

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

16 AUGUST 2026

CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion	Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 9am at St George's (SG)
Preacher	Revd Jonathan Andrew
Churchwarden	Charles Hawkshaw-Burn
Reading, Prayers	Mair Molteno, Stephen Lee
Musician	Stuart Whatton
Parish Communion (live streamed)	Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Jonathan Andrew
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Debbie Banks, Michael Banks
Reading, Prayers	Christine Steeds, Jane Tyrrell
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Robert Cunningham, Catherine Powell
Refreshments	Sia Marshall, Ben Ritchie

SERVICE MUSIC

Opening music	<i>Adagio molto from Sonata no. 3</i> (Guilmant)
SG & CC hymns	312, 313, 315
SG / CC settings	Addington / Coulson
Post sermon music	TBC
Closing music	<i>Prelude & Fugue in C minor, BWV 549</i> (Bach)

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who looked upon the lowliness
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and chose her to be the mother of your only Son:
grant that we who are redeemed by his blood
may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God most high,
whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:
we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption
you visit us with your Holy Spirit
and overshadow us by your power;
strengthen us to walk
with Mary the joyful path of obedience
and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness;
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 Revelation 11.19-12.6,10

God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple; and there were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail.

A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pangs, in the agony of giving birth. Then another portent appeared in heaven: a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, so that he might devour her child as soon as it was born. And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron. But her child was snatched away and taken to God and to his throne; and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, so that there she can be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, 'Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.

GOSPEL Luke 1.46-55

Mary said 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Other Lectionary Texts

Isaiah 61.10-end

Psalms 45.10-end

Galatians 4.4-7

PARISH NOTICES

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.

St George's Update - St George's will close temporarily following 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. While we will, of course, miss worshipping at St George's during this period, it also gives us a wonderful opportunity to come together as one parish for a few months, as we welcome our new Rector, The Revd Jo Winn-Smith, and begin this exciting new chapter in the life of our parish. We will 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.

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 have changed the card set-up at Christ Church so will be using a separate tablet and card terminal for now. With this change we are moving across to 'Give A Little' as our main software platform for ad-hoc donations in church and at Parish events. It facilitates Gift Aid which 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).

Parish Office landline - The telephone is out of action whilst we switch to a digital service.

West End Village Show - This year the show will take place on Saturday 29 August from 12 noon. For more details please see the website: westendflowershow.co.uk. As ever, the parish will be seeking help in selling cakes in St George's Church and serving teas in the West End Village Hall, all to raise funds for our churches. If you can help with supplying cakes, biscuits and other goodies and/or provide assistance on the day itself either at St George's Church or the Village Hall there are sign-up sheets in church. If you have any queries please do contact Helen Coulson (07506 701454)

Youth Group - Our next gathering in Christ Church will be on Friday 4 September.

Sunday School - On Sunday 6 September Kat returns to run Sunday School.

Christ Church Choir - The choir will resume service duties on Sunday 6 September (with first autumn season rehearsal on Monday 7).

Fellowship Group - We meet again in Christ Church on Wednesday 9 September, 10.30am.

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.

Book Group - Our book group will meet on Monday 14 September, 4pm, when we'll discuss *The Penelopiad* by Margaret Atwood.

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'.

'Blessing of the Pets' Service - This Service of Blessing for the animals that are our friends and companions will take place at St George's on Sunday 20 September at 4pm.



St George's events

Saturday 29 August 2026

Support your Church

**St George's Church
West End**

Come and buy homemade cakes and goodies.

Historic St George's Church will be open for the West End Village Show. Please come in and help us raise funds for the repair and maintenance of your local tin tabernacle church.

Parish of Esher - Christ Church, Esher with St George's, West End

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WEST END VILLAGE (FLOWER) SHOW

Saturday 29 August 2026

OUR ANNUAL MAJOR FUNDRAISER – PLEA FOR CAKES!!

Our churches have two major events running at the Flower Show.

The Cake stall at St George's and **Cream Teas and Cakes** served at West End Village Hall.

So we need as many cakes and scones that you can make for the 300+ teas served in 2025 **AND** the cake stall at St George's. All this is essential fundraising for us.

So PLEASE make a note in your diaries now of the date SATURDAY 29 AUGUST

Can you bake as much as you can for us both? It's very helpful if you can:

- Label your cake (what is it?) Say if it has NUTS in it or if it has been FROZEN
- Please NO FRESH CREAM!!! (It melts if it's hot!)
- Use a paper plate and cover it with preferably a sealed plastic bag (cling film is not always effective!). **We will not be able to return tins or china plates.**
- State whether for Village Teas or St George's (why not make some for each?!)
- Bring your cakes on FRIDAY 28th, drop them off at Christ Church **OR** on SATURDAY 29th, straight to our stall at St George's Church, **and/or** to the Village Hall at West End **after 11.00am**. Or arrange to drop it off to Bridget, Helen or Andrea by arrangement!
- AND – if you can also donate something for our gift stall at St George's we would be most grateful!

We have a number of helpers at West End cake stall – but PLEASE do sign up to help on the rota for the Village Hall serving teas, washing and clearing up, ALL help is needed and appreciated.

THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

Bridget Williams (01372 462731) Helen Coulson (07506 701454)
and Andrea Lindow (01372 462041)

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: Michael Dixon, Marjorie Barraclough, Margaret Corbett, John Hammond, Mary Eccles

RIP: Paul Phillips, Moir Webb, Anton Manickam, Dominic Allen

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

August		Time	Reading
Monday	17		2 Samuel 3.12-end, Ps 80, Acts 6
Tuesday	18		2 Samuel 5.1-12, Ps 89.1-18, Acts 7.1-16
Wednesday	19		2 Samuel 6.1-19, Ps 119.105-128, Acts 7.17-43
Thursday	20	10am	2 Samuel 7.1-17, Ps 92, Acts 7.44-53
Friday	21		2 Samuel 7.18-end, Ps 88, Acts 7.54-8.3

LOOKING AHEAD

August		Time	Event
Sunday	16	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Wednesday	19	10.30am	Organ exam, Christ Church
Thursday	20	All day	Parish Office closed
		10am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
Saturday	22	1.15pm	Wedding of Matthew Williams & Georgina Morris, St George's Church
Sunday	23	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Thursday	27	All day	Parish Office closed
		10am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
Saturday	29	Midday	West End Village Show, West End Green
Sunday	30	10.30am	Eucharist & Holy Baptism, Christ Church
Monday	31	All day	Summer Bank Holiday

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