

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

5 JULY 2026

CHURCH SERVICES

Eucharist & Holy Baptism	Led by Revd William Allberry at 9am at St George's (SG)
Preacher	Revd William Allberry
Churchwarden	Charles Hawkshaw-Burn
Reading	Sue Langley
Musician	Stuart Whatton
Parish Communion (live streamed)	Led by Revd William Allberry at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd William Allberry
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Sean Seymour-Cole, Valerie Msoka
Reading, Prayers	Diana Johns, Will Stevens
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Theo Tang
Refreshments	Wendy Tanqueray, Bob Lonnon

SERVICE MUSIC

Opening music	<i>Andante religioso from Sonata no. 4</i> (Mendelssohn)
SG / CC hymns	341, 790, 510 / 362, 790, 810
SG / CC settings	Addington / Coulson
Post-sermon music	<i>Prelude in D flat, Op.11 no.15</i> (Scriabin)
Choir anthem	<i>Day by day</i> (Philip Godfrey)
Closing music	<i>Chorale Prelude "Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir"</i> (J G Walther)

COLLECT

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world
may be so peaceably ordered
by your governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve you
in all godly quietness;
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 Romans 7.15-25a

I do not understand my own actions.
For I do not do what I want, but I do the
very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do
not want, I agree that the law is good.
But in fact it is no longer I that do it,
but sin that dwells within me. For I
know that nothing good dwells within
me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what
is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not
do the good I want, but the evil I do
not want is what I do. Now if I do what
I do not want, it is no longer I that do it,
but sin that dwells within me. So I find
it to be a law that when I want to do
what is good, evil lies close at hand.
For I delight in the law of God in my
inmost self, but I see in my members
another law at war with the law of my
mind, making me captive to the law
of sin that dwells in my members.
Wretched man that I am! Who will
rescue me from this body of death?
Thanks be to God through Jesus
Christ our Lord!

GOSPEL Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end

At that time Jesus said,
'To what will I compare this generation?
It is like children sitting in the market-
places and calling to one another, "We
played the flute for you, and you did
not dance; we wailed, and you did not
mourn." For John came neither eating
nor drinking, and they say, "He has a
demon"; the Son of Man came eating
and drinking, and they say, "Look, a
glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-
collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is
vindicated by her deeds.

I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and
earth, because you have hidden these
things from the wise and the intelligent
and have revealed them to infants; yes,
Father, for such was your gracious will.
All things have been handed over to me
by my Father; and no one knows the Son
except the Father, and no one knows
the Father except the Son and anyone
to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.
Come to me, all you that are weary and
are carrying heavy burdens, and I will
give you rest. Take my yoke upon you,
and learn from me; for I am gentle and
humble in heart, and you will find rest
for your souls. For my yoke is easy,
and my burden is light.'

Other Lectionary Texts

Genesis 24.34-38, 42-49, 58-end

Psalms 45.10-end

Song of Solomon 2.8-13

Zechariah 9.9-12

Psalms 145.8-15

PARISH NOTICES

Thank you - To Revd William Allberry, for visiting us and leading our morning services. It is a joy to worship with you.

Vacancy Update - We completed the interview process this week and will share an update as soon as we can. To help set expectations, we anticipate being able to provide a further update around Sunday 19 July. Thank you all for your support, prayers and contributions over the interview period. As you'll appreciate, Helen and Fraser are bound by the confidentiality of the process so we'd be grateful if you could continue to respect their position during this time.

Sunday School - We'll make a flower hanger with Bible references to show the things God says we are – forgiven, not alone, Jesus's friend etc. Heartfelt thanks to Michelle Cullen for running the session today as Kath is away.

Rectory - Thank you to all who joined the Rectory cleaning fun day last week. The crew included - Bridget, Andrea, Sue L, Sue H, Naomi, Peter, Veronica, Simon, Ann, Colin, Charles, Kath, Will, Sharron and Fraser. Very much appreciated. Additionally, we have a garden service maintaining the grass and beds each month. They visited on Monday to ensure the garden is at its best.

Christ Church Cleaning - Volunteers are needed for a general deep clean and tidy of Christ Church on Friday 17 July (9.30am-3pm) and Saturday 18 July (9.30am-1pm). Long extendable brushes, gloves and hand-held hoovers will be an advantage. Buckets and refreshments will be provided. If you can help please sign-up in church and/or speak with Hilary Greaves 07710 324038.

Flower Coordinator - We are still looking for a volunteer flower rota coordinator for Christ Church. To help please contact Helen Coulson 07506 701454. Thank you.

Youth Group - Our last meeting in Christ Church before the summer is on Friday 3 July, 5.30-7pm. We'll think about how things are not always as they seem by experimenting with photography and photoshop magic.

Choral Scholar Farewell - This Sunday we are sadly saying goodbye to our bass choral scholar Alex Bernard, whilst congratulating him on winning a place in the National Youth Choir. Alex has made a valuable contribution to our parish choir through the course of the current academic year and we wish him all the best in his future musical endeavours.

Fellowship Group - We'll meet in Christ Church on Wednesday 8 July at 10.30am.

Book Group - On Monday 13 July, 4pm, in Christ Church, we'll discuss *Madame Bovary* by Gustave Flaubert. We'll reflect on this classic and changing moralities. We'll break for summer, resuming on Monday 14 September.

Bishop Paul at Holy Trinity, Claygate - On Tuesday 14 July, 7.30pm-9pm, Bishop Paul invites everyone to his gathering to understand his key priorities for the next two years. These being prayer, pastoral care and a focus on our 'priority of priorities' - deepening discipleship, revitalisation and investing wholeheartedly in children and young people. There will be:

- An opportunity to meet him at reception
- Praise-filled worship led by the Youth Catalyst Team and local musicians.
- A celebration of what God is doing in each parish, shared through faith-building stories.

Music on the Green - For our last lunchtime recital before the summer break, we'll be at Old St George's Church on Wednesday 15 July. The cello and piano duo of Aleksandra Pykacz and Hiroko Yamamoto will offer a summery all-French repertoire, from Debussy and Satie to Charles Aznavour and Edith Piaf. Light lunch from 12.30pm, music from 1.15pm.

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

RIP Anniversaries: Pamela Kayes, Monique Hawkshaw-Burn, Helen Melliar-Smith, Eileen Gibbs, Stuart Jones

Banns of Marriage: Michael John Inman & Vienna Nichola Langdon, Matthew Jack Osborne Williams & Georgina Susannah Morris

Baptism: Sophie Louise Alexandra Kerr

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

	July	Time	Reading
Monday	6		1 Samuel 1.1-20, Ps 98, Luke 19.28-40
Tuesday	7		1 Samuel 1.21-2.11, Ps 106, Luke 19.41-end
Wednesday	8		1 Samuel 2.12-26, Ps 111, Luke 20.1-8
Thursday	9	10am	1 Samuel 2.27-end, Ps 115, Luke 20.9-19
Friday	10		1 Samuel 3.1-4.1a, Ps 139, Luke 20.20-26

LOOKING AHEAD

	July	Time	Event
Friday	3	5.30pm	Youth Group, Christ Church
Sunday	5	9am	Eucharist & Holy Baptism, St George's
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	6	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Wednesday	8	10.30am	Fellowship Group, Christ Church
		7.30pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	9	All day	Parish Office closed
		10am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
Sunday	12	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	13	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Wednesday	15	1.15pm	Music on the Green concert: Aleksandra Pykacz & Hiroko Yamamoto, Old St George's Church
		7.30pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church

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