

# PARISH OF ESHER

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

*Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love*

GOOD FRIDAY

29 MARCH 2024

CHURCH SERVICE	
Good Friday Service	Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 2pm at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Jonathan Andrew
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Will Stevens
Reading	Brian Elliott, Carol Henderson, Stewart Henderson, Jennifer Meade, Will Stevens, Stuart Whatton
Prayers	Stewart Henderson
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Rowan Marshall
SERVICE MUSIC	
Opening music	<i>Chorale Prelude 'O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde gross', BWV 622 (Bach)</i>
Hymns	153, 157, 147 (omit v 4,6), 181
Setting	Addington
Vocal interlude	<i>Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (American trad.)</i>
THE COLLECT	
Eternal God, in the cross of Jesus we see the cost of sin and the depth of your love: in humble hope and fear may we place at his feet all that we have and all that we are, through Jesus Christ our Lord. <b>Amen.</b>	

## 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 Isaiah 52.13-end of 53**

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him – so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals – so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate. Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was

no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

## **READING Hebrews 10.16-25**

‘This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds’, he also adds, ‘I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.’ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

## **GOSPEL John 18.1-end of 19**

See the Good Friday order of service for a dramatisation of this Gospel reading.

Parish of Esher services

# Easter 2024

## Easter services and free events

### **Saturday, 23 March**

#### *Easter Crazy Crafts*

10am, Lower Green Community Centre

*Drop in anytime, 10am-1pm, for free family fun!*

### **Palm Sunday, 24 March**

#### *Palm Sunday Services*

9am, St George's, West End

10.30am, Christ Church, Esher

### **Tuesday, 26 March**

#### **Wednesday, 27 March**

#### *Music in the Tower*

1pm & 8pm, Christ Church

*Places are limited so please book ahead.*

### **Maundy Thursday, 28 March**

#### *Maundy Thursday Service*

8pm, Christ Church, Esher

### **Good Friday, 29 March**

#### *Good Friday Service*

2pm, Christ Church, Esher

### **Easter Sunday, 31 March**

#### *Easter Day Services*

9am, St George's, West End

10.30am, Christ Church, Esher

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## PARISH NOTICES

**Lent Reflections** - Thank you to everyone who participated in our second annual Lent Reflections. We hope you've enjoyed pondering the questions. Our 2024 cards will be ready to purchase very soon!

**Parish Easter Card** - Do pick up a copy of our Easter card and read our Rector's superb message. Huge thanks to everyone who has delivered the Easter Cards and Will Stevens who has coordinated it all. We managed to get all the cards through parish letterboxes!

**Lent Appeal 2024** - This year we are raising funds for much needed CCTV at Christ Church. For more details see separate Lent Appeal notice overleaf. You can donate via the card machine in Christ Church or online by scanning the QR code pew cards. Where appropriate, include your details so we can claim Gift Aid and enhance your donation.

**Food donations** - During Lent we've been encouraging donations split 50/50 between the Esher Lower Green Community Centre ([www.lowergreen.org](http://www.lowergreen.org)) and the local Trussell Trust East Elmbridge Foodbank ([www.eastelmbridge.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.eastelmbridge.foodbank.org.uk)). There's still time to donate in the box in Christ Church. This week Kath took some food donations down to the Lower Green Community Centre, alongside donations that had been collected at Esher Church School. Everyone at the centre was over the moon to receive them.

**Easter Eggs** - We have a few Real Easter Eggs for sale in both churches - £5 each.

**Christ Church Defibrillator** - We're raising funds for this life saving equipment. Please donate to the First Aid Fund by scanning the QR code here or in either church, use the card machine in Christ Church or contact the Parish Office



**Easter Crazy Crafts** - Crazy Crafts on Saturday was amazing - we had a bumper turn out, loads of people who hadn't been before and we nearly ran out of goodie bags. Everyone loved all the free crafts and we received so many compliments at the quality and range of activities. Massive thanks, as always, to the Lower Green Community Centre for their wonderful support and partnership.

**Easter Egg Hunt** - Bring your basket on Easter Sunday, 11.30am to 12.30pm, to hunt for some very special Easter eggs in the grounds of Christ Church. Or just stay and watch the children having some fun!

**Easter Gardens** - Sunday School prepared an Easter Garden at Christ Church and buried a 'Hallelujah'. This celebratory word is removed from church liturgy in Lent and is traditionally marked by this ceremony and resurrected on Easter Day. The St George's folks also have their own Easter Garden to admire.

**Sunday School** - This week we will be venturing outside to our Easter Garden and raising the Hallelujah! Plus we'll be making some lovely Easter bonnets to wear for the egg hunt straight after the service.

**Youth Group** - Youth Group will be back on Sunday 7 April in Christ Church, 4.30-6pm for more games and meaningful conversation.

**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.

**Kid's Activities at Old St George's** - As we celebrate the beginning of Spring and the flowers returning, Old St George's Church is offering free plant-based family activities on Wednesdays 3 and 11 April, 11am-3pm.

## PARISH NOTICES

**Music in the Tower 2024** - We had a record attendance across all four MITT performances. Audiences were captivated by our Lithuanian guest artist Emilija Karaliute, who introduced us with enthusiasm and expertise to the soothing sounds of her country's national instrument, the kankles.

**Book Group** - Our next meeting will be at 4pm on Monday 22 April when we'll discuss *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro. We can expect some interesting conversation about the topical issue of Artificial Intelligence and what it means to be human. To know more contact Revd Jonathan Andrew – 01372 464380 / jandrewesher@gmail.com

**Music on the Green** - At our next concert, on Wednesday 17 April, we'll host a French horn recital by Henry Ward, accompanied by Owen Lee, with a varied programme including music by Rosetti and Strauss.

**Weekly Organ Meditations** - Barbara Wadley's organ series continues at St Mark's Church in Whiteley Village, KT12 4ES. Thursday lunchtimes, 12-12.30pm. Free admission. Retiring collection for the historic organ.

**Parish Electoral Roll** - This will be revised from 14 April to 28 April 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 Sunday 28 April. If you are on the Electoral Roll but have changed your name or address details please advise the Parish Office. The APCM will be held on Sunday 19 May after the 10.30am service in Christ Church.

**Parish Office** - Melanie will be on leave from Good Friday to Sunday 7 April inclusive so the Parish Office will be closed. If you need any assistance during this time please contact the churchwardens. Christ Church will continue to be open every day.

**Gill Barnett** - Our dear friend, Gill, died recently at Moore Place Care Home where she has lived for the last few years. Surrounded by the love of her three children and supported by the sacraments of the Church, hers was a peaceful passing. Gill will be known to many church friends as a long-standing and committed member of our Parish community. Along with her late husband Mike, Gill supported the Parish in many ways, not least as a loyal choir member. We send love and prayers to her children and wider family.

**Ann Willig** - We are very sorry to share the sad news that Ann Willig has died. Ann was a much-loved and deeply committed member of the West End congregation. Please keep her, and all those who are grieving her loss, in your prayers.

**Margot Williams** - Very sadly we received news from Cornwall of the passing of dear Margot. She turned a 100 only a few months back! Margot was a stalwart of the Parish and a regular worshipper at St George's. We remember Margot's whole family in our prayers at this difficult time. The service will take place on Friday 12 April, 11am, at St George's in West End. Those that knew Margot are welcome to join the family in West End Village Hall afterwards.

**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.

**'Zoom' Morning Prayer & Zoffee!** - Morning Prayer continues each Thursday at 9.30am. To join please contact the Parish Office.

**Fellowship Group** - The next meeting will be in Christ Church at 11am on Wednesday 3 April. We welcome all to pray, to reflect on their faith and to put the world to rights!

# Our Parish Lent Appeal 2024

The Parish supported an international cause for its recent Advent Appeal, as is our custom. We're now supporting a local issue for our Lent Appeal.

The Diocese of Guildford is advocating local community needs, and we are following suit. As the old saying goes 'Charity begins at home' and we have a specific need following the unwelcome visit of an intruder a year ago. It was particularly unnerving for Darren and Jennifer who both happened to be in Christ Church at the time. The ensuing Police visit emphasised that our security was, to say the least, somewhat inadequate. So it is extremely fortunate the intruder made the decision to run off.

We have already made some improvements and at the recommendation of the Diocese, we called in a security company to survey Christ Church and to provide recommendations and a quote for the installation of a CCTV system with cameras at all our external doors.

We now have the required Diocese of Guildford approval to proceed with the work, but needless to say it is costly. We need to raise circa £5k to cover this cost, and this is the aim of our Lent Appeal in 2024.

Keeping Christ Church open outside of worship times is a key element in the link we have with the local community we serve. Our open doors provide people with a quiet place to pray, somewhere to sit and think and enables visitors to enjoy our historic and magnificent building.

We need to be able to open Christ Church in the safest way possible for visitors and for our staff and key volunteers working onsite.

It is for these reasons that we are aiming to raise the funds required for the CCTV cameras and installation, which will help to provide the extra security needed whilst the church is open for use by our community.

To donate to the Lent Appeal please scan the QR code here or on the pew cards in either church, use the card machine in Christ Church or contact the Parish Office. You can also donate via cash/cheque using the Gift Aid appeal envelopes.



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



Parish of Esher youth

*Easter*  
**EGG HUNT**

**Christ Church, Esher  
Sunday 31 March, 11.30am**

**Bring your basket on Easter Sunday, 11.30am to 12.30pm, to hunt for some very special Easter eggs in the grounds of Christ Church. Take care to look hard - the eggs are hiding!**

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## 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: Daisy Slade, Edna Worsfold, Robert Morath, Hazel Hunter, Keith Duffy, David Quelch, Peter Wood, Janet James, Muriel Baumann

RIP: Margot Williams, Jamie Bush, June Trew, Gill Barnett, Ann Willig, William Fraser

## BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

March		Time	Reading
Friday	29		Genesis 22.1-18, Ps 69, Hebrews 10.1-10
Saturday	30		Hosea 6.1-6, Ps 142, John 2.18-22
Sunday	31		Exodus 14.10-18, 26-15.2, Ps 114, Revelation 15.2-4

## LOOKING AHEAD

March		Time	Event
Friday	29	All day	Parish Office closed (29 March-7 April incl.)
		2pm	Good Friday Service, Christ Church
Easter Sunday		9am	Easter Day Service, St George's Church
		10.30am	Easter Day Service, Christ Church
April		Time	Event
Monday	1	All day	Easter Monday Bank Holiday
			No choir practice
Wednesday	3	11am	Fellowship Group, Christ Church
		7pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Sunday	7	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	All Age Eucharist, Christ Church
		12.30pm	Interment of Susan Scott
		4.30pm	Youth Group, Christ Church
Monday	8	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Tuesday	9	11am	Funeral of Jamie Bush, Christ Church

## CONTACTS

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<b>Live Streaming</b> 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.		