

# PARISH OF ESHER

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

*Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love*

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

15 MAY 2022

## CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion	Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 9am at St George's (SG)
Preacher	Revd Jonathan Andrew
Reading & Prayers	Peter Bedford
Musician	Oliver Macfarlane
Parish Communion	Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Jonathan Andrew
Churchwarden	Helen Coulson
Sidespeople	Debbie Banks, Michael Banks
Reading & Prayers	Brian Elliott, Helen Coulson
Refreshments	Wendy Tanqueray, Sue Dunne
Musicians	Oliver Macfarlane, Stuart Whatton, George Ashley

## SERVICE MUSIC

Opening music	<i>Chorale &amp; Coda from 'Lied to the Flowers'</i> (Flor Peeters)
SG & CC hymns	199, 212, 221
Setting	Coulson
CC communion music	<i>Prelude from Suite Antique</i> (Rutter) <i>Mfurahini Haleluya</i> (Tanzanian traditional)
Closing music	<i>Prelude in G major, BWV 541</i> (Bach)

## THE COLLECT

Risen Christ,  
your wounds declare your love for the world  
and the wonder of your risen life:  
give us compassion and courage  
to risk ourselves for those we serve,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
**Amen.**

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way,  
the truth, and the life:  
grant us to walk in his way,  
to rejoice in his truth,  
and to share his risen life;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## Message from our Rector, Darren

In today's Gospel Jesus gives his 'New Commandment' – 'Love one another, as I have loved you.' But, some might ask, what is so 'new' about loving others? Is that not a common command across faiths, not least Jesus's own Jewish tradition?

Christian thinkers have long pondered these questions. Some, like Augustine of Hippo (354–430), suggested that Jesus's teaching was different in *kind* from the Jewish command. Jesus commanded a spiritual love far above ordinary human love; the disciples are called to 'love one another as those who are God's'. Others, like Cyril of Alexandria (c. 376–444), argued for a difference in *degree*:

'The law of Moses mandated the necessity of loving our brothers as ourselves, yet our Lord Jesus the Christ loved us far more than he loved himself. Otherwise, he would have never descended to our humiliation from his original exaltation in the form of God .. nor would he have undergone for our sakes the exceptional bitterness of his death in the flesh, nor have submitted to beatings .. to shame, all his other sufferings too numerous to mention. Being rich, he would never have become poor if he had not loved us far more than he loved himself. It was indeed something new for love to go as far as that!'

God bless.



## READING Acts 11.1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God

gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

## GOSPEL John 13.31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

## TODAY'S OTHER LECTIONARY TEXTS

### PSALM 148

- 1 Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!
- 2 Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!
- 4 Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!
- 5 Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.
- 6 He established them for ever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.
- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,
- 8 fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!
- 9 Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!
- 10 Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
- 12 Young men and women alike, old and young together!
- 13 Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!

### READING Revelation 21.1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

## PARISH COVID INFORMATION

### Parish Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Update

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### Communion

In line with Church of England guidance those who wish to make an act of Spiritual Communion can use this prayer.

*Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
for all the benefits you have given me,  
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.  
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I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.  
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,  
may I know you more clearly,  
love you more dearly,  
and follow you more nearly, day by day.*

*Amen.* after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

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## ST GEORGE'S SERVICE NOTES

Welcome! It's great to be together for Sunday worship. A few things to remember. Please take the Pewsheets home with you.

- We ask, please, that you continue to wear a face covering, bearing in mind that masks primarily provide protection to others. Exemptions are: those leading worship; children under 11; those unable to put on/wear a face mask because of a physical or mental illness or disability; those for whom wearing a mask will cause severe distress; and anyone assisting someone who relies on lip reading to communicate.
- We are delighted to be able to sing again as a congregation.
- Communion will be in one kind only (consecrated bread) with the priest wearing a face covering for distribution. Please stay in your seats and the priest will come to you. Before receiving the bread each person should apply hand sanitiser from their own personal bottle (we have some available if you have forgotten to bring yours).
- To make an act of 'Spiritual Communion' please use the prayer opposite.
- Coffee will not be served in St George's for the time being, but we do hope you will join us after the service in the West End Sports & Social Club so we can chat and socialise as we have always done.
- Just as we asked you to use the hand sanitiser on the way in, please use it again on the way out.

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## CHRIST CHURCH SERVICE NOTES

Welcome! It's great to be together for Sunday worship. A few things to remember.

