

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

19 JULY 2026

CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion	Led by Canon Richard Truss at 9am at St George's (SG)
Preacher	Canon Richard Truss
Churchwarden	Charles Hawkshaw-Burn
Reading, Prayers	Mair Molteno, Jackie Andrew
Musician	Theo Tang
Parish Communion (live streamed)	Led by Canon Richard Truss at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Canon Richard Truss
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Sean Seymour-Cole, Ben Ritchie
Reading, Prayers	Miranda Fuller, Colin Martin
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Theo Tang
Refreshments	Sandra Argent, Sia Marshall

SERVICE MUSIC

Opening music	<i>Herr Christ, der einig Gottes Sohn, BuxWV 192 (Buxtehude)</i>
SG hymns	766, 591, 826 (omit v3-4)
CC hymns	766, 591, 826 (omit v4)
SG / CC settings	Addington / Coulson
Communion anthem	<i>How lovely are thy dwellings</i> (Noel Rawsthorne)
Closing music	<i>Allegro maestoso e vivace from Sonata no. 2 (Mendelssohn)</i>

COLLECT

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God,
whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory
and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.

Welcome to the Parish

Our two churches, Christ Church and St George's, have been beacons of faith, hope and love in Esher for well over a century.

Generations have come through our doors to celebrate marriages, welcome newborns into our Christian faith and to grieve their losses - all of it embraced by the worship and prayer offered each week.

Every Sunday we explore the richness of our Christian traditions 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 but whatever the reason, we all belong here.

You can find full details of our services online. Most Sundays we worship at 9am at St George's, West End and at 10.30am at Christ Church, Esher.

We look forward to welcoming you.

READING Romans 8.12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh – for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Other Lectionary Texts

Genesis 28.10-19a

Psalms 139.1-11, 23-24

Wisdom 12.13, 16-19

Isaiah 44.6-8

Psalms 86.11-end

GOSPEL Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

Jesus put before them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, “Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?” He answered, “An enemy has done this.” The slaves said to him, “Then do you want us to go and gather them?” But he replied, “No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, ‘Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.’ He answered, ‘The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

PARISH NOTICES

Thank you - To Canon Richard Truss, for visiting us and leading our morning services. It is a joy to worship with you.

Vacancy Update - Thank you for your continued support and prayers. We look forward to sharing an update this Sunday.

Sunday School - Even though there are bad things in the world, love is always the answer. To celebrate the power of love, we'll make 'Love Conquers All' wands. Our last session before the summer will be Sunday 26 July.

Christ Church Cleaning - A big thank you to everyone who helped with the general deep clean and tidy of Christ Church on Friday 17 July and Saturday 18 July.

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 Giving Scheme - We're now using the Church of England's Parish Giving Scheme for all donations. For details please refer to the PGS website at www.parishgiving.org.uk.

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

EHS Development Project - Esher High School has submitted a planning application for a synthetic turf pitch that will enhance their sports facilities for young people, specifically supporting girls' sport. For more details and to access the EBC planning portal page go to www.esherhigh.surrey.sch.uk/ and select the 'About Us' tab and then 'Synthetic Turf Pitch - School Development Project'. Comments are welcome by Monday 20 July.

Guildford Castle - This Sunday, our Director of Music, Stuart Whatton, will be on his sax once again with the London Saxophone Choir for a bandstand performance in Guildford Castle grounds from 2 till 4 pm. All welcome.

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 - We are now taking a break and will return on Friday 4 September.

Sunday School - We'll take a break during August returning on Sunday 6 September.

Fellowship Group - We will be taking a break for the summer and will meet again in Christ Church on Wednesday 9 September, 10.30am.

Book Group - Twelve of us met for a lively discussion of *Madame Bovary* on Monday. Our book group will next meet on Monday 14 September when - with a nod to the new film of *The Odyssey* - we'll discuss *The Penelopiad* by Margaret Atwood. Happy summer reading!

Music on the Green - Our season finale at Old St George's was a big success, with a venue record audience of 101 raising £600. Many thanks to our MOTG and lunch team volunteers. We'll take a break in August and return to Christ Church on Wednesday 16 September with a piano recital by our senior organ scholar, Theo Tang.

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: Frederick Purvis, Brenda Wilde, Michael Lumley-Kelly, Rose Mason, Rosemary Simmons, Edward de Haan, Christopher Tyrell, Ingar Welch, Lisa Hall

Banns of Marriage: Michael John Inman & Vienna Nichola Langdon

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

	July	Time	Reading
Monday	20		1 Samuel 10.1-16, Ps 1, Luke 22.24-30
Tuesday	21		1 Samuel 10.17-end, Ps 5, Luke 22.31-38
Wednesday	22		1 Samuel 16.14-end, Ps 30, Luke 8.1-3
Thursday	23	10am	1 Samuel 12, Ps 15, Luke 22.47-62
Friday	24		1 Samuel 13.5-18, Ps 19, Luke 22.63-end

LOOKING AHEAD

	July	Time	Event
Saturday	18	9.30am	Deep Clean & Tidy, Christ Church
Sunday	19	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	20	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church (last of season)
Wednesday	22	7.30pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	23	All day	Parish Office closed
		10am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
Sunday	26	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Eucharist & Holy Baptism, Christ Church
Wednesday	29	7.30pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	30	All day	Parish Office closed
		10am	Morning Prayer, Zoom

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