

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10 MAY 2026

CHURCH SERVICES

Parish Communion	Led by Revd William Allberry at 9am at St George's (SG)
Preacher	Revd William Allberry
Churchwarden	Charles Hawkshaw-Burn
Reading, Prayers	Mair Molteno, Stephen Lee
Musician	Alex Coutts
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, Bob Lonnon
Reading, Prayers	Jane Anderson, Tom & Sally Radford
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Alex Coutts, Robert Cunningham
Refreshments	Helen Griffin, Volunteer required
Dedication Festival Choral Evensong (live streamed)	Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 6pm at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Jonathan Andrew
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Volunteers required
Readings	Colin Martin, David Maynes
Prayers	Jan Sayer
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane
Refreshments	Helen Coulson & the Choir
MORNING SERVICE MUSIC	
SG & CC hymns	217, 601, 204
SG / CC settings	Addington / Coulson
Communion song	<i>Jesus is risen</i> (Mfurahini Haleluya)
Closing music	<i>Prelude in E major, BWV 566</i> (Bach)
COLLECT	
Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father.	
Amen.	
POST COMMUNION PRAYER	
God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.	
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 Acts 17.22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. he God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him –though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring." Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

GOSPEL John 14.15-21

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

Other Lectionary Texts

Genesis 8.20-9.17

Psalm 66.7-end

1 Peter 3.13-end

PARISH NOTICES

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

Vacancy Update - We have now gone live with our second advertisement in the Church Times, we ask for your continued prayers as we look forward in appointing a new Rector. The closing date for applications is 27 May, and we will shortlist, assuming suitable applicants, in early June.

Sunday School - To help understand one of the mysteries of our faith, we'll make paper birds and fly them outside, to demonstrate the unseen support of the Holy Spirit.

Flower Coordinator - We are still looking for a volunteer to take over the Christ Church Flower team as soon as possible. Carol has kindly offered to have a chat to discuss what's involved.

Lent Appeal - We're pleased to confirm the parish raised a total of £2,335.50 for this year's Lent Appeal. This will be used by Mlanga Parish Church in Tanzania to construct a new well for water. Thank you to everyone who gave. Much appreciated.

Book Group Cancelled - Please note the Book Group meeting on Monday 11 May has been cancelled. As many of us are away, we'll now discuss *The Life and Death of St Kilda* by Tom Steel at our next meeting on Monday 8 June.

The Chosen - The next showing will be for four weeks commencing Tuesday 26 May.

Parish Office - The office will be closed May 11-12. If you need emergency assistance during this time, please contact the churchwardens.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2026 - The Parish of Esher's annual APCM will be held in Christ Church on Sunday 17 May after the 10.30am service. Everyone can attend and those on the Electoral Roll are able to vote.

Annual Report - The 2025 Parish Annual Report has now been emailed to everyone registered to receive Parish emails. Some reference copies are in both churches.

Electoral Roll - The new Roll has been prepared ahead of the APCM and can be inspected in either church or from the Parish Office.

Choral Evensong - On Sunday 10 May, 6pm, we will welcome members of Chingford Parish Choir for a special Dedication Festival to mark the 172nd anniversary of Christ Church.

Esher May Fair - The Fair is taking place on Esher Green on Saturday 16 May, 12 noon to 4pm. It's an opportunity to invite people into Christ Church to promote our Parish. Stuart is arranging music entertainment, 2pm to 4pm, and Ann will open the bell tower. There will be free kid's crafts plus Kath will run a Mindful Photography workshop for children 2.30-3.30pm. Please sign-up with Kath at youth@esherparish.org.uk. If you can bake a cake and/or help on the day, contact Will or Bridget or sign-up on the sheets.

Ascension Day - Our celebration of this major festival will be on Sunday 17 May. It's the day when we reflect on Jesus's physical departure from the earth, not with sadness but with joy as he carries our humanity into the 'heavenly places' and promises his continuing and even more powerful presence with us through the coming of the Holy Spirit. Join us for a special joint Eucharist in Christ Church at 10.30 followed by the APCM.

Music on the Green - Join us on Wednesday 20 May, 1.15pm, to hear the Vita Nova Piano Trio in a programme of Beethoven and Schumann. Our renowned 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: Gertrud Frenzel, Jennifer Simmons, Edward Haliday, Martin Collis, Roger Davies, Peggy Notley, Jimmy McKay, David Fermont, Jenny Gerrard, Madeline Bamber, John Syrad

RIP: Gary Roberts, Stella Lynn, John Bentley

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

May		Time	Reading
Monday	11		Numbers 16.1-35, 10.33-end, Ps 65, Luke 6.27-38
Tuesday	12		Numbers 16.36-end, Ps 126, Luke 6.39-end
Wednesday	13		Numbers 17.1-11, Ps 132, Luke 7.1-10
Thursday	14	10am	Isaiah 52.7-end, Ps 110, Hebrews 7.26-end
Friday	15		1 Samuel 2.27-35, Ps 16, Acts 2.37-end

LOOKING AHEAD

May		Time	Event
Sunday	10	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
		4pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
		6pm	Dedication Festival Choral Evensong, Christ Church
Monday	11	All day	Parish Office closed (May 11-12 incl.)
		9am-3.30pm	Esher High School Wedding Lessons, Christ Church
		5.30pm	Peace & Contemplation rehearsal, Christ Church
		7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Wednesday	13	7.30pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	14	All day	Parish Office closed
		10am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
Saturday	16	2pm	Christ Church at the Fair, 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.		