

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

30 AUGUST 2026

CHURCH SERVICES

Eucharist & Holy Baptism (live streamed)	Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Jonathan Andrew
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Gavin Bradley, Valerie Msoka
Reading	Charles Hawkshaw-Burn
Musicians	Oliver Macfarlane, Theo Tang
Refreshments	Sandra Argent, Wendy Tanqueray

SERVICE MUSIC

CC hymns	339, 787, What a friend we have in Jesus
CC setting	Coulson

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food
sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place
where hunger and thirst are no more;
through 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 12.9-end

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

GOSPEL Matthew 16.21-end

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

Other Lectionary Texts

Exodus 3.1-15

Psalm 105.1-6, 23-26, 45b

Psalm 115

Jeremiah 15.15-21

Psalm 26.1-8

HYMN

What a Friend we have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Jesus only is our refuge,
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

PARISH NOTICES

West End Village Show - Many thanks to everyone who baked, served, washed-up and supported our wonderful fundraising effort yesterday. The Afternoon Teas in the Village Hall and the Cake & Gift Sale in St George's were a great success. We'll update you with the fundraising results soon. Many thanks.

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.

Parish Office - The office will be closed from the August Bank Holiday through to Friday 11 September as Melanie will be on holiday. If you need urgent assistance during this time, please contact the churchwardens.

Music on the Green - Our concert in Christ Church on Wednesday 16 September, 1.15pm, will be a piano recital by our senior organ scholar, Theo Tang. Light lunch from 12.30pm.

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.

St George's Update - St George's will close temporarily following 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. While we will, of course, miss worshipping at St George's during this period, it also gives us a wonderful opportunity to come together as one parish for a few months, as we welcome our new Rector, The Revd Jo Winn-Smith, and begin this exciting new chapter in the life of our parish. We will 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.

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: John Meek, Jennifer McKerracher, Brian Edmunds, Roger Simmons, David MacDonald, Allen Palmer, David Melliar-Smith, Gerald Creagh-Brown, Eleanor Poet, Michael Collins

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

Baptism: Talia Sofia Cardy

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Aug/Sept		Time	Reading
Monday	31		2 Samuel 18.1-18, Ps 126, Acts 10.34-end
Tuesday	1		2 Samuel 18.19-19.8a, Ps 132, Acts 11.1-18
Wednesday	2		2 Samuel 19.8b-23, Ps 119.153-end, Acts 11.19-end
Thursday	3	10am	2 Samuel 19.24-end, Ps 143, Acts 12.1-17
Friday	4		2 Samuel 23.1-7, Ps 144, Acts 12.18-end

LOOKING AHEAD

August		Time	Event
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
Friday	4	5.30pm	Youth Group, Christ Church
Sunday	6	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	7	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church

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