

# PARISH OF ESHER

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

*Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love*

GOOD FRIDAY

18 APRIL 2025

## CHURCH SERVICES

Good Friday Service (live streamed)	Led by Revd Darren McCallig at 2pm at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Volunteers required
Reading	The Revd Jonathan Andrew, Jackie Andrew, Will Stevens, Stuart Whatton, Brian Elliott
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Rowan Marshall

## SERVICE MUSIC

Opening music	<i>Chorale Prelude 'O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde gross', BWV 622 (Bach)</i>
Hymns	143, 157, 184, 181
Vocal interlude	<i>Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (American trad.)</i>

## THE COLLECT

Eternal God,  
in the cross of Jesus  
we see the cost of sin  
and the depth of your love:  
in humble hope and fear  
may we place at his feet  
all that we have  
and all that we are,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Message from our Rector, Darren

My dear friends,

A few years ago, at our wonderful Church primary school, one of the five year olds asked me, 'Why did they put Jesus on the cross?' It's a question well worth pondering on Good Friday. And in response I can do little better than quoting some words from the author and priest Michael Mayne. Sadly, my answer to the young boy wasn't as eloquent as Michael's, but essentially it all boils down to love:

'Why was Jesus crucified? Because he accepted at his baptism his vocation to be totally open to God, to show God's indiscriminating love for people of every kind, good and bad alike, to forgive hurts and offences, to eat with those considered outcasts: to challenge established values and views where they denied or obscured the values of God's kingdom and the worth of every person. And many hated him for it as, perversely, the good, the generous, the vulnerable will always be hated by that within us which feels threatened: which finds it easier to settle for the easy option, to protect our rights and interests and not to go to the second mile. Jesus came to be the love of God: love that is not an easy emotion but nothing less than a deliberate and costly giving of yourself for the good of another – giving your time, your attention, if need be your very life itself.' (Dust that dreams of glory)

God bless



## READING Isaiah 52.13-end of 53

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him – so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals – so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate. Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and

shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

## READING Hebrews 10.16-25

'This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds', he also adds, 'I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.' Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

## READING John 18.1-end of 19

See the Good Friday order of service for a dramatisation of this Gospel reading.

### Other Lectionary Texts

Psalm 22 page 530 (OT)

The page numbers are given for Bibles that are available from the sidespeople.

## PARISH NOTICES

**Easter Egg Hunt** - On Easter Sunday after the 10.30am service at Christ Church, we'll be putting on an Easter Egg Hunt for the children in the church grounds. Bring your basket or watch the children having some fun looking for some very special Easter eggs!

**Sunday School** - This week we'll be raising the Hallelujah from our Easter Garden. Plus we'll be making Easter cards and fashioning fabulous Easter bonnets to wear for the egg hunt straight after the service.

**New Electoral Roll** - Under Church of England rules a parish's Electoral Roll must be completely renewed – basically begun again from scratch – every six years and 2025 is that year. Everyone must re-apply with new applications welcome. There are forms in both churches and an online form is available via this QR code. [The closing date for the new roll is Sunday 27 April.](#)



**Music in the Tower 2025** - The stunning young guitarist Nathaniel Rosales-Merkies chose 'A Pendulum of Passion' as his theme, transporting us to Spain and Latin America (with some Bach masterpieces along the way!), interspersed with Hispanic readings curated by Jan Sayer.

**Confirmation** - A Deanery Confirmation Service will be held at St Peter's Hersham on Sunday 22 June at 5pm. Please speak to the Rector or to Kath if you're interested in being confirmed. The preparation sessions will begin in May.

**Lower Green Community Centre** - They're in need of specific items for their Foodbank. Please see the list on the foodbank boxes at the back of both churches. Thank you so much.

**Leave** - The Rector will be on leave from Monday 21 April to Tuesday 29 April inclusive. The Parish Office will be closed from Friday 18 April to Sunday 27 April inclusive. If you need any assistance during this time please contact the churchwardens.

**Lent Appeal 2025** - This year our Lent Appeal will raise funds for the Princess Alice Hospice – our local hospice caring for patients and families through illness and bereavement for as long as needed. Please use the appeal envelopes, pay by card or via this QR code and remember to Gift Aid to enhance your donation.



**Book Group** - We'll next gather on 28 April, 4pm, to discuss *The Anxious Generation* by Jonathan Haidt, which raises important questions on the 'rewiring' of children and young people's brains through excess screen time. For more details contact Revd Jonathan Andrew on 07968 765188 / jandrewesher@gmail.com.

**Fellowship Group** - The next meeting will be in Christ Church at 10.30am on Wednesday 7 May. We welcome all to pray, to reflect on their faith and to put the world to rights!

**'Zoom' Morning Prayer & Zoffee!** - Morning Prayer continues each Thursday at 9.30am. To join please contact the Parish Office.

**West End** - The St George's gardening team wish to thank all those who have so generously donated plants for our new 'white' flower bed. It is a work in progress, but we are delighted with what we have already achieved, and hope that you will come and enjoy this peaceful garden, which we have created for the benefit of you all. Thank you.

**Thanksgiving & Celebration Service and Supper on Sunday 4 May at 6pm** - We are holding a special service for all our wonderful volunteers, who work so hard to keep our two churches running. After the service we hope you will join us for supper in Christ Church, provided free as a token of our thanks for all you do. Please complete the form, found at the back of the church, and return to Jane, Helen, Andrea, Bridget or the Parish Office. Alternatively, email the appropriate information to the Parish Office.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Michael Newbould, Gilly Barrett, Allen Palmer, Pam & Jim Green, George Raine, Katherine S, Keith Howell-Jones, John Cheetham, Sebastian, Ruramayi, Karen Harris, David Gerrard, Katie Clark, Armand Sarkissian, Vanessa Meckiffie  
 RIP Anniversaries: Andrew Suszynski, Norman Walker

## BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

April		Time	Reading
Friday	18		Genesis 22.1-18; Psalm 69; Hebrews 10.1-10
Saturday	19		Hosea 6.1-6; Psalm 142; John 2.18-22
Sunday	20		Ezekiel 47.1-12; Psalm 114; John 2.13-22

## LOOKING AHEAD

April		Time	Event
Friday	18	All day	Parish Office closed (18 -27 April incl.)
		2pm	Good Friday Service, Christ Church
Easter Sunday		9am	Easter Day Service, St George's Church
		10.30am	Easter Day Service, Christ Church
		11.30am	Easter Egg Hunt, Christ Church
Monday	21	All day	Easter Monday Bank Holiday
			No choir practice
Wednesday	23	7pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	24	9.30am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
Saturday	26	2pm	Surrey District Bellringing visit, Christ Church
Sunday	27	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Eucharist & Holy Baptism, Christ Church
Monday	28	4pm	Book Group, Christ Church
		7.15pm	Choir practice
Wednesday	30	7pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
May		Time	Event
Thursday	1	All day	Parish Office closed
		9.30am	Morning Prayer, Zoom

## CONTACTS

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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.