

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

THE TWELTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

23 AUGUST 2026

CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion	Led by Revd Jonny Blair at 9am at St George's (SG)
Preacher	Revd Jonny Blair
Churchwarden	Charles Hawkshaw-Burn
Reading, Prayers	Charles Hawkshaw-Burn, Jackie Andrew
Musician	Robert Cunningham
Parish Communion (live streamed)	Led by Revd Jonny Blair at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Jonny Blair
Churchwardens	Will Stevens, Helen Coulson
Sidespeople	Julia Forrest, Ben Ritchie
Reading, Prayers	Colin Martin, Tom & Sally Radford
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane, Robert Cunningham, Catherine Powell
Refreshments	Sia Marshall, Janie McCulloch

SERVICE MUSIC

Opening music	<i>Adagio e mesto, from Sonata in D</i> (C P E Bach)
SG / CC hymns	445, 358, 784 / 445, 777, 784
SG / CC settings	Addington / Coulson
Post sermon music	<i>La valse d'Amelie</i> (Yann Tiersen)
Communion song	Kum-Ba-Yah
Closing music	<i>Menuet from Suite Gothique</i> (Boëllmann)

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.

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.

Rector of Esher

Dear Church Family,

We are delighted to confirm that the Institution and Induction of our new Rector, The Revd Jo Winn-Smith, will take place on Wednesday 30 September at 7.30pm at Christ Church, Esher.

This will be a very special occasion in the life of our parish as we welcome Jo and her family to mark the beginning of this new chapter together.

Please do save the date in your diaries.

We will share further details, including arrangements for the evening, over the coming weeks.

We very much hope you will be able to join us.

With best wishes,

Fraser McGuicken & Will Stevens
Parish of Esher Churchwardens

READING Romans 12.1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

GOSPEL Matthew 16.13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Other Lectionary Texts

Exodus 1.8-2.10

Psalms 124

Isaiah 51.1-6

Psalms 138

PARISH NOTICES

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

Rector Update - We're delighted to confirm that the Institution and Induction of our new Rector, The Revd Jo Winn-Smith, will be taking place on Wednesday 30 September at 7.30pm at Christ Church.

St George's Update - St George's will close temporarily after the Pet Service on Sunday 20 September, to allow us to complete the necessary remediation work to the foundations and flooring. We expect the church to reopen in December. Whilst we'll miss worshipping at St George's during this time, it gives us a wonderful opportunity to come together as one parish, as we welcome our new Rector, The Revd Jo Winn-Smith, and begin this exciting new chapter in the life of our parish. We'll share further details about the building works over the coming weeks, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to St George's once the work is complete.

Parish Giving Scheme - We're now using the Church of England's Parish Giving Scheme for all donations. This scheme claims Gift Aid directly for parishes. For details refer to the PGS website www.parishgiving.org.uk.

Cashless Donations - We have changed the card set-up at Christ Church so will be using a separate tablet and card terminal for now. With this change we are moving across to 'Give A Little' as our main software platform for ad-hoc donations in church and at Parish events. It facilitates Gift Aid which will be claimed by our Parish Gift Aid Officer.

Flower Coordinator - We are looking for a flower rota coordinator for Christ Church. To help contact Helen Coulson (07506 701454).

Parish Office landline - The telephone is out of action whilst we switch to a digital service.

West End Village Show - This year the show will take place on Saturday 29 August from 12 noon. Go to westendflowershow.co.uk. As ever, the parish is seeking help to sell gifts and cakes in St George's Church and serve teas in the West End Village Hall, all to raise funds for our churches. If you can supply cakes, biscuits and goodies and/or provide help on the day itself either at St George's Church or the Village Hall there are sign-up sheets in church. Please contact Helen Coulson (07506 701454) with any queries.

Parish Office - The office will be closed from the August Bank Holiday through to Friday 11 September as Melanie will be on holiday.

Youth Group - Our next gathering in Christ Church will be on Friday 4 September.

Sunday School - On Sunday 6 September Kat returns to run Sunday School.

Christ Church Choir - The choir will resume service duties on Sunday 6 September (with first autumn season rehearsal on Monday 7).

Fellowship Group - We meet again in Christ Church on Wednesday 9 September, 10.30am.

