

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

GOOD FRIDAY

3 APRIL 2026

CHURCH SERVICE

Good Friday Service (live streamed)	Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 2pm at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Jonathan Andrew
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Debbie Banks, Michael Banks
Readings	Valerie Msoka, Christine Steeds, David Steeds, Michael Banks
Prayers	Sean Seymour-Cole
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Catherine Powell

SERVICE MUSIC

Opening music	<i>O Mensch, bewein dein Sunde gross, BWV 622 (Bach)</i>
Hymns	153, 181, 157
Post sermon music	<i>Were you there when they crucified my Lord ? (African-American trad.)</i>

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.
Amen.

Welcome to the Parish

Our two churches, Christ Church and St George's, have been beacons of faith, hope and love in Esher for well over a century.

Generations have come through our doors to celebrate marriages, welcome newborns into our Christian faith and to grieve their losses - all of it embraced by the worship and prayer offered each week.

Every Sunday we explore the richness of our Christian traditions 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 but whatever the reason, we all belong here.

You can find full details of our services online. Most Sundays we worship at 9am at St George's, West End and at 10.30am at Christ Church, Esher.

We look forward to welcoming you.

READING Hebrews 4.14-16, 5.7-9

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him,

READING John 18.1-end of 19

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

Other Lectionary Texts

Isaiah 52.13-end of 53

Psalm 22

Hebrews 10.16-25

PARISH NOTICES

Good Friday - On this most solemn day in the church year we gather quietly for an hour of meditation and music at the foot of the Cross, remembering Jesus' sacrifice. As usual emails with the orders of service and pewsheets will be sent out. Please contact the Parish Office to receive these.

Youth Group - There will not be a meeting on Friday 3 April, Good Friday.

Lent Appeal 2026 - In support of Mlangi Parish Church in Tanzania for a new well for water. Please support generously using the appeal envelopes, paying via the card machine or the QR code and remember to add your details so that we can recover Gift Aid.



Easter Leaflet - Many thanks to everyone at Christ Church and St George's for delivering all the leaflets across the Parish of Esher.

Parish Electoral Roll - This will be revised from 12 to 26 April inclusive (see full details on the notice in the church porch). To be added to the Electoral Roll application forms are available in both churches. If you're on the Electoral Roll but have changed your details please tell the Parish Office.

An online form is available via this QR code. [The application closing date is Sunday 26 April.](#)



Flower Coordinator - Carol Calvert is 'retiring' after 32 years of managing the Christ Church flower team. To understand what's involved Carol is happy to chat.

Music in the Tower 2026 - David Yardley's 'Medieval Muses & The Age of Mysticism' was a truly atmospheric journey back through the centuries. Thank you for supporting this special annual event.

Easter Day - With joy, during the services we move from darkness to light. Holding candles we ignite the Easter Fire as we proclaim the Resurrection, renew our Baptism vows, and receive the living Christ in union with all who love him on Earth and in Heaven.

Sunday School - For Easter Day, we'll make decorations and greeting cards, reading the Easter story and, of course, raise the Hallelujah from the Sunday School Easter garden!

Easter Egg Hunt - On Easter Day after the 10.30am service at Christ Church, we'll be putting on an Easter Egg Hunt for the children in the church grounds. Bring your basket or watch the children having some fun looking for some very special Easter eggs!

Fellowship Group - The next meeting is on Wednesday 8 April, 10.30am, in Christ Church.

Leave - Revd Jonathan Andrew will be on a well-deserved break from Saturday 11 April to Friday 24 April inclusive. After the immense effort leading up to Easter, Melanie will be out next week on holiday - the Parish Office will be closed from Friday 3 April to Sunday 12 April inclusive. If you need any assistance during this time please contact the churchwardens.

Book Group - *The Masters* by CP Snow will be our next book to read ahead of our meeting at 4pm on Monday 13 April in Christ Church.

Quarter Peal in Jennifer's memory - On Sunday 12 April, we'll ring a Quarter Peal in memory of Jennifer Meade. Our method will be Grandsire Triples which utilises all eight bells and we will be joined by friends from other Towers who knew Jennifer. It will start at 2.45pm and last about 45 minutes. You're welcome to come and listen.

Music on the Green - On Wednesday 15 April we'll welcome Surrey Brass to Christ Church for our lunchtime concert. Enjoy some lively Swiss melodies and 17th century German tavern music. A light lunch will be available from 12.30pm.

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, Mike Elder, Brian Elliott, Gudrun & David Jensen, John Stacey, Paul Nicholls

RIP Anniversaries: Irene Thompson, Brenda Gillham

RIP: Dany McLeod, Bishop Andrew Watson, Kay Benson, Gary Roberts, Stella Lynn

Banns of Marriage: Oliver William Wiltshire & Lily Summer Coles

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

April		Time	Reading
Friday	3		Genesis 22.1-18, Ps 69, Hebrews 10.1-10
Saturday	4		Hosea 6.1-6; Ps 142; John 2.18-22
Sunday	5		Exodus 14.10-18, 26-15.2, Ps 114, Revelations 15.2-4

LOOKING AHEAD

April		Time	Event
Friday	3	All day	Good Friday Bank Holiday
		All day	Parish Office closed (3 -12 April incl.)
		2pm	Good Friday Service, Christ Church
Easter Day		9am	Easter Day Service, St George's Church
		10.30am	Easter Day Service, Christ Church
		12.30pm	Easter Egg Hunt, Christ Church
Monday	6	All day	Easter Monday Bank Holiday
			No choir practice
Wednesday	8	10.30am	Fellowship Group, Christ Church
		7.30pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Sunday	12	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
		2.45pm	Quarter Peal in Jennifer Meade's memory, 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 pewsheets by 10am on the preceding Tuesday. Thank you.		