

Parish of Esher Friends of Christ Church & St George's

MEMBERSHIP FORM 2021

Become a Friend for as little as
£5 a month and help us preserve
our two beautiful church buildings.



Parish of Esher, Christ Church, Esher with St George's, West End

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Become a Friend

Christ Church and St George's Church are an enduring presence and have been, and continue to be, open to all at every stage of life from baptisms to weddings and funerals. It may come as a surprise that no central funding is available to help parishes maintain churches across the land: church buildings are maintained by parishioners making voluntary donations, and the Parish of Esher is no exception. Without this generosity our Parish could not function and our buildings would fall into disrepair.

Becoming a Friend will help us preserve our two beautiful church buildings so they can continue to serve Esher and West End for many more years. It will enable us to promote both churches so they can grow and become focal points of the local community, making our church buildings and facilities available for a range of activities and events to encourage closer community cohesion and cooperation. We will also work with local businesses to enhance our capabilities and help us reach out to our wider neighbourhood in the achievement of our aims.

As a Friend of Christ Church and St George's Church you will be able to enjoy free or special admission to:

- *Coffee mornings*
- *Talks on local issues*
- *Film showings*
- *Wine tastings*
- *Refreshment stalls*
- *Music on the Green weekend concerts*
- *Private guided tours and visits to historic towns, cathedrals and heritage sites*

To become a Friend we ask that you commit to giving at least £5 a month. This will enable you access to benefits and activities that will develop as more members join. We will keep you informed of future activities in our two churches.

We thank those who already regularly give to the Parish through Stewardship. You will automatically become a Friend and will receive the benefits above.

A little history lesson...

Christ Church, completed in 1854, was designed in the Victorian Gothic style. Queen Victoria had strong connections with it, firstly through her uncle Prince Leopold, King of the Belgians and secondly through her youngest son, the Duke of Albany, both of whom resided at Claremont. The organ loft was once a royal pew and several monuments and stained glass windows inside are dedicated to the nobility, while in the churchyard there are many historic graves.

St George's in West End is a tin tabernacle church and was built as a temporary structure in 1879 on land donated by Queen Victoria to give servants and farm labourers from the Royal Estate of Claremont a place of worship. This little iron church has now stood for over 140 years.

How to join

To become a Friend of Christ Church and St George's, please read and complete the Friends membership form opposite and overleaf. Please use 'Friends' as the bank reference.

Once the form and payment is received; you will be given a Friends card stating the expiry date of your membership.

If you have any initial queries please contact the Parish Administrator, Melanie Williams, at the Parish Office.

Gift Aid

Use Gift Aid and you can make your donation worth more. For every pound you give us, we get an extra 25p from Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs. Just fill in the form on the reverse.

Note that your address is needed to identify you as a current taxpayer.

You must notify the Parish Office if you:

- want to cancel your Gift Aid declaration
- change your name or address
- no longer pay sufficient tax on your income or capital gains.

It is important that we have an up-to-date and valid Gift Aid Declaration Form for you.

Next Steps

Please return the entire form to the Parish Office at the following address:

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

Data Protection

Please be assured all information will be treated in strict confidence.

Membership form

Full Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Email _____

Mobile _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Payment

We ask you to commit to a minimum of £5 a month. Other amounts could be £10, £20 or even £25. Please indicate how much and how regularly you wish to pay for your annual Friends membership:

£ _____ per month

£ _____ per quarter

£ _____ annually

It is most convenient for us if payment is made by standing order. A Standing Order Form is printed overleaf for your completion. Please indicate how you wish to pay (tick one box):

Standing Order overleaf

I will arrange a Standing Order

Standing Order Form

To the Manager (of your bank)

Bank/Branch

Address

Postcode

Sort Code

Bank A/c No

Please pay to the account of the Parochial Church Council of Esher (Esher PCC)
NatWest Bank, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey
Sort Code 60-08-04 / Account No: 56643632

Sum of £

Every month / quarter / year

Starting on: / /202

Ending / /202

Or until further notice

Bank Payment Ref.

See 'How to join' on previous page

Full Name

Address

Postcode

Signature

Date

Gift Aid Declaration Form

Complete if you wish to Gift Aid your giving.

Full Name

Address

Postcode

Please treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money made by me in this and the preceding four financial years and until I notify you otherwise.
(tick all the boxes you wish to apply)

Today

In the past four years

In the future

I confirm that I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand that the Esher PCC will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give.

Signature

Date

For Parish Office Use

GA Ref

Bank Ref

Friends Response Form 09/2021

Date Received

Date Processed