

# PARISH OF ESHER

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

*Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love*

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

27 SEPTEMBER 2026

## CHURCH SERVICE

|                                     |                                                                  |
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| Parish Communion<br>(live streamed) | Led by Revd Katherine Miller<br>at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC) |
| Preacher                            | Revd Katherine Miller                                            |
| Churchwarden                        | Will Stevens                                                     |
| Sidespeople                         | Sean Seymour-Cole,<br>Charles Hawkshaw-Burn                      |
| Reading, Prayers                    | Sue Langley, Jan Sayer                                           |
| Musicians                           | Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane,<br>Theo Tang                  |
| Refreshments                        | Sandra Argent, Sia Marshall                                      |

## SERVICE MUSIC

|                   |                                                        |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Opening music     | 'Vater Unser im Himmelreich',<br>BuxWV 219 (Buxtehude) |
| Hymns             | 589, 663, 453 (omit v3)                                |
| Setting           | Coulson                                                |
| Post sermon music | <i>Starry Dome</i> (George Nevada)                     |
| Communion anthem  | <i>My eyes for beauty pine</i> (Howells)               |
| Closing music     | <i>Allegro in B flat</i> (Mendelssohn)                 |

## COLLECT

Gracious God,  
you call us to fullness of life:  
deliver us from unbelief  
and banish our anxieties  
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord, we pray that your grace  
may always precede and follow us,  
and make us continually to be given to all good works;  
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.

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

With best wishes,

Fraser McGuicken & Will Stevens  
Parish of Esher Churchwardens.

## READING Philippians 2.1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

## GOSPEL Matthew 21.23-32

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

### Other Lectionary Texts

Exodus 17.1-7

Psalm 78.1-4, 12-16

Ezekiel 18.1-4, 25-end

Psalm 25.1-8

## PARISH NOTICES

**Thank you** - To Revd Katherine Miller, for visiting us and leading our morning service. It is a joy to worship with you.

**Rector Update** - The Institution and Induction of our new Rector, The Revd Jo Winn-Smith, will be 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. The Christ Church car park will be closed for use by clergy and key personnel only. We must ensure emergency access. To help plan the evening catering please email Melanie to confirm attendance.

**Sunday School** - As God values genuine repentance over empty words, we'll be creating art to show the mistakes we have made and what action we are taking to show we are truly sorry.

**Christ Church Flowers** - Angela Sweet is organising the flower rota for the next few months. Please email or phone her if you feel you could arrange flowers for one nave pedestal. No previous experience necessary. Just enthusiasm! Contact Angela on 07803 502776 or via [angelavsweet@gmail.com](mailto:angelavsweet@gmail.com)

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

**St George's Update** - St George's is now closed temporarily so we can complete the necessary remediation work to the foundations and flooring. Whilst we'll miss St George's 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 look forward to welcoming everyone back when the work is complete and we reopen St George's in December.

**Youth Group** - For our October session on Friday 2 October, 5.30-7pm, in Christ Church, we'll be considering prayer – when, how, why, where... We'll be experimenting with creative ways to increase our practice to help find peace in our very hectic and noisy world.

**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.

**Fellowship Group** - We meet again in Christ Church on Wednesday 7 October, 10.30am. Canon Richard Truss, one of our lovely visiting ministers, will join us. He'll talk about his book on David Jenkins – bishop, academic, public theologian and provocateur. All welcome.

**Harvest Crazy Crafts** - Our next crafting show at the Lower Green Community Centre will be on Saturday 10 October, 10am-1pm. Come anytime to make harvest themed creations – paper plate animals/flowers, biscuit decoration! Entry is free, the cafe will be open and kids get a goodie bag. Do look after your children at all times. Please see Kath if you can help.

**Book Group** - We had a lively discussion of *The Penelopiad* on Monday. Our next two meetings will be on Monday 12 October and Monday 9 November. For October, we agreed to read *Theo of Golden*, by Allen Levi: for November, we'll read Melanie McDonagh's book *Converts: From Oscar Wilde to Muriel Spark, Why So Many Became Catholic in the 20th Century*. Plenty of notice on the date, as the subject may be of particular interest.

**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.

## 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, Christine Steeds

**RIP Anniversaries:** Charles Orr, Leslie Norris, Bill Stevens, Betty Taylor, Nicholas Simmons, John Doherty, Winifred Peden, Jean Mumby

## BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

| Sept/Oct  |    | Time | Reading                                  |
|-----------|----|------|------------------------------------------|
| Monday    | 28 |      | 1 Kings 21, Ps 71, Acts 21.37-22.21      |
| Tuesday   | 29 |      | Tobit 12.6-end, Ps 34, Acts 12.1-11      |
| Wednesday | 30 |      | 1 Kings 22.29-45, Ps 77, Acts 23.2-end   |
| Thursday  | 1  | 10am | 2 Kings 1.2-17, Ps 78.1-39, Acts 24.1-23 |
| Friday    | 2  |      | 2 Kings 2.1-18, Ps 55, Acts 24.24-25.12  |

## LOOKING AHEAD

| September |    | Time    | Event                                                        |
|-----------|----|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday    | 27 | 10.30am | Parish Communion, Christ Church                              |
| Monday    | 28 | 7pm-9pm | Choir practice, Christ Church                                |
| Wednesday | 30 | 7.30pm  | Institution Service of Revd Joanna Winn-Smith, Christ Church |
| October   |    | Time    | Event                                                        |
| Friday    | 2  | 5.30pm  | Youth Group, Christ Church                                   |
| Sunday    | 4  | 10.30am | Harvest Thanksgiving Service, Christ Church                  |
| Monday    | 5  | All day | Parish Office closed (5-6 Oct incl.)                         |
|           |    | 7.15pm  | Choir practice, Christ Church                                |
| Wednesday | 7  | 10.30am | Fellowship Group, Christ Church                              |
|           |    | 7.30pm  | Bellringing practice                                         |
| Thursday  | 8  | 10am    | Morning Prayer, Zoom                                         |
| Saturday  | 10 | 10am    | Harvest Crazy Crafts, Lower Green Community Centre           |
| Sunday    | 11 | 10.30am | Parish Communion, Christ Church                              |

## CONTACTS

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