

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

6 JULY 2025

CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion	Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 9am at St George's West End (SG)
Preacher	Revd Jonathan Andrew
Reading, Prayers	Bridget Williams
Musicians	Oliver Macfarlane
All Age Eucharist (live streamed)	Led by Revd Darren McCallig at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Debbie Banks, Michael Banks
Reading, Prayers	Kath Chapman, Our young people
Refreshments	Michelle Cullen, Bob Lonnon
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Theo Tang

SERVICE MUSIC

Opening music	<i>Vesper Voluntary III</i> (Elgar)
SG / CC hymns	823, 587, 477 / 823, 494, 477
SG / CC settings	Addington / Coulson
Communion songs	<i>Jesus' love is very wonderful</i> (Nick & Becky Drake) <i>Our God is a great big God</i> (Nigel & Jo Hemming)
Opening music	<i>Tuba Tune</i> (C S Lang)

THE COLLECT

God our saviour,
look on this wounded world
in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises of peace
won for us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining
and whose power we cannot comprehend:
show us your glory as far as we can grasp it,
and shield us from knowing more than we can bear
until we may look upon you without fear;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

Message from our Rector, Darren

My dear friends,

In today's reading from the Gospel according to Luke, Jesus gives his disciples some urgent marching orders. They're not even allowed to take a purse, a bag or sandals with them as they go out to heal and teach! As Bishop Tom Wright notes (commenting on the parallel passage in Mark's Gospel) the Church has usually interpreted these instructions as being specific to Jesus' own day and the setting of his mission in first-century Palestine. However, as Wright also notes, this does not mean that we simply set these verses aside:

'Part of Christian discipleship is the spiritual sensitivity and discernment to know when there is an emergency on, and what steps to take. There have been many times in recent years, in many places around the globe, when the church's task has been, like the Twelve, to go urgently around, with minimum hindrances or distractions, warning people that the world is heading rapidly in the wrong direction and doing things which show clearly that evil has been defeated through Jesus and can be defeated again today ... Learning to hear a passage like this and to respond obediently involves learning to listen to the prophetic call of God, and to the pain of the present world, and to live at the point of intersection between the two. And when the call comes, there's no time to lose.' (Mark for Everyone)

God bless



READING Galatians 6.7-16

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised – only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule – peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Other Lectionary Texts

2 Kings 5.1-14

Psalms 30

Isaiah 66.10-14

Psalms 66.1-8

GOSPEL Luke 10.1-11, 16-20

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, "Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near."

'Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.' The seventy returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.'

PARISH NOTICES

ECS Choir - This Sunday we're pleased to have some members of Esher Church School Choir joining us for their termly visit to our regular series of All Age Worship services. As the school year draws to a close our service focuses on the theme of transition and moving on, and the ECS singers will contribute two songs during communion, as well as helping to lead the intercessions.

Sunday School - During our All Age service this week, Kath will be running the usual quiet activities at the back of Christ Church.

Youth Group - For our last session before the summer break on Friday 4 July, 5.30pm, we'll be reflecting on the past year, looking forward to new challenges ahead and how the story of the Good Samaritan can help our focus. We return on Friday 5 September.

Book Group - The group is taking a summer break returning Monday 22 September when we'll discuss *Precipice* by Robert Harris.

Music on the Green - Our final lunchtime concert before the break summer will be at Old St George's on Wednesday 16 July at 1.15pm. Our performers will be the Tondo Duo, a striking instrumental pairing of guitar and saxophone, who will perform British and Irish repertoire, with a hop to France and some nods to Argentinian tango! Free entry with light lunch from 12.30pm. All welcome.

More Musical Success! - Congratulations to our bass choral scholar Rowan Marshall for gaining the offer of a place on the prestigious Tonmeister course at Surrey University, having recently won the senior Music Technology prize at King's College School Wimbledon, from which he passes out this month. Our links with KCS Wimbledon will be continued by Thomas Doolan who will be taking up a Music Scholarship there this September; Tom has also achieved a distinction in his recent Grade 7 trumpet exam. Well done all round!

Lent Appeal - We are delighted to welcome Steve Nolan, Chaplain at the Princess Alice Hospice, to our 10.30am service in Christ Church. This year's Lent Appeal, in aid of the hospice, raised £2,715 and Steve will be with us to collect the cheque and say a few words about the amazing work of the Princess Alice.

Building for Generations - Stewardship Season continues in the Parish of Esher. If you haven't already done so, please pick up a 'Building for Generations' leaflet. It outlines the PCC's ambitions for the parish in the coming years, as well as how you can help.

InSpire - Are you a subscriber to InSpire, the wonderful parish e-newsletter? If not, then you are missing out. To subscribe use link: www.esherparish.org.uk/?q=content/inspire-newsletter

'Zoom' Morning Prayer & Zoffee! - Morning Prayer continues each Thursday at 9.30am.

Fellowship Group - We will be taking a break for the summer and will meet again in Christ Church on Wednesday 3 September, 10.30am.

Flowers - The time has come to ask everyone who attends Christ Church if they know of anyone who can help with the flowers. I've recently had three resignations. It entails the arrangement of one pedestal and a Lady Chapel posy once every six months. All new volunteers are given assistance and can work with an established member of the team at first. Equipment is provided and a fund is available for the purchase of flowers. It is a rewarding task and a joy to work with flowers. I would love to hear from anyone interested and will give them full help. Please contact the Parish Office or myself – Carol Calvert.

Lower Green Community Centre - They're in need of specific items for their Foodbank. Please see the list on the foodbank boxes at the back of both churches. Thank you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Michael Newbould, Gilly Barrett, Allen Palmer, Pam & Jim Green, George Raine, Katherine S, Keith Howell-Jones, John Cheetham, Sebastian, Ruramayi, Karen Harris, David Gerrard, Katie Clark, Armand Sarkissian, Jennifer Meade, Louise Tyzack, Caroline Kerr, Christine Steeds

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

RIP: John Syrad, Geoff Trickey, Keith Hinshelwood, David Wigley

Banns of Marriage: James Allen & Emily Godding

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

	July	Time	Reading
Monday	7		Job 27, Ps 71, Romans 11.25-end
Tuesday	8		Job 28, Ps 73, Romans 12.1-8
Wednesday	9		Job 29, Ps 77, Romans 12.9-end
Thursday	10	9.30am	Job 30, Ps 78.1-39, Romans 13.1-7
Friday	11		Job 31, Ps 55, Romans 13.8-end

LOOKING AHEAD

	June	Time	Event
Friday	4	5.30pm	Youth Group, Christ Church
Sunday	6	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	All Age Eucharist, Christ Church
		2pm	Wedding of Jeremy Rudge & Joanna Benfield, Christ Church
Monday	7	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Wednesday	9	7.30pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	10	All day	Parish Office closed
		9.30am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
Sunday	13	9am	Holy Communion, St George's
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church

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	Parish Office Christ Church, Church Street, Esher KT10 8QS Tel 01372 462282 Email office@esherparish.org.uk Parish Administrator Melanie Williams Office Hours 9.30am to 3.45pm, Monday to Wednesday & Friday 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.	