church on Sunday 30 June, you will have been introduced to Cathy Heavens, who is the Centre & Support Hub Manager at the Lower Green Community Centre. We have had links with the Centre for several years, particularly when the Foodbank was there 2012 to 2015 and, of course, more recently with Kath's very successful Crazy Craft Saturdays held for local children.

Cathy told us about their 'Pay It Forward' scheme used in the Cafe. This is a discreet way for those on low incomes to benefit from the generosity of others. It works simply, the money buys a 'suspended hot drink/meal' for someone to claim at a later point. They stamp their 'Pay It Forward' cards with the amounts donated and keep it safe for later use. The importance of having food, snacks and drinks available to those in need will be of even greater benefit during the school summer holidays. Children who otherwise during term time would have had access to a free hot lunch every day - will not have that during the holiday period.

The PCC were unanimous in deciding that we should make a one off appeal for this wonderful scheme. By timing this appeal during July we hope that whatever we raise will cover the six week summer holiday period and enable anyone needing a decent meal to benefit. No one in Esher should be hungry.

If you would like to donate to this scheme you can do one of the following:

- Pay via the Community Centre fundraising page using this QR code or going to ww.localgiving.org/appeal/LG_PayItForward
- Give cash via our LGCC 'Pay It Forward' Appeal GA envelopes
- Pay via the card machine in Christ Church or online via the QR code pewcards – remembering to select 'LGCC Pay It Forward'



Both Cathy and the Cafe Manager, Kerry, encourage us to visit them; buy a cup of coffee and find out about the Centre and what they do. The address is – Lower Green Community Centre, Recreation Ground, Farm Road, Esher KT10 8AU. (Go to the end of Farm Road and when you get to the Thames Water blue gates turn left along the driveway and you are there.)

Thank you for your support.
The Parochial Church Council of Esher

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

RIP Anniversaries: Rose Mason, Rosemary Simmons, Edward de Haan, Christopher Tyrell, Ingar Welch, Lisa Hall, May Roberts, Annie Dixon, Sarah Tweedle

RIP: Margaret Dane, John Marshall, Hazel Harding

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

	July	Time	Reading
Monday	22		1 Samuel 16.14-end, 1-16, Ps 30, Luke 8.1-3
Tuesday	23		1 Samuel 15.1-23, Ps 36, Luke 23.26-43
Wednesday	24		1 Samuel 16, Ps 34, Luke 23.44-56a
Thursday	25	9.30-10.30am	2 Kings 1.9-15, Ps 7, Luke 9.46-56
Friday	26		1 Samuel 17.31-54, Ps 31, Luke 24.13-35

LOOKING AHEAD

	July	Time	Event
Sunday	21	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	22	4pm	Book Group, Christ Church
		7.15pm	Choir practice
Wednesday	24	7pm	Bellringing practice
Thursday	25	All day	Parish Office closed
		9.30am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
		Midday	Renewal of Wedding Vows, Christ Church
Saturday	27	1.30pm	Wedding of Samuel Mitchell & Charlotte Atkinson, Christ Church
Sunday	28	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	29	7.15pm	Choir practice
Wednesday	31	7pm	Bellringing practice

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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 Wednesday. Thank you.