Old St George's Church - The church will be open to visitors for Heritage Open Days 2026 on Saturdays 12 & 19 September. Free guided tours will be given at 11am & 2pm each day.

Book Group - Our book group will meet on Monday 14 September, 4pm, when we'll discuss *The Penelopiad* by Margaret Atwood.

Music on the Green - Our next concert in Christ Church on Wednesday 16 September, 1.15pm, will be a piano recital by our senior organ scholar, Theo Tang, who will reprise his recent Steinway Hall concert, centred on Beethoven's dramatic 'Sonata Pathétique'.

Pet Service - This Service of Prayer for the animals that are our friends and companions will take place at St George's on Sunday 20 September at 4pm.

A close-up photograph of a hand placing a small green leaf on top of a cupcake. The cupcake is in a light brown paper liner and is topped with white cream piped in a circular pattern. Two fresh raspberries are placed on the cream, and a small yellow fruit is visible behind them. The background is a warm, out-of-focus orange and yellow.

Parish of Esher events

Saturday 29 August 2026

Afternoon Teas

Village Hall
West End

**Cream teas, scones, cakes, tea and coffee
at the West End Village Show.**

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WEST END VILLAGE (FLOWER) SHOW

Saturday 29 August 2026

OUR ANNUAL MAJOR FUNDRAISER – PLEA FOR CAKES!!

Our churches have two major events running at the Flower Show.

The Cake stall at St George's **and Cream Teas and Cakes** served at West End Village Hall.

So we need as many cakes and scones that you can make for the 300+ teas served in 2025 **AND** the cake stall at St George's. All this is essential fundraising for us.

So PLEASE make a note in your diaries now of the date SATURDAY 29 AUGUST

Can you bake as much as you can for us both? It's very helpful if you can:

- Label your cake (what is it?) Say if it has NUTS in it or if it has been FROZEN
- Please NO FRESH CREAM!!! (It melts if it's hot!)
- Use a paper plate and cover it with preferably a sealed plastic bag (cling film is not always effective!). **We will not be able to return tins or china plates.**
- State whether for Village Teas or St George's (why not make some for each?!)
- Bring your cakes on FRIDAY 28th, drop them off at Christ Church **OR** on SATURDAY 29th, straight to our stall at St George's Church, **and/or** to the Village Hall at West End **after 11.00am**. Or arrange to drop it off to Bridget, Helen or Andrea by arrangement!
- AND – if you can also donate something for our gift stall at St George's we would be most grateful!

We have a number of helpers at West End cake stall – but PLEASE do sign up to help on the rota for the Village Hall serving teas, washing and clearing up, ALL help is needed and appreciated.

THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

Bridget Williams (01372 462731) Helen Coulson (07506 701454)
and Andrea Lindow (01372 462041)

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, Myfanwy Tranmer

RIP Anniversaries: Vera Coffee, Doreen Alan, Sami Kathiresan, Irene Coulson, Richard Coulson, Victoria Cobb, Ivy Fairhead, Tim Walter, Felix Palmer, Sidney Fairhead, Wadad Gorton

RIP: Paul Phillips, Moir Webb, Anton Manickam, Dominic Allen

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

August		Time	Reading
Monday	24		Genesis 28.10-17, Ps 86, John 1.43-end
Tuesday	25		2 Samuel 12.1-25, Ps 106, Acts 9.1-19a
Wednesday	26		2 Samuel 15.1-12, Ps 111, Acts 9.19b-31
Thursday	27	10am	2 Samuel 15.13-end, Ps 115, Acts 9.32-end
Friday	28		2 Samuel 16.1-14, Ps 139, Acts 10.1-16

LOOKING AHEAD

August		Time	Event
Saturday	22	1.15pm	Wedding of Matthew Williams & Georgina Morris, St George's Church
Sunday	23	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Thursday	27	All day	Parish Office closed
		10am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
Saturday	29	Midday	West End Village Show, West End Green
Sunday	30	10.30am	Eucharist & Holy Baptism, Christ Church
Monday	31	All day	Summer Bank Holiday
September		Time	Event
Tuesday	1	All day	Parish Office closed (Sept 1-11 incl.)
Wednesday	2	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Thursday	3	10am	Morning Prayer, Zoom

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