

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

CHRIST THE KING

21 NOVEMBER 2021

CHURCH SERVICES

St George's	Holy Communion at 9.00am led by Revd Darren McCallig
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Reading & Prayers	Peter Bedford
Christ Church	Parish Communion & Holy Baptism Service at 10.30am led by Revd Darren McCallig
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Debbie Banks, Michael Banks
Reading	Jane Tyrrell
Refreshments	Wendy Tanqueray, Margaret Dane

MUSIC

Musicians	Keith Howell-Jones, Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane
Opening music	<i>Plein Jeu from Messe pour les Paroisses</i> (Couperin)
St George's hymns	769, 357, 227 (omit v.2)
Christ Church hymns	769, 663 (omit v.3), 612
Setting	Reneau
Anthem	<i>Above all praise and all majesty</i> (Mendelssohn)
Closing music	<i>Toccata & Fugue in F, BuxWV 157</i> (Buxtehude)

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth
the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Message from our Rector, Darren

My dear friends,

Today is the Feast of Christ the King, an observance begun by Pope Pius XI in 1925 and later adopted by other Churches. The intention was to remind Christians that their ultimate allegiance is to Christ and his values of service and peace rather than to earthly rulers with, often, very different agendas. Poet and Anglican priest Malcolm Guite has written a sonnet for the Feast Day which captures the counter-cultural nature of Christ's Kingship. Here's an extract:

*Our King is calling from the hungry furrows
Whilst we are cruising through the aisles of plenty,
Our hoardings screen us from the man of sorrows,
Our soundtracks drown his murmur: 'I am thirsty'.
He stands in line to sign in as a stranger
And seek a welcome from the world he made.*

*We lock him in the prisons of our fear
Lest he unlock the prison of our wealth.
But still on Sunday we shall stand and sing
The praises of our hidden Lord and King.*

In short, today we celebrate 'Kingship' – but not perhaps as we know it.

God bless,



READING Revelation 1.4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

PSALM 93

1 The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength. He has established the world; it shall never be moved;
2 your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.
3 The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.
4 More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the Lord!
5 Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O Lord, for evermore.

GOSPEL John 18.33-37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

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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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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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.
- Unless you are seated in the designated socially-distanced zone (the front-middle section of the church where every other pew is marked off with red ribbons) there is no need to wear a face covering. Though, of course, please wear one if you wish.
- For those seated in the designated socially-distanced zone, please bear in mind that there are some exemptions to mask wearing: 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.
- Communion will be in one kind only (consecrated bread) with the priest wearing a face covering for distribution. Please come 'up' the centre aisle and use the hand sanitiser before receiving. Please return to your seat 'down' the side aisles.
- To make an act of 'Spiritual Communion' please use the prayer opposite.
- Refreshments will be served afterwards. This will be outside, weather permitting.
- 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 - As many will be aware we sadly do not have a Royal British Legion branch in Esher anymore. In the past the Act of Remembrance on Esher Green had been organized by them. This year the Parish took on this responsibility - arranging with the council to close the roads, liaising with the police, all wreath layers and not to mention Dominic Raab's office! The day itself was equally complex – not only doing what we've always done but additionally working with the police regarding security and road closures. We are therefore deeply grateful to everyone who made it possible. To the stewards, volunteers and sidespeople - Janie McCulloch, Denise Howells, Kath Chapman, Hugh Miller, Andy Tyrrell, Nigel Weiss, Susan Rawlins, Duncan Hamilton-Martin, Charles Hawkshaw-Burn, Peggy Howell-Jones and our live-streaming guru - Paul Puccioni. To the Churchwardens (past and present) – Jane Tyrrell, Helen Coulson, Sandra Argent and, of course, Will Stevens, our crucifer! Also to Jennifer Meade and Ann Battensby, our tower captains, and the bellringers. And finally to our musical team - Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane, Will O'Brien, our trumpeter, and the choir. Thank you all!

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!

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 is on Tuesdays at 9am.

'Zoom' Morning Prayer & Zoffee! - Morning Prayer continues at 9am every Wednesday.

Songs of Praise - This afternoon 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.

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

Advent Appeal 2021 - This year our Advent Appeal will be raising funds for the Lower Green Community Centre which has recently been refurbished and reopened as a hub for the Lower Green community in Esher. It is used to help people to develop their skills, ideas etc and to come together for activities. The Beehive Cafe is open daily serving teas, coffees, snacks and other refreshments. The cafe is an ideal meeting place for friends and neighbours to drop in for a warm welcome and a chat. To keep this essential service going, the centre constantly needs to raise funds. We can help, by giving generously through our Advent Appeal. Please give as much as you can in the appeal envelopes, remembering to include your details so we can claim Gift Aid and enhance your donation.

Music on the Green - The Mera Horn Trio can be watched on our MOTG YouTube channel. Donations welcome on our JustGiving page.

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.

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 today, 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.

Christmas Delivery - We are working hard on a new little Parish booklet to continue our reach into the local community. We are keen to recruit help to deliver these to homes in Esher (and particularly to the Lower Green area) between Saturday 27 November and Wednesday 1 December. Please sign-up at the back of the church or contact Will Stevens (07505 904089/wjtstevens@gmail.com). All help will be gratefully received. Thank you.

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

100 Best Christmas Poems For Children - A sparkling, new paperback Christmas stocking filler for children and grandchildren. With poems from all the stars of the silver page - Wendy Cope, Ted Hughes, Julia Donaldson, including our own Stewart Henderson. Edited by Roger McGough. Illustrated by Beatriz Castro. Published by SPCK at £8.99. Available online from <https://spckpublishing.co.uk/100-best-christmas-poems-for-children> at £7.99 or ordered via a local bookshop or Amazon.

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, John Treneman, Gilly Barrett, David Gerrard, Sheila Wilson

RIP Anniversaries: William Ward, Harry Henry, Denis King, Arthur Franklyn, Pauline Franklyn, John Simons

RIP: Mary Cooke, Anne Patricia Reichman

Baptism: Elliot Maddock

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

November		Time	Reading
Monday	22		Isaiah 14.3-20; Ps 96; Matthew 9.18-34
Tuesday	23	9.00-10.00am	Isaiah 17; Ps 97; Matthew 9.35-10.15
Wednesday	24	9.00-10.00am	Isaiah 19; Ps 112; Matthew 10.16-33
Thursday	25		Isaiah 21.1-12; Ps 125; Matthew 10.34-11.1
Friday	26		Isaiah 22.1-14; Ps 139; Matthew 11.2-19

LOOKING AHEAD

November		Time	Event
Sunday	21	9.00am	Holy Communion, St George's
		10.30am	Parish Communion & Holy Baptism, 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
Wednesday	24	9.00-10.00am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
		10.30-11.30am	Friends Coffee Morning, Christ Church
		10.00am-4.00pm	Christ Church open
		7.00-8.30pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	25	All day	Parish Office closed
Sunday	28	9.00am	Holy Communion, St George's
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	29	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church

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