

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT (SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY)

17 NOVEMBER 2024

CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion	Led by Revd Darren McCallig at 9am at St George's (SG)
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Reading, Prayers	Bridget Williams
Musician	Theo Tang
Parish Communion (live streamed)	Led by Revd Darren McCallig at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Churchwardens	Jane Tyrrell
Sidespeople	Ivy Tang, Stewart Henderson
Reading, Prayers	Stewart Henderson, Tom & Sally Radford
Refreshments	Wendy Tanqueray, Debbie Banks
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Theo Tang
SERVICE MUSIC	
Opening music	<i>Jesus My Lord, My God, My All - no.3 from Six Paraphrases on Traditional Hymn Tunes (Joseph McGrath)</i>
SG & CC hymns	2, 641(omit v3), 828
SG / CC settings	Addington / Coulson
Anthem	<i>The Call - No. 4 from Five Mystical Songs (Vaughan Williams)</i>
Closing music	<i>Prélude from Trois Pièces, Op. 29 (Gabriel Pierné)</i>

THE COLLECT

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

Message from our Rector, Darren

My dear friends,

Today's readings from Scripture come under the broad heading of eschatological writings – from the Greek word *eschatos*, meaning 'last'. Eschatology, therefore, concerns itself with the study of human destiny and the end, goal or purpose of all things. One of the leading thinkers in this field was Jürgen Moltmann who taught for many years at the University of Tübingen (and died earlier this year at the age of 98). He argued that eschatology, properly understood, is a theology of hope and we can have this hope because the history of the world is an ongoing revelation of God's promises of an ideal future. However, and perhaps unexpectedly, having this Christian hope in God's future does not make us resigned and apathetic citizens of the present. If anything, the opposite is the case. As Moltmann wrote in his seminal work 'Theology of Hope: On the Ground and the Implications of a Christian Eschatology':

'... faith, wherever it develops into hope, causes not rest but unrest, not patience but impatience. It does not calm the unquiet heart, but is itself this unquiet heart in man. Those who hope in Christ can no longer put up with reality as it is, but begin to suffer under it, to contradict it. Peace with God means conflict with the world, for the goad of the promised future stabs inexorably into the flesh of every unfulfilled present.'

God bless,



READING Hebrews 10.11-14, 19-25

Each priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

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.

GOSPEL Mark 13.1-8

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.' When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

PARISH NOTICES

Safeguarding - Sunday 17 November is Safeguarding Sunday. It's about highlighting the importance of creating safer places for all and encouraging us to keep safeguarding as a top priority throughout the year. It's also an opportunity to thank and pray for those who have stepped up to coordinate safeguarding in our parish so we can protect vulnerable people together. Our Safeguarding Policy and Safeguarding Officer contact details can be found on the parish website.

Sunday School - This week we'll be looking at how our Parish values of Faith, Hope and Love can help us navigate our lives in a turbulent world, and keep our focus and trust in God.

Baptism - Jane Tyrrell's granddaughter Aylah is to be baptised next Sunday (24 November). Please join the family afterwards to celebrate with a special cake.

Peace & Contemplation - The Wonder of Creation. Thursday 28 November, 8pm, at Christ Church. An evening of inspiring readings, beautiful music and reflective silence. All are welcome.

Book Group - The next meeting will be on Monday 25 November, 4pm, in Christ Church when we will discuss Émile Zola's scandalous novel *Thérèse Raquin*. For details contact Revd Jonathan Andrew on 07968 765188.

Fellowship Group - The next meeting in Christ Church will be at 10.30am on Monday 2 December. All are welcome.

Music on the Green - Our free concert on Wednesday 20 November will feature the Phil Hopkins Jazz Trio in a programme entitled 'From Brazil to Broadway' with popular jazz favourites. Concert from 1.15pm.

Christ Church Defibrillator - Our defibrillator is now installed and sited on the outside of Christ Church (as one approaches from Church Street). Thank you to everyone who generously donated to make this possible.

Christmas Shoeboxes - 'Link to Hope' is a Christian charity that organises an annual shoebox appeal for those living in difficult circumstances in Ukraine, Romania, Bulgaria and Moldova. To help, fill a shoebox with gifts and useful items for a family or an elderly person. Next Sunday, 24 November, is the deadline for returning completed shoeboxes.

Christmas Tree Lighting Up - Let's launch the season of good cheer in Esher by lighting up the Christmas Tree in Christ Church at 5.30pm on Friday 29 November. Barisons Choir will be singing carols in our warm, candlelit church whilst mince pies and mulled wine are served. Everyone is welcome to this festive community event.

Christingle Service - This service will be on Sunday 1 December, 10.30am, in Christ Church. If you would like to help make our lovely Christingles, you're welcome to join us at 5pm on Friday 29 November, just before the Christmas Tree Lighting Up.

Christmas Crazy Crafts - This will take place at the Lower Green Community Centre (Farm Road, Esher KT10 8AU) on Saturday 7 December, 10am-1pm. Entry is free and kids get a goodie bag and some festive fun!

Parish Christmas Lunch - Sunday 8 December at West End Village Hall, catered for by Gill Ovington. Tickets £35pp, please bring your own drinks. See flyer for details and form.

Christmas Leaflet - Our leaflets are currently being printed. We plan to deliver to homes across Esher next week. Please contact Will Stevens or the Parish Office if you can help with any roads. All help will be appreciated.

After School - Parishioners Charlotte and Ben are looking for someone to collect their son (4 years old) from Esher Church School at 3.15pm and walk him home on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays (£30 a week). Please contact them on 07716 836803 for details.

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

RIP Anniversaries: Peter Page, Ernest Stanton, Hannelore Schulze, Ronald Swaine, Brian Stapley, Peggy Fermont, William Ward, Harry Henry, Rosalind Wilkes, Denis King

RIP: Duncan Edge, Marny Park, Elizabeth Arnold

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

November		Time	Reading
Monday	18		Daniel 8.1-14; Ps 47; Revelation 10
Tuesday	19		Daniel 8.15-end; Ps 52; Revelation 11.1-14
Wednesday	20		Daniel 9.1-19; Ps 56; Revelation 11.15-end
Thursday	21	9.30-10.30am	Daniel 9.20-end; Ps 62; Revelation 12
Friday	22		Daniel 10.1-11.1; Ps 63; Revelation 13.1-10

LOOKING AHEAD

November		Time	Event
Sunday	17	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	18	4.15pm	Funeral of Elizabeth Arnold, Randalls Park Crematorium
		7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Wednesday	20	1.15pm	Music on the Green lunchtime concert: Phil Hopkins Jazz Trio, Christ Church
		7pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	21	All day	Parish Office closed
		9.30am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
Friday	22	All day	Parish Office closed
Sunday	24	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Eucharist & Holy Baptism, Christ Church
Monday	25	4pm	Book Group, Christ Church
		7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Tuesday	26	8pm	Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting, Christ Church

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.