

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

7 JUNE 2026

CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion	Led by Father Tom Musson at 9am at St George's (SG)
Preacher	Father Tom Musson
Churchwarden	Andrea Lindow
Reading, Prayers	Sue Langley, Gerard Harper
Musician	Oliver Macfarlane
Parish Communion (live streamed)	Led by Father Tom Musson at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Father Tom Musson
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Volunteers required
Reading, Prayers	Jane Anderson, Helen Coulson
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane, Robert Cunningham
Refreshments	Volunteers required

SERVICE MUSIC

SG & CC hymns	704, 595, 422
SG / CC settings	Addington / Coulson
Communion anthem	<i>Simple Gifts</i> (American trad, arr. Llewellyn)
Closing music	<i>Fanfare</i> (Mathias)

COLLECT

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of 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 4.13-25

The promise that Abraham would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') – in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

GOSPEL Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.' While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Other Lectionary Texts

Genesis 12.1-9
Psalm 33.1-12
Hosea 5.15-6.6
Psalm 50.7-15

PARISH NOTICES

Thank you - To Father Tom Musson, for visiting us and leading our morning services. It is a joy to worship with you.

Vacancy Update - The closing date for applications has now passed. We ask for your continued prayers as we shortlist applications in early June for a new Rector.

Sunday School - This week, we'll be looking at the differences between how doctors heal our bodies and Jesus heals our hearts, minds and souls.

Flower Coordinator - As there has been no response to Carol's request to replace her after 32 years, there will be intermittent, artificial or no flowers at Christ Church until a replacement is found. In managing the flower rota it is not necessarily essential to have floristry skills or arrange oneself. With only seven volunteers on the rota currently, please consider putting your name forward if we are to have a weekly flower display. The more people there are, the less often you do them! Please contact Carol or Melanie for more information about managing the rota or volunteering (or both!). Thank you.

Parish Giving Scheme - Recently we sent an invitation about the Church of England's Parish Giving Scheme to those registered to receive emails. To understand how it works go to the website www.parishgiving.org.uk/, or talk to the office and/or PCC members. Leaflets and forms are in both churches.

Esher & Claygate Car Service - This service provides transport to medical appointments. It is a much-valued service that can trace its origins to Parish of Esher church members. Volunteers offer return journeys to surgeries and one-way transport to local hospitals. If you can help – or need our help – please call 07501 029237 (Monday to Friday).

Youth Group - We meet in Christ Church on Friday 5 June, 5.30pm, to discover some fascinating insights on the importance of Christ Church in the shaping of our monarchy.

Book Group - We'll discuss *The Life and Death of St Kilda* by Tom Steel at our next meeting on Monday 8 June. The author tells the story of a tiny and inhospitable island beyond the Outer Hebrides and of the people for whom it was home. All are welcome to join in or listen to the discussion.

The Chosen - The third screening will be on Tuesday 9 June, 7.30pm, in Christ Church.

Saxes at New Malden - On Sunday 14 June at 3pm, our Director of Music, Stuart Whatton, will be performing with his London Saxophone Choir at New Malden Methodist Church as part of their monthly Sunday teatime concert series. (All welcome - further details from Stuart.)

Music on the Green - Join us on Wednesday 17 June, 1.15pm, to enjoy our next monthly lunchtime concert, which is planned to be jazz-focused. Our renowned light lunch will be available from 12.30pm

Churchwarden's Visitation Service - Our elected Churchwardens, Will Stevens and Fraser McQuicken, will be authorised in their role at a visitation service on Monday 22 June, 7.30pm, at St John's Church, West Byfleet, KT14 6EH. Everyone can attend.

Fellowship Group - The next meeting will be in Christ Church at 10.30am on Wednesday 1 July. We welcome all to pray, to reflect on their faith and to put the world to rights!

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

RIP Anniversaries: Margaret Dane, Lesley Denny, Judith Davies, Isabel Elliott, Sally Maclean, Beverley Eastwood-Taylor

Banns of Marriage: Lewis Paul Casserley & Hannah Louise Relfe

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

June		Time	Reading
Monday	8		Joshua 14, Ps 30, Luke 12.1-12
Tuesday	9		Joshua 21.43-22.8, Ps 36, Luke 12.13-21
Wednesday	10		Joshua 22.9-end, Ps 34, Luke 12.22-31
Thursday	11	10am	Jeremiah 9.23-24, Ps 100, Acts 4.32-end
Friday	12		Joshua 24.1-28, Ps 31, Luke 12.41-48

LOOKING AHEAD

June		Time	Event
Saturday	6	10am	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Sunday	7	9am	Holy Communion, St George's
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	8	4pm	Book Group, Christ Church
		7.15pm	Choir practice
Tuesday	9	7.30pm	Screening of The Chosen, Christ Church
Wednesday	10	7.30pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	11	All day	Parish Office closed
		10am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
Friday	12	11am	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Saturday	13	5pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church

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