

PARISH OF ESHER

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

SHARING THE POWER OF GOD'S LOVE IN ESHER

Reconciling - Sustaining - Guiding - Healing

CHRIST THE KING

22 NOVEMBER 2020

SERVICE

Christ Church	Parish Communion at 10.30am led by Revd Darren McCallig
Preacher	Dave Whymark
Reading & Prayers	Jan Sayer
Musician	Stuart Whatton

MUSIC

Opening Music	<i>Tierce en Taille</i> (Pierre du Mage)
Hymns	A&M 769 (tune Gopsal) v.1-3,5 A&M 227 (tune Diademata) v.1, 3-5
Anthem	<i>Laudate nomen Domini</i> (Christopher Tye)
Closing Music	<i>Grand Jeu</i> (Pierre du Mage)

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, including those of the Anglican Communion. The intention was to remind Christians that our ultimate allegiance is to Christ and his Kingdom - a kingdom whose values we see spelled out in clear and uncompromising terms in today's Gospel reading and its 'Parable of the Sheep and the Goats.'

As Kathryn Fleming, Canon Pastor at Coventry Cathedral, has written: 'To belong in the Kingdom is to live by its rules. Thomas Merton spoke truly, defining the Kingdom of God not through doctrinal niceties or religious practice but as "the kingdom of those who love."'

'Love: the heart of parable and Kingdom alike, the nub of the greