

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

EASTER DAY

31 MARCH 2024

CHURCH SERVICES	
Easter Day Service	Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 9am at St George's (SG)
Preacher	Revd Jonathan Andrew
Reading, Prayers	Stephen Lee
Musician	Oliver Macfarlane
Easter Day Service	Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Jonathan Andrew
Churchwarden	Jane Tyrrell
Sidespeople	Sean Cole
Reading, Prayers	Carol Henderson, Helen Coulson
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane
SERVICE MUSIC	
Opening music	<i>Plein Chant - 1st Verse of Gloria from Messe pour les Paroisses</i> (Couperin)
SG & CC hymns	205, 200 (omit v 4), 218
SG & CC setting	Addington
Communion music	<i>Phantasie on 'Halleluja, Gott zu loben'</i> Op. 52 no. 3 (Reger)
Communion anthem	<i>This joyful Eastertide</i> (Wood)
Closing music	<i>Introduction and Fugue Finale, Op. 52 no. 3</i> (Reger)
THE COLLECT	
God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.	
THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER	
God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	

Welcome to our Easter Day services

As your Church Wardens may we, Helen and Jane, take this opportunity together with our PCC, to wish you a very Happy and Blessed Easter.



*The Lord is risen!
He is risen indeed!
Alleluia!*

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 9am 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.

READING Acts 10.34-43

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

GOSPEL John 20.1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to

look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

ADDITIONAL LECTIONARY TEXTS

PSALM 118.1-2, 14-24

1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures for ever!

2 Let Israel say, 'His steadfast love endures for ever.'

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.

READING 1 Corinthians 15.1-11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you – unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them – though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

PARISH NOTICES

Parish Easter Card - We distributed an Easter Card to all households in the Parish. Many thanks to all our posties and to Will Stevens for a super job organising us all.

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!

Lent Appeal 2024 - This year we raised funds for much needed CCTV at Christ Church. We are very thankful to and appreciative of everyone who has donated. It means that CCTV will not only safeguard Christ Church but also our staff on site. We will aim to provide an update shortly.

Food donations - During Lent we've been encouraging donations split 50/50 between the Esher Lower Green Community Centre (www.lowergreen.org) and the local Trussell Trust East Elmbridge Foodbank (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.

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



Parish Communication - Emails with the orders of service, pewsheets and web links are sent out to everyone on our distribution list. Please get in touch with the Parish Office if you would like to receive these.

Easter Egg Hunt - Do join in our Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Day, 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 Crazy Crafts - Crazy Crafts last 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 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 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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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 / jandrewsher@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.

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.

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.

Margot Williams - Very sadly we received news from Cornwall of the passing of dear Margot. She turned 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!



CHRIST CHURCH, ESHER
LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Wednesday 17 April 2024

Henry Ward & Owen Lee

horn & piano

Enjoy the mellifluous sounds of the French horn in a programme ranging from the Bohemian Classical era composer Rosetti via Richard Strauss to some contemporary works.

Free entry & light lunch from 12.30pm. Concert from 1.15pm.

Christ Church, Church Street, Esher, Surrey KT10 8QS

Join us in person or watch it on YouTube at 'Music on the Green Esher'

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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: Eileen Martineau, Irene Thompson, Brenda Gillham

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.

	April	Time	Reading
Monday	1		Exodus 12.1-14, Ps 111, 1 Corinthians 15.1-11
Tuesday	2		Exodus 12.14-36, Ps 112, 1 Corinthians 15.12-19
Wednesday	3		Exodus 12.37-end, Ps 113, 1 Corinthians 15.20-28
Thursday	4	9.30-10.30am	Exodus 13.1-16, Ps 114, 1 Corinthians 15.29-34
Friday	5		Exodus 13.17-14.14, Ps 115, 1 Corinthians 15.35-50

LOOKING AHEAD

	March	Time	Event
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
Thursday	4	9.30am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
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

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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 midday on the preceding Wednesday. Thank you.		