

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

SEVENTH DAY OF EASTER (BELL SUNDAY)

12 MAY 2024

CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion	Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 9am at St George's (SG)
Preacher	Revd Jonathan Andrew
Reading, Prayers	Joan Trower, Bridget Williams
Musicians	Stuart Whatton
Eucharist & Holy Baptism Service	Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Jonathan Andrew
Churchwarden	Jane Tyrrell
Sidespeople	Sean Cole, Bob Lonnon, Will Stevens
Reading	Ann Battensby
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane
SERVICE MUSIC	
Opening music	<i>Largo e spiccato from Concerto no. 5 in D minor (Bach/Vivaldi)</i>
SG hymns	769, 223 (omit v2,5), 227 (omit v3)
CC hymns	Glad bells ring loud and clear, 223 (omit v2,5), 227
SG / CC settings	Addington / Reneau
Anthem	<i>Rejoice in the Lord alway</i> (Purcell)
Closing music	<i>Carillon-Sortie</i> (Mulet)

THE COLLECT

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth
with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Welcome to the Parish

The Parish of Esher is for everyone.

The two church buildings, Christ Church in Esher and St George's in West End, have been beacons of faith, hope and love in Esher for well over a century.

Generations have come through the doors to celebrate their marriages, welcome their new-borns and grieve their losses – all of it embraced by the beauty of the worship offered in these houses of prayer week in and week out.

On Sundays we explore the riches of the Christian spiritual tradition 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. All of us belong here.

You can also check-out some of our services on YouTube to get a flavour of what we're about, or just come along some Sunday at 10.30am in Christ Church or at 9.00am in St George's West End.

Whether you join online or in person, we hope you'll find a community committed to a thoughtful Faith, a hard-won Hope, and a generous Love.

You are very welcome.

READING Acts 1.15-17, 21-end

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus – for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.' So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us – one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place. 'And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

GOSPEL John 17.6-19

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Father, I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

ADDITIONAL LECTIONARY TEXTS

PSALM 1

1 Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

2 but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

4 The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

6 for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

READING 1 John 5.9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

HYMN

Glad bells ring loud and clear

Glad bells ring loud and clear
'The Lord our God is here.'

We will adore,
With humble hearts aflame;
And everyone proclaim
With voice or bell, His name
For evermore.

Ring out loud bells again,
'Christ Jesus comes to reign,
Where people pray.'

He comes when sinners call
With help for those who fall,
With light and life for all,
With love today.

Ring out again loud bells,
'The Holy Spirit dwells,
Where hearts are true.'

He comes to sanctify,
To lift our prayers on high,
To cleanse and purify,
Heal and renew.

True bells for ever ring
'Praise to our Heavenly King,
From every tower.'

Ring while the ages run,
'Father and Blessed Son,
And Spirit with them one,
All love and power.'



**CHRIST CHURCH, ESHER
LUNCHTIME CONCERT**

Wednesday 15 May 2024

Bridget Yee

piano

Listen to the stunning young pianist Bridget Yee, a former keyboard finalist of BBC Young Musician of the Year, perform a programme of Bach, Chopin, Liszt and Medtner.

Free entry & light lunch from 12.30pm. Concert from 1.15pm.

Christ Church, Church Street, Esher, Surrey KT10 8QS

Join us in person or watch it on YouTube at 'Music on the Green Esher'

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PARISH NOTICES

Esher May Fair - On Saturday 18 May teas and entertainment will be available in Christ Church, 2-4pm, and the Bell Tower will be open to visitors. If you can help on the day or supply cakes do sign up, contact the Parish Office or the churchwardens.

Sunday School - This week we'll discuss the power and importance of prayer and how using tools like our Sunday School Prayer Starter Cards can help get us practicing.

Youth Group - At our May meeting, we discussed the Fruit of Spirit as a wonderful reference for our spiritual growth – playing fruit-inspired games, like a fruit spoon race, and making fruit creatures inspired by the Galatians passage. Next meeting is 2 June.

Prayer points

Our wonderful parish school, Esher Church School, has given us the following 'prayer points'.

Pray for the Staff Team to be able to rest after a long week and an Ofsted inspection.

Pray that the Early Years pupils make good friendships, talk kindly and be inclusive, especially when new children come into the school.

Pray Key Stage 1 pupils will be patient with themselves as they navigate their tests. Pray for their forthcoming trips and that they have fun.

Pray that Year 6 pupils focus and enjoy their SATS. That they make happy memories in their last term and cope with their feelings about starting at their next school.

Peace & Contemplation - Join us for an hour of peace with short readings, live music and golden silence in Christ Church on Thursday 4 July, 8pm. Enjoy this time to relax and reflect.

Music on the Green - The next free lunchtime concert will be this coming Wednesday, 15 May, at 1.15pm, when we will welcome the stunning piano soloist Bridget Yee. Bridget is a former keyboard finalist of BBC Young Musician of the Year and will bring us a programme of Chopin, Bach, Liszt and Medtner. Light lunch will be served from 12.30pm - all are very welcome.

May she rest in peace! - Joyce Page's funeral is on Monday 13 May in Christ Church at 11am and all who knew her are welcome to attend and join her family for refreshments at the Wheatsheaf after the service.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting - The APCM will be in Christ Church after the 10.30am service on Sunday 19 May. Refreshments will be served.

Electoral Roll - The Roll has been revised ahead of the APCM and is available for inspection in both churches or from the Parish Office.

Parochial Church Council Vacancies - New members are very welcome to join the PCC – to contribute ideas and use their skills to assist in the running of the parish. If you're interested, please speak to a Churchwarden or any PCC member and complete a nomination form, which can be found at the back of church.

Holy Communion - The sacrament is distributed by 'simultaneous administration' – the priest touches the communion wafer in to the wine surface before giving it to the communicant.

Fellowship Group - The next meeting will be in Christ Church at 11am on Wednesday 5 June.

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

Darren - The Rector's Adoption Leave will continue until Tuesday 20 November 2024. We pray that Darren and his wife have the time and space to grow and enjoy their new family. For all enquiries please do contact the Churchwardens or the Parish Office.

Book Group - Our next meeting in Christ Church is on Monday 20 May, 4pm, when we'll discuss *South*, Ernest Shackleton's account of his trans-Antarctic expedition of 1913-17. To know more contact Revd Jonathan Andrew. – 01372 464380 / jandrewesher@gmail.com

M25 Junction 10 - For information, from Friday 10 May 9pm to Monday 13 May 6am the M25 will be closed between junctions 9 and 10.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Elizabeth Arnold, Michael Newbould, Pam & Jim Green, Gilly Barrett, Allen Palmer, George Raine, Katherine S, Keith Howell-Jones, Sebastian, Hazel Harding, John Cheetham, Armand Sarkissian, Vicky Jenkins

RIP Anniversaries: Edward Haliday, Martin Collis, Margaret Notley, William McKay, David Fermont, Madeline Bamber, Elizabeth Allen, Darlene Rennie, John Tanqueray

RIP: Gill Barnett, Ann Willig, Joyce Page, Maria Dawn Danclar-Doody, Menna Harries

Baptism: Tessa Rose Bull, Oliver James Bull

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

	May	Time	Reading
	Monday	13	Numbers 22.1-35, Ps 93, Luke 7.36-end
	Tuesday	14	1 Samuel 2.27-35, Ps 16, Acts 2.37-end
	Wednesday	15	Numbers 23.13-end, Ps 29, Luke 8.16-25
	Thursday	16	9.30-10.30am Numbers 24, Ps 24, Luke 8.26-39
	Friday	17	Numbers 27.12-end, Ps 28, Luke 8.40-end

LOOKING AHEAD

	May	Time	Event
	Sunday	12	9am Holy Communion, St George's Church
			10.30am Eucharist & Holy Baptism Service, Christ Church
	Monday	13	11am Funeral of Joyce Page, Christ Church
			7.15pm Choir practice, Christ Church
	Wednesday	15	1.15pm Music on the Green lunchtime concert: Bridget Yee (piano)
			7pm Bellringing practice, Christ Church
	Thursday	16	All day Parish Office closed
			9.30am Morning Prayer, Zoom
	Saturday	18	Midday Christ Church at the Esher May Fair, Esher Green
	Sunday	19	9am Holy Communion, St George's Church
			10.30am Parish Communion, Christ Church
			Midday Annual Parochial Church Meeting, 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 midday on the preceding Wednesday. Thank you.