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- We are delighted to be able to sing again as a congregation.
- The toilet (at the back of the church) is open, but please use only if necessary.
- The service will be live streamed on the Parish YouTube channel.
- Communion will be in one kind only (consecrated bread) with the priest wearing a face covering for distribution. Please come 'up' the centre aisle and use the hand sanitiser before receiving. Please return to your seat 'down' the side aisles.
- To make an act of 'Spiritual Communion' please use the prayer opposite.
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## PARISH NOTICES

**Parish Electoral Roll** - This is being revised from 8 May to 13 May inclusive. If you would like to be added to the Electoral Roll, forms can be found on the Parish website under 'Getting Involved' [here](#) and should be emailed to the Parish Office by end of Friday 13 May. If you are already on the Electoral Roll but have changed any details please advise the Parish Office by email.

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting** - The APCM will be held on Sunday 29 May after the 10.30am service in Christ Church. All those on the electoral roll can attend.

**Vacancies on the Parochial Church Council** - There are currently a number of vacancies on the Parish of Esher PCC - new members are welcome. If you are interested, please see the nomination forms at the back of the church, and note that completed forms must be returned to the Parish Office no later than midday on Friday 27 May 2022.

**Parish Contactless Giving** - We are now pleased to have an operational digital collection plate in Christ Church which takes contactless and chip and pin payments. Donations can be made via the collection plate or cash today or alternatively online by searching 'Give a Little Parish of Esher' or via: <https://givealittle.co/campaigns/d9f42eab-78e6-4ce8-880b-215b3f77c260>. Or to donate to our Parish bank account, please contact the Parish Office or Parish Treasurer for details and Gift Aid forms.

**Fellowship Group** - The next meeting will be in Christ Church on Wednesday 8 June, 11am.

**Foodbank at Christ Church** - The Christ Church foodbank operation supports those in need in our Parish, particularly in Lower Green. We are grateful to the volunteers who have offered to help. We plan to open every Wednesday from 10.30am to 12pm.

**Ascension Day Service** - This service will be on Thursday 26 May, 8pm, in Christ Church and marks when Jesus ascended to heaven.

**Thanksgiving Service & Supper** - It was wonderful to see so many parishioners at our Thanksgiving Service & Supper. It was a wonderful evening and a great opportunity to reflect on the super work our volunteers do. A big thank you from Helen & Jane

**Music on the Green** - Our lunchtime concert on Wednesday 18 May, 1.15pm, will feature an organ recital by Christopher Herrick, former sub-organist of Westminster Abbey.

**Sunday School** - Our wonderful Sunday School is now back in action. However, for it to continue to thrive we need some volunteers to help. It's great fun and the children are amazing! Please contact the Rector if you'd like to be involved. Degrees in theology are not needed – just a love of being with little ones as they learn and grow.

**'Come for Coffee' mornings** - Due to major gas repair works in the West End area and essential roof maintenance works planned for St George's we are sadly suspending the coffee mornings at St George's until further notice. Currently the next coffee morning will be on Wednesday 25 May at Christ Church.

**Parish Book Group** - Our next meeting will be in Christ Church on Tuesday 14 June, 4.30pm, when we will discuss 'The Shack' by William P. Young. This novel explores issues of loss, suffering and healing in a sort of extended parable. Some think it a bit blasphemous, some find it weird and some love it as wonderfully liberating and faith-enhancing!

For information contact Jonathan Andrew – 01372 464380 or [jandrewesher@gmail.com](mailto:jandrewesher@gmail.com).

**'Zoom' Morning Prayer & Zoffee!** - Morning Prayer continues on Wednesdays at 9am. If interested contact the Parish Office for details.

## PARISH NOTICES

**Ukraine Donations** - We are collecting urgently needed supplies for refugees and those affected by the war in Ukraine. If you have any of the items listed below, please leave at the back of Christ Church, which is now open every day. They will be delivered to a Ukrainian restaurant, the Prosperity Café, in Twickenham, a collection and distribution point for humanitarian aid.

Note clothes are not needed. Donations must be clean, organised and labelled if mixed. Sturdy packaging is essential. Many thanks for your kindness in these dark hours.

- large/medium sized backpacks
- camping mats, sleeping bags, torches
- warm blankets, all sizes
- thermal/base layer clothing, warm socks
- non-perishable/dry/canned food
- baby food/milk, bottles, wet wipes, nappies
- protein/energy bars, sweets
- non-perishable pet food
- painkillers (ibuprofen/paracetamol etc)
- cold/flu medicine (lemsips etc)
- wound dressings/gauze, non-woven plasters
- first aid medical kits, medical gloves, scissors
- disinfectants, antiseptics
- hot water bottles, insulated flasks
- feminine sanitary products
- power banks, cables (for charging mobiles)

**Hosting Ukrainian families** - The Diocese of Guildford is now working as a partner with the charity Citizens UK ([www.citizensuk.org](http://www.citizensuk.org)) to help with offering accommodation to refugees fleeing from the conflict in Ukraine. If anyone is hosting or considering hosting a Ukrainian family please do visit this page <https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/i-am-resources/interested-in-supporting-ukraine>, where you can find more information and register your interest to host, in partnership with Citizens UK. This will help the Diocese provide support in the best way possible.

**Ukraine Donations Stop Press** - Last week Christ Church delivered another batch of vital supplies to the Prosperity Cafe. This wonderful establishment's next articulated lorry leaves on Tuesday 17 May. The grateful and gracious volunteers said "More of the same, please!", as per list to the left. A case of 'keep 'em comin', please. See photos at: [www.londondonationsforukraine.org](http://www.londondonationsforukraine.org)

**Ukraine Charity Gala Concert** - Guest artists from Ukraine will perform a selection of folk music and classical favourites in aid of the Emergency Relief Appeal, at Christ Church on Saturday 21 May at 5pm. See posters or the Parish website for details or book via [www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parish-of-Esher](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parish-of-Esher).

**Esher May Fair** - The fair will be on Esher Green on Saturday 21 May, 12-4pm. We will be running a Christian Aid stall. Do let Will Stevens know if you can help.

**Parking in Esher** - We have some parking permits for coming to church on Sunday mornings, 10-12.30pm. They will be issued by the Parish Office on a first come first served basis with names assigned to each one. Permits will not be replaced and unused ones must be returned to let someone else benefit. The permits will run until August when charges will be reviewed. If charges continue new permits will be issued.

**Platinum Jubilee** - We'll be marking the Queen's Platinum Jubilee over the long Jubilee weekend (Thursday 2 - Sunday 5 June). This will include a Festal Evensong on the Sunday including the premiere of a new choir anthem we've commissioned for the occasion. Please save the date.

**Invitation** - We're raffling two free tickets for a special Platinum Jubilee service at Guildford Cathedral on Sunday 5 June at 5pm. Please email the office to be entered into the raffle.

Parish of Esher events



# Charity Gala Concert for Ukraine

Christ Church, Esher  
Saturday 21 May 2022  
5pm

**The Ukrainian Cultural Association in the UK presents a concert of music and poetry in aid of Ukrainian humanitarian relief.**

Alexander Ilvakhin *baritone* + Rozanna Madylus *mezzo soprano*  
Marcella Riordan *actress* + Alla Sirenko *pianist, composer, event producer*

Popular Ukrainian songs and original compositions by Alla Sirenko will be performed, along with well known operatic arias and Ukrainian and English poetry. The buffet supper, kindly sponsored by Mama Olga's Kitchen enterprise, will include some traditional Ukrainian and Italian dishes. Additional donations welcome towards Ukrainian humanitarian relief via [www.ucauk.com](http://www.ucauk.com).

**Individual ticket £25 Family ticket £45** two adults, up to three children

Book tickets via [www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parish-of-Esher](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parish-of-Esher)  
Christ Church, Church Street, Esher, Surrey KT10 8QS  
[office@esherparish.org.uk](mailto:office@esherparish.org.uk) + [www.esherparish.org.uk](http://www.esherparish.org.uk)



## PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Yasmin Ingram, Stuart Williams, Betty Walker, Geoff Walker, Elizabeth Arnold, Stewart Henderson, Gilly Barrett, Albie Mewse, Michael Newbould, Allen Palmer, Malcolm Sayer

RIP Anniversaries: Madeline Bamber, Elizabeth Allen, Darlene Rennie, David Lankey, John Tanqueray, Susan Garratt, Winifred Brookes, Roger Seekings

RIP: Leanne Tkach Barrett, Catherine Wishaw, Dorothy Christie

## BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

	May	Time	Reading
Monday	16		Numbers 9.15-end, 10.33-end; Ps 145; Luke 4.38-end
Tuesday	17		Numbers 11.1-33; Ps 19; Luke 5.1-11
Wednesday	18		Numbers 12; Ps 30; Luke 5.12-26
Thursday	19		Numbers 13.1-3, 17-end; Ps 57; Luke 5.27-end
Friday	20		Numbers 14.1-25; Ps 138; Luke 6.1-11

## LOOKING AHEAD

	May	Time	Event
Sunday	15	9.00am	Holy Communion, St George's
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	16	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Wednesday	18	9.00-10.00am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
		10.30-12am	Foodbank distribution, Christ Church
		1.15pm	Music on the Green lunchtime concert: Christopher Herrick, organ
		7.00pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	19	All day	Parish Office closed
		10.30am	Funeral service for Leanne Tkach Barrett, Christ Church
		12.30pm	Funeral service for Dorothy Christie, Randalls Park Crematorium
Saturday	21	Midday	Esher May Fair, Esher Green
		5.00pm	Charity Gala Concert for Ukraine, Christ Church
Sunday	22	9.00am	Holy Communion, St George's
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church

## CONTACTS

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