

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

14 NOVEMBER 2021

CHURCH SERVICES

St George's	Holy Communion at 9.00am led by Revd Jonathan Andrew
Preacher	Revd Jonathan Andrew
Reading & Prayers	Joan Howell-Jones
Esher Green	Act of Remembrance at 10.50am led by Revd Darren McCallig
Stewards & Volunteers	Janie McCulloch, Denise Howells, Andy Tyrrell, Charles Hawkshaw-Burn, Nigel Weiss, Duncan Hamilton-Martin, Kath Chapman, Paul Puccioni
Christ Church	Service of Remembrance at 11.15am led by Revd Darren McCallig
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Churchwardens	Jane Tyrrell, Helen Coulson, Sandra Argent, Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Peggy Howell-Jones, Susan Rawlins, Hugh Miller
Reading & Prayers	Rt Hon Dominic Raab MP Helen Coulson

MUSIC

Musicians	Keith Howell-Jones, Will O'Brien, Oliver Macfarlane, Stuart Whatton
Opening music	<i>Meditation on 'Repton'</i> (Robert Hobby)
St George's hymns	746, 635, 766
Christ Church hymns	635, 725, 621 (omit v3), 578
Anthem	<i>O thou, the central orb</i> (Wood)
Closing music	<i>Elegy</i> (George Thalben-Ball)

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Message from our Rector, Darren

My dear friends,

Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy was a Church of England vicar who became an army chaplain during the First World War. His warm personality earned him the respect of the soldiers who nicknamed him 'Woodbine Willie' after the brand of cigarettes he shared with them. In 1917 he was awarded the Military Cross for 'conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty' during the attack on Messines Ridge. He had fetched medical supplies by running through a shelled area, and retrieved the wounded (from both sides) from no-man's land. Writing later, Studdert Kennedy described what had happened to him.



I was running to our lines half mad with fright, though running in the right direction, thank God, through what had been once a wooded copse. It was being heavily shelled. As I ran I stumbled and fell over something. I stopped to see what it was. It was an undersized, underfed German boy, with a wound in his stomach and a hole in his head. I remember muttering, "You poor little devil, what had you got to do with it? Not much great blonde Prussian about you." Then there came light. It may have been pure imagination, but that does not mean that it was not also reality, for what is called imagination is often the road to reality. It seemed to me that the boy disappeared and in his place there lay the Christ upon his cross, and cried, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my little ones ye have done it unto me." From that moment on I never saw a battlefield as anything but a crucifix.

Lord, have mercy,

Darren

READING Philippians 4.6-9

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

PSALM 40.14-17

14 Let all those be put to shame and confusion who seek to snatch away my life; let those be turned back and brought to dishonour who desire my hurt.

15 Let those be appalled because of their shame who say to me, 'Aha, Aha!'

16 But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, 'Great is the Lord!'

17 As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for me. You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God.

GOSPEL Matthew 5.43-end

Jesus said, 'You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy." But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

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.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
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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Help & the Parish Office

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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 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.

It's wonderful to have you here - thank you for coming.

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'Time to Pray' App - The 'Time to Pray' app presents everything you need for Prayer during the day and at night, with variations according to the day of the week and the season of the Church's year. The app is compatible with both smartphones and tablets. To download the app go to <https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/time-to-pray>

CHRIST CHURCH SERVICE NOTES

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

- We encourage you, please – if you have the NHS app – to scan the QR code on arrival at church.
- Please take the Pewsheets with you.
- We ask, please, that you 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.
- 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.
- Just as you used the hand sanitiser on the way in, please use it again on the way out.

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PARISH NOTICES

Remembrance Sunday - Today there are two services: a 9am Holy Communion Service in St George's and a Remembrance Sunday Service in Christ Church after the Act of Remembrance on Esher Green at 10.50am.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal – Our church collections today will be donated to the RBL Poppy Appeal. Also should you still need to obtain your poppy we have a poppy box and collecting tin in church today.

Music on the Green - The Mera Horn Trio (horn, violin & piano) will entertain us on Wednesday 17 November at 1.15pm. A light lunch will be served at 12.30pm. It is free to watch on our MOTG YouTube channel.

Songs of Praise - On Sunday 21 November at 4pm we will hold a very special service at Christ Church. The seven most popular hymns – as chosen by your votes – will be sung by the choir and congregation. This 'Songs of Praise' style service will be a celebratory end to our stewardship season. Please pick up a ballot paper in church. Voting ends today.

Friends Update - Our next Coffee Morning will take place at Christ Church in Esher on Wednesday 24 November at 10.30am. Friends and guests are welcome to join us for coffee, tea, cake, company and a chat!

Christmas Shoeboxes - 'Link to Hope' is a Christian charity that believes 'in distributing love to those in need regardless of colour, creed, background or religion.' Every year they organise a shoe box appeal for those living in desperately difficult circumstances in Romania, Bulgaria, Moldova and Ukraine. You can help by filling a shoe box full of gifts and useful items for a family or an elderly person. Please collect a shoebox and leaflet from the back of church and bring the completed box to church on Sunday 28 November to be blessed and sent on its way

Growing Together - If you haven't already done so, please pick up a copy of the 'Growing Together in Faith, Hope & Love' leaflet from the back of the church. It outlines some of the amazing things that have been happening in the parish in the past 18 months, as well as some of the plans we have for the future. This 'stewardship season' continues until Sunday 21 November. If you can give a new, or increase an existing financial gift to the parish, thank you. If at this moment you cannot, thank you for considering it. If you can give more time through volunteering in particular ways, thank you. Every contribution is needed, gratefully received and truly valued.

Children's Society Collection Boxes - If you have held one of the Society's boxes during the past 12 months it is now time for the money to be collected in. Please return your box to St George's Church or contact Ann Willig. Thank you for your generous support.

Christmas Delivery - We are currently hard at work on a new little Parish magazine to continue our reach into the local community. We are very keen to recruit volunteers to deliver these to homes in Esher. We need particular help delivering in the Lower Green area. Please contact Will Stevens or the Parish Office if you can help in anyway. All help will be gratefully received. Thank you.

Parish Christmas Lunch - The Christmas Lunch will be on Sunday 12 December at 12.30pm at the Bear in Esher. Price £28 per person. Limited to 40 guests. Please confirm attendance by Friday 3 December.

Christmas cards - Our new St George's cards, designed by Alice Coulson, are £5 for a pack of 10. Order/buy from St Georges. Our Parish cards feature seasonal images in a mixed pack of 12 cards for £8. Buy today or from the Parish Office.

PARISH NOTICES

Repair, Cleaning and Redecoration of the Roof Rainwater Gutters - You may have noticed scaffolding and ladders at the east end of Christ Church. This was to facilitate the substantial and badly needed repair and redecoration of the rainwater gutters and downpipes. This had been postponed three years ago due a lack of available funds. Fortunately our appeal for funds via the recent 'Growing Together in Faith, Hope & Love' appeal has brought forth a substantial donation of circa £8k from a churchmember which has enabled this work to be undertaken. As well as the repair and maintenance, the new paint work has brought the stonework of the church walls into a beautiful sharp focus. The gutters were cleaned and blockages to hidden guttering above the vestry were found and cleared thus eliminating historic leaks into and around the parish office. The fabric of both churches is in need of constant maintenance and repair to keep it to the standards that we would all wish for. Additional donations, big or small, for the maintenance of our beautiful buildings will be always needed and most welcome. All such monies will be expended with great diligence and an eye to value on worthwhile projects. Next year we will be looking for monies to add to an existing donation for a substantial upgrade of the lighting in Christ Church which is now failing at various points, and is outdated and costly to maintain in usage and repair costs. With that and other minor building works, fixture and fittings (ie altar linen) repairs and replacements plus ongoing maintenance, such as the boilers, all contributions are always greatly needed and will be tremendously valued and appreciated.

Parish Giving - Thank you for your ongoing support. If you're able to, you can donate today or via our 'Give A Little' page at <https://givealittle.co/campaigns/d9f42eab-78e6-4ce8-880b-215b3f77c260>. To donate to our bank account, contact the Parish Office for details and Gift Aid forms.

Fellowship - The Group will next meet in in Christ Church on Wednesday 8 December at 11am – the last meeting of 2021. We happily welcome all newcomers to our group as we reflect on our faith, prayer and life.

'Zoom' Bible Reflection & Prayer - This Bible Reflection group continues every Tuesday at 9am. Please ask the Parish Office for details.

'Zoom' Morning Prayer & Zoffee! - Morning Prayer continues at 9am every Wednesday. Please ask the Parish Office for details.

Book Group - The group's special 'Meet the Author' session with Will Wood in Christ Church on Tuesday evening was a great success. Over twenty people came along for a very stimulating and wide-ranging discussion. It reminded us that people in Esher love exploring ideas, and it provided an encouraging insight into how we might deepen and broaden our church community.

The Nutcracker - The Everyman Cinema in Esher is showing a live screening of the ballet ([https://www.everymancinema.com/Esher/ev ents](https://www.everymancinema.com/Esher/events)) from the Royal Opera House at 7pm on Thursday 9 December. Andrea and Bridget have booked seats (G21 & G22) and would love to have more Parish friends join them.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Yasmin Ingram, Stuart Williams, Maureen O'Brien, Betty Walker, Geoff Walker, Elizabeth Arnold, Sue Lynn, Hugh Miller, Stewart Henderson, Graham Woolgar, John Treneman, Gilly Barrett, David Gerrard

RIP Anniversaries: Joyce Foord, Joseph Underwood, Peter Page, Brian Stapley, Peggy Fermont

RIP: Mary Cooke

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

November		Time	Reading
Monday	15		Isaiah 9.8-10.4; Ps 47; Matthew 7.1-12
Tuesday	16	9.00-10.00am	Isaiah 10.5-19; Ps 52; Matthew 7.13-end
Wednesday	17	9.00-10.00am	Isaiah 10.20-32; Ps 56; Matthew 8.1-13
Thursday	18		Isaiah 10.33-11.9; Ps 62; Matthew 8.14-22
Friday	19		Isaiah 11.10-end of 12; Ps 63; Matthew 8.23-end

LOOKING AHEAD

November		Time	Event
Sunday	14	9.00am	Holy Communion, St George's
		10.50am	Act of Remembrance, Esher Green
		11.15am	Service of Remembrance, Christ Church
Monday	15	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Tuesday	16	9.00-10.00am	Bible Reflection & Prayer, Zoom
Wednesday	17	9.00-10.00am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
		10.00am-4.00pm	Christ Church open
		12.30pm	Music on the Green concert: Mera Horn Trio
		7.00-8.30pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	18	All day	Parish Office closed
Sunday	21	9.00am	Holy Communion Christ Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
		4.00pm	Songs of Praise, Christ Church
Monday	22	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Tuesday	23	9.00-10.00am	Bible Reflection & Prayer, Zoom

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