

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

13 SEPTEMBER 2026

CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion	Led by Father Damian Harrison-Miles at 9am at St George's (SG)
Preacher	Father Damian Harrison-Miles
Churchwarden	Charles Hawkshaw-Burn
Reading, Prayers	Veronica Whittall, Juliet Philip
Musician	Robert Cunningham
Parish Communion (live streamed)	Led by Father Damian Harrison-Miles at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Father Damian Harrison-Miles
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Debbie Banks, Michael Banks
Reading, Prayers	Bob Lonnon, Colin Martin
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane, Robert Cunningham
Refreshments	Sia Marshall, Janie McCulloch

SERVICE MUSIC

SG & CC hymns	765, 794, 678
SG / CC settings	Addington / Coulson
Communion anthem	<i>Listen, sweet dove</i> (Grayston Ives)

COLLECT

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Keep, O Lord,
your Church, with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you
our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Rector of Esher

Dear Church Family,

We are delighted to confirm that the Institution and Induction of our new Rector, The Revd Jo Winn-Smith, will take place on Wednesday 30 September at 7.30pm at Christ Church, Esher.

This will be a very special occasion in the life of our parish as we welcome Jo and her family to mark the beginning of this new chapter together.

Please do save the date in your diaries.

We will share further details, including arrangements for the evening, over the coming weeks.

We very much hope you will be able to join us.

With best wishes,

Fraser McGuicken & Will Stevens
Parish of Esher Churchwardens.

READING Romans 14.1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Other Lectionary Texts

Exodus 14.19-end

Psalms 114

Genesis 50.15-21

Psalms 103.1-13

GOSPEL Matthew 18.21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

PARISH NOTICES

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

Rector Update - We're delighted to confirm that the Institution and Induction of our new Rector, The Revd Jo Winn-Smith, will be taking place on Wednesday 30 September at 7.30pm at Christ Church. The service will be a Eucharist celebrating the Feast of Saint Michael and All Angels.

Sunday School - This week we'll be creating The Wonderful Wheel of God's Forgiveness, celebrating our unique relationship with Him. Big thank you to Mim Wooster who is standing in for Kat as she's away celebrating her Father's 80th birthday!

'Zoom' Morning Prayer & Zoffee! - Morning Prayer continues each Thursday at 10am.

The Chosen - The next series of this world beating production covering Jesus's ministry will commence at 7.30pm at Christ Church on Tuesday 13 October and then each Tuesday for the next three weeks.

Parish Giving Scheme - We're now using the Church of England's Parish Giving Scheme for all donations. This scheme claims Gift Aid directly for parishes. For details refer to the PGS website www.parishgiving.org.uk.

Cashless Donations - We've changed the card set-up at Christ Church and are using a tablet and card terminal for now. Hence we're using 'Give A Little' as our software platform for ad-hoc donations in church and at events. It facilitates Gift Aid that will be claimed by our Parish Gift Aid Officer.

Flower Coordinator - We are looking for a volunteer flower rota coordinator for Christ Church to take over from Carol Calvert. To help contact Helen Coulson (07506 701454).

St George's Update - St George's will close temporarily after the Pet Service on Sunday 20 September, to allow us to complete the necessary remediation work to the foundations and flooring. We expect the church to reopen in December. Whilst we'll miss worshipping at St George's during this time, it gives us a wonderful opportunity to come together as one parish, as we welcome our new Rector, The Revd Jo Winn-Smith, and begin this exciting new chapter in the life of our parish. We'll share further details about the building works over the coming weeks, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to St George's once the work is complete.

Book Group - The book group will meet on Monday 14 September, 4pm, when we'll discuss *The Penelopiad* by Margaret Atwood. Happy summer reading to everyone!

Old St George's Church - The church will be open to visitors for Heritage Open Days 2026 on Saturdays 12 & 19 September. Free guided tours will be given at 11am & 2pm each day.

Music on the Green - Our next concert in Christ Church on Wednesday 16 September, 1.15pm, will be a piano recital by our senior organ scholar, Theo Tang, who will reprise his recent Steinway Hall concert, centred on Beethoven's dramatic 'Sonata Pathétique'.

Pet Service - This Service of Prayer for the animals that are our friends and companions will take place at St George's on Sunday 20 September at 4pm. This will be the last service in the church until after the flooring works have been completed.

Harvest Thanksgiving - This service will be at Christ Church on Sunday 4 October. Harvest donations will be given to the Lower Green Community Centre. For their Emergency Food Store requirements refer to the harvest flyer or harvest page on the parish website.

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, Myfanwy Tranmer

RIP Anniversaries: Thomas Connor, Vicky Jenkins, Patrick Handyside, Peter Lindow, John Allen

RIP: Moir Webb, Dominic Allen

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

September	Time	Reading
Monday 14		Genesis 3.1-15, Ps 2, John 12.27-36a
Tuesday 15		1 Kings 8.63-9.9, Ps 36, Acts 16.25-end
Wednesday 16		1 Kings 10.1-25, Ps 34, Acts 17.1-15
Thursday 17	10am	1 Kings 11.1-13, Ps 37, Acts 17.16-end
Friday 18		1 Kings 11.26-end, Ps 31, Acts 18.1-21

LOOKING AHEAD

September	Time	Event
Sunday 13	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
	10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday 14	4pm	Book Group, Christ Church
	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Wednesday 16	1.15pm	Music on the Green concert: Theo Tang, Christ Church
	7.30pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday 18	All day	Parish Office closed
	10am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
Sunday 20	9am	Eucharist & Holy Baptism, St George's Church
	10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
	4pm	Pet Service, St George's Church
Monday 21	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church

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