

# PARISH OF ESHER

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

*Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love*

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

29 SEPTEMBER 2024

## CHURCH SERVICE

Parish Communion (live streamed)	Led by The Right Revd Martin Wharton at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	The Right Revd Martin Wharton
Churchwarden	Helen Coulson
Sidespeople	Sia Marshall, Ian Royce
Reading, Prayers	Bridget Williams
Refreshments	Sandra Argent, Sally Radford
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane, Rowan Marshall, Robert Cunningham

## SERVICE MUSIC

Opening music	<i>Adagio from Sonata no. 1</i> (Mendelssohn)
CC hymns	589, 663, 826
CC setting	Coulson
Communion music	<i>Lamento</i> (Guilmant)
Anthem	<i>O for a closer walk with God</i> (Stanford)
Closing music	<i>Chorale Improvisation on Nun Danket Alle Gott</i> (Karg-Elert)

## THE COLLECT

God, our judge and saviour,  
teach us to be open to your truth  
and to trust in your love,  
that we may live each day  
with confidence in the salvation which is given  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord, we pray that your grace  
may always precede and follow us,  
and make us continually  
to be given to all good works;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**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 James 5.13-end

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

## GOSPEL Mark 9.38-end

After Jesus had finished teaching his disciples, John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. 'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell.' And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. 'For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

## ADDITIONAL LECTIONARY TEXTS

### PSALM 19.7-end

7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? Cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offence.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

### READING Numbers 11.4-6, 10-16, 24-29

The rabble among the people had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, 'If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.'

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, 'Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favour in your sight, that you lay the burden

of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, "Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child", to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, "Give us meat to eat!" I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once – if I have found favour in your sight – and do not let me see my misery.' So the Lord said to Moses, 'Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, 'My lord Moses, stop them!' But Moses said to him, 'Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!'

Parish of Esher services

With ESHER CHURCH  
SCHOOL choir singing

Sunday 6 October

# Harvest Thanksgiving

St George's Church, West End  
Christ Church, Esher

**Come to our Harvest Thanksgiving services.**

We are holding services at St George's Church at 9am and Christ Church at 10.30am. All harvest donations will be given to the Lower Green Community Centre for local people in need. For details of specific needs please go to the harvest page on the Parish website.

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## 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.

**Harvest Thanksgiving** - We're holding services at St George's Church and Christ Church on Sunday 6 October. Harvest donations will be given to the Lower Green Community Centre. Operating in addition to the foodbank (that only runs on certain days and not at nearby locations) the Lower Green Food Store aims to provide emergency items to support local families in the interim. Specific needs are: tinned meats, hot dogs, corned beef, long life milk, fruit juices, pasta, cooking sauces, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, custard, biscuits, snacks, washing pods, washing up liquid and toilet rolls. Thank you in advance for all your kind donations.

**Harvest Crazy Crafts** - Join us at Lower Green Community Centre this Saturday 28 September for our autumn community crafting extravaganza! Come at anytime 10am-1pm to make harvest themed creations – paper plate animals, pom-poms, animal cards and more! Entry is free, the cafe will be open and kids get a goodie bag. Please look after your children at all times.

**Sunday School** - This Sunday we're looking forward to harvest, making some seasonal wreaths to hang on our doors at home!

**Youth Group** - Our next get-together in Christ Church will be on Sunday 6 October 4.30pm-6pm when we'll be exploring the gift of failing, through games and reflection

**Fellowship Group** - The next meeting in Christ Church is on Wednesday 2 October, 10.30am.

**Bishops' Camino 2024** - Walk with Bishop Paul and Bishop Andrew on Saturday 12 October. [www.cofeguildford.org.uk/mission/growing-community/bishop-of-guildfords-communities-fund/](http://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/mission/growing-community/bishop-of-guildfords-communities-fund/)

**All Souls' Service** - We will mark All Souls' Day at Christ Church, on Sunday 3 November at 4pm. It's a day traditionally set apart as a time to remember those whom we love but see no longer. The service of Commemoration of the Faithful Departed will be a quiet, thoughtful and gentle service with carefully chosen words and music.

**Vicky Jenkins** - It is very sad that Vicky has recently passed away. As a long-standing and active member of our community Vicky will be much missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and her friends. The funeral will take place in Christ Church at 11am on Friday 11 October.

**Rector Update** - We are pleased to let you know that Darren will be returning from adoption leave earlier than originally planned on Tuesday 5 November. We, of course, look forward to welcoming him back, but we ask for your understanding in giving him time to catch up and settle back in.

**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.

**Book Group** - On Monday 30 September, 4pm, we'll discuss Carlo Levi's memoir of southern Italy in the 1930s – *Christ stopped at Eboli*. For details contact Revd Jonathan Andrew – 01372 464380 / [jandrewsher@gmail.com](mailto:jandrewsher@gmail.com).

**Music on the Green** - September's concert, blending continental Baroque with Scottish folk music, was a great success and can be watched on the MOTG YouTube channel. Our next concert on Wednesday 16 October, 1.15pm, at Christ Church, will be a cello and piano recital, featuring music by Britten and his teacher Frank Bridge as well as a recently composed Cello Sonata by William Harner, who will himself be our pianist, accompanying the cellist Gabriel Francis-Dehqani.

## 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, Ruramai, Karen Harris, David Gerrard

RIP Anniversaries: Nicholas Simmons, John Doherty, Winifred Peden, Jean Mumby, David Rennie

RIP: Wadad Gorton, Anne Williams, Vicky Jenkins

## BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Sept/Oct		Time	Reading
Monday	30		Daniel 12.1-4, Ps 34, Acts 12.1-11
Tuesday	1		2 Kings 6.1-23, Ps 89.1-18, Acts 26.24-end
Wednesday	2		2 Kings 9.1-16, Ps 119.105-128, Acts 27.1-26
Thursday	3	9.30-10.30am	2 Kings 9.17-end, Ps 92, Acts 27.27-end
Friday	4		2 Kings 12.1-19, Ps 88, Acts 28.1-16

## LOOKING AHEAD

September		Time	Event
Saturday	28	10am-1pm	Harvest Crazy Crafts, Lower Green Community Centre
Sunday	29	10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	30	4pm	Book Group, Christ Church
		7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
October		Time	Event
Wednesday	2	10.30am	Fellowship Group, Christ Church
		7pm	Bellringing practice
Thursday	3	All day	Parish Office closed
		9.30am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
Sunday	6	9am	Harvest Thanksgiving Service, St George's Church
		10.30am	Harvest Thanksgiving Service, Christ Church
		4.30pm	Youth Group, Christ Church
Monday	7	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Wednesday	9	7pm	Bellringing practice

## CONTACTS

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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 Tuesday. Thank you.