

# PARISH OF ESHER

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

*Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love*

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

24 APRIL 2022

## CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion	Led by Revd Darren McCallig at 9am at St George's (SG)
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Reading & Prayers	Bridget Williams
Musician	Keith Howell-Jones
Parish Communion	Led by Revd Darren McCallig at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Margaret Dane, Kath Chapman
Reading & Prayers	Kath Chapman, David Stark
Refreshments	Jennifer Meade, Wendy Tanqueray
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane, Rowan Marshall

## SERVICE MUSIC

Opening music	<i>Prelude no. 3 from Five Little Preludes &amp; Fugues (Jirak)</i>
SG & CC hymns	216, 207, 769
Setting	Coulson
CC anthem	<i>O sons and daughters, let us sing (French 17<sup>th</sup> century melody, arr. Goldsmith)</i>
Closing music	<i>Marche triomphale 'Nun danket alle Gott' (Karg-Elert)</i>

## THE COLLECT

Risen Christ,  
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:  
open the doors of our hearts,  
that we may seek the good of others  
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,  
to the praise of God the Father.  
Amen.

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God our Father,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ  
you have assured your children of eternal life  
and in baptism have made us one with him:  
deliver us from the death of sin  
and raise us to new life in your love,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

## Message from our Rector, Darren

In everyday conversation, to call someone a 'Doubting Thomas' is not usually a compliment. But, perhaps, we are a little too hard on Thomas. After all, his great virtue was that he absolutely refused to say that he understood what he did not understand, and refused to say that he believed what he did not believe. You might say that there was an admirable honesty about him. One might even say that his kind of doubt shows concern and leads to questioning, which can lead to a deeper and more mature faith.

Something of this possibility is captured in a beautiful poem by the Israeli poet Yehuda Amichai. He writes:

*From the place where we are right  
Flowers will never grow  
in the Spring.*

*The place where we are right  
Is hard and trampled  
like a yard.*

*But doubts and loves  
Dig up the world  
like a mole, a plough.*

*And a whisper will be heard in the place  
where the ruined  
house once stood.*

God bless.



## READING Acts 5.27-32

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

## GOSPEL John 20.19-end

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

## TODAY'S OTHER LECTIONARY TEXTS

### PSALM 118.14-end

14 The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

15 There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: 'The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;

16 the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.'

17 I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

18 The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

20 This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

21 I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

22 The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.

24 This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

26 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.

27 The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

28 You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

29 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever.

### READING Revelation 1.4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

## PARISH COVID INFORMATION

### Parish Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Update

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for all the benefits you have given me,  
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I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.  
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,  
may I know you more clearly,  
love you more dearly,  
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*Amen.* after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

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## ST GEORGE'S SERVICE NOTES

Welcome! It's great to be together for Sunday worship. A few things to remember. Please take the Pewsheets home with you.

- We ask, please, that you continue to wear a face covering, bearing in mind that masks primarily provide protection to others. Exemptions are: those leading worship; children under 11; those unable to put on/wear a face mask because of a physical or mental illness or disability; those for whom wearing a mask will cause severe distress; and anyone assisting someone who relies on lip reading to communicate.
- We are delighted to be able to sing again as a congregation.
- Communion will be in one kind only (consecrated bread) with the priest wearing a face covering for distribution. Please stay in your seats and the priest will come to you. Before receiving the bread each person should apply hand sanitiser from their own personal bottle (we have some available if you have forgotten to bring yours).
- To make an act of 'Spiritual Communion' please use the prayer opposite.
- Coffee will not be served in St George's for the time being, but we do hope you will join us after the service in the West End Sports & Social Club so we can chat and socialise as we have always done.
- Just as we asked you to use the hand sanitiser on the way in, please use it again on the way out.

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Welcome! It's great to be together for Sunday worship. A few things to remember.

Please take the Pewsheets home with you.

- Please note the designated socially-distanced zone, front and centre in the church. In this area every other row of pews is closed and we ask you, please, to wear a face covering (unless exempt).
- In the rest of the church all pews are open and we encourage you, please, to wear a face covering.
- We are delighted to be able to sing again as a congregation.
- The toilet (at the back of the church) is open, but please use only if necessary.
- The service will be live streamed on the Parish YouTube channel.
- Communion will be in one kind only (consecrated bread) with the priest wearing a face covering for distribution. Please come 'up' the centre aisle and use the hand sanitiser before receiving. Please return to your seat 'down' the side aisles.
- To make an act of 'Spiritual Communion' please use the prayer opposite.
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## PARISH NOTICES

**Parish Electoral Roll** - This will be revised from 8 May to 13 May inclusive (see full details on the notice in the church porch). If you would like to be added to the Electoral Roll, application forms may be obtained from the Parish Office and must be returned by Friday 13 May. If you are already on the Electoral Roll but have changed your name or address please advise the Parish Office.

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting** - The APCM will be held on Sunday 29 May after the 10.30am service in Christ Church. All those on the electoral roll can attend.

**Save the Date** - We will be holding a special Thanksgiving and Celebration Service and Supper in Christ Church on Sunday 1 May at 6pm. It will be a good opportunity to pay tribute to all our wonderful volunteers, as well as a time to say a special 'thank you' to some long-standing dedicated individuals, who have contributed so much to the Parish over many years and are now standing down. Please save the date! If anyone can help with the supper do let the churchwardens or the Parish office know.

**'Zoom' Morning Prayer & Zoffee!** - Morning Prayer continues on Wednesdays at 9am. If interested please get in touch with the Parish Office for Zoom details.

**Parish Book Group** - Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 10 May, 4.30pm, at Christ Church. Juliet Philip will lead our discussion on 'Purple Hibiscus' by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. The novel is set in Nigeria and Juliet will bring something of her own experience of a childhood in Africa. For information contact Jonathan Andrew - 01372 464380 or jandrewsher@gmail.com.

**Children and Families Worker** - We're looking for an enthusiastic, energetic and fun person to grow our ministry to children from preschool to 11 years old. If you're someone who can help children explore spirituality, meaning and purpose in imaginative and inspiring ways then we would love to hear from you. Full details of this part-time role (14 hours per week), and how to apply, can be found on the Parish website. The closing date is Friday 6 May.

**Sunday School** - Our wonderful Sunday School is now back in action. However, for it to continue to thrive we need some volunteers to help. It's great fun and the children are amazing! Please contact the Rector if you'd like to be involved. Degrees in theology are not needed – just a love of being with little ones as they learn and grow.

**Parish Contactless Giving** - With the very kind help of a church member we are so pleased to now have an operational digital collection plate in Christ Church which takes contactless payments as well as chip and pin payments. Donations can be made using the collection plate or wish cash today or alternatively via online payment by searching for 'Give a Little Parish of Esher' or via: <https://givealittle.co/campaigns/d9f42eab-78e6-4ce8-880b-215b3f77c260>. Or to donate to our Parish bank account, please contact the Parish Office or Parish Treasurer for details and Gift Aid forms.

**Ecclesiastical Home Insurance 2022 Offer** – With a new home insurance policy taken out with Ecclesiastical Insurance they will donate £130 to our Parish through their Trust130 promotion. For more details go to: <https://www.ecclesiastical.com/individuals/home-insurance/trust130/>

## PARISH NOTICES

**Ukraine Donations** - We have decided to assist with collecting urgently needed supplies for refugees and those affected by the war in Ukraine. If you have any of the items listed below, please leave at the back of Christ Church, which is now open every day. They will be sorted and delivered by volunteers to our nearest drop-off point – a Ukrainian restaurant called Prosperity in Twickenham. Please note that clothes are not needed at this stage. All donations must be clean, organised and labelled if delivered mixed. Sturdy packaging is essential. Many thanks for your kindness in these dark hours.

- large/medium sized backpacks
- camping mats, sleeping bags, torches
- warm blankets, all sizes
- thermal/base layer clothing, warm socks
- non-perishable/dry/canned food
- baby food/milk, bottles, wet wipes, nappies
- protein/energy bars, sweets
- non-perishable pet food
- painkillers (ibuprofen/paracetamol etc)
- cold/flu medicine (lemons etc)
- wound dressings/gauze, non-woven plasters
- first aid medical kits, medical gloves, scissors
- disinfectants, antiseptics
- hot water bottles, insulated flasks
- feminine sanitary products
- power banks, cables (for charging mobiles)

**Helping the Animals in Ukraine** - Are you wondering about the animals in Ukraine? With the war continuing animal charities and organisations on the ground and globally are thankfully working together to rescue and care for the animals and pets affected by the war. For a summary of charities to help this website may help: <https://www.animalscharities.co.uk/ukraine>

**Foodbank at Christ Church** - The Christ Church foodbank operation will start this Wednesday and will support those in need in our Parish, particularly those in Lower Green. We are very grateful to the number of volunteers who have offered to help with this venture. We hope that our foodbank clients will feel welcome and will join our activities if they so wish. We plan to open every Wednesday from 10.30am to 12pm.

**Ukraine Charity Gala Concert** - Guest artists from Ukraine will perform a selection of folk music and classical favourites in aid of the Emergency Relief Appeal, at Christ Church on Saturday 21 May at 5pm. For further details check out the Parish website.

**Fellowship Group** - The next meeting will be in Christ Church on Wednesday 4 May, 11am.

**Music on the Green** - Our next lunchtime concert, at 1.15pm on Wednesday 18 May, will feature an organ recital by Christopher Herrick, former sub-organist of Westminster Abbey. To watch our MOTG concerts on YouTube, search 'Music on the Green Esher' (do also remember to subscribe!). To be added to our MOTG email list, contact the Parish Office.

**Platinum Jubilee** – We are making plans to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee over the long Jubilee weekend (Thursday 2 - Sunday 5 June). This will include a Festal Evensong at 7pm on the Sunday, including the premiere of a new choir anthem we have commissioned for the occasion. Please save the date and look out for more information on our Jubilee celebrations in due course.

Parish of Esher events



# Charity Gala Concert for Ukraine

Christ Church, Esher  
Saturday 21 May 2022  
5pm

**The Ukrainian Cultural Association in the UK presents a concert of music and poetry in aid of Ukrainian humanitarian relief.**

**Alexander Ilvakhin** *baritone* + **Rozanna Madylus** *mezzo soprano*  
**Marcella Riordan** *actress* + **Alla Sirenko** *pianist, composer, event producer*

Popular Ukrainian songs and original compositions by Alla Sirenko will be performed, along with well known operatic arias and Ukrainian and English poetry. The buffet supper, kindly sponsored by Mama Olga's Kitchen enterprise, will include some traditional Ukrainian and Italian dishes. Advance booking advised. Donations welcome for Ukrainian humanitarian relief. ([www.ucauk.com](http://www.ucauk.com))

**Individual ticket £25 Family ticket £45** *two adults, up to three children*

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## PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Yasmin Ingram, Stuart Williams, Maureen O'Brien, Betty Walker, Geoff Walker, Elizabeth Arnold, Sue Lynn, Stewart Henderson, Gilly Barrett, Albie Mewse, Michelle Hammond, Michael Newbould, Allen Palmer, Catherine Wishaw, Malcolm Sayer, Pamela Paine

RIP Anniversaries: Ollie Gobat, Joyce Simms, Martin Moreton, William Pearson, John Daley

RIP: Kooi Yin Chang, Peter David Whicheloe, James Willig, Michelle Hammond

## BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

	April	Time	Reading
	Monday	25	Isaiah 62.6-10; Ps 37.23-end; Acts 12.25-13.13
	Tuesday	26	Joshua 1.1-9; Ps 5; Ephesians 6.10-20
	Wednesday	27	Exodus 16.11-end; Ps 30; Colossians 2.1-15
	Thursday	28	Exodus 17; Ps 28; Colossians 2.16-3.11
	Friday	29	Exodus 18.1-12; Ps 61; Colossians 3.12-4.1

## LOOKING AHEAD

	April	Time	Event
	Sunday	24	9.00am Holy Communion, St George's
			10.30am Parish Communion, Christ Church
	Monday	25	7.15pm Choir practice, Christ Church
	Tuesday	26	2.00pm Memorial Service for James Willig, Christ Church
	Wednesday	27	9.00-10.00am Morning Prayer, Zoom
			10.30am Friends 'Come for Coffee' morning, Christ Church
			7.00pm Bellringing practice, Christ Church
	Thursday	28	All day Parish Office closed
			3.00pm Funeral for Peter David Whicheloe, Christ Church
	Saturday	30	Midday Wedding Blessing: Kirsty Tyrrell & Timothy Davies
May		Time	Event
	Sunday	1	9.00am Holy Communion, St George's
			10.30am Parish Communion, Christ Church
			6.00pm Thanksgiving Service & Supper, Christ Church
	Monday	2	7.15pm Choir practice, Christ Church

## CONTACTS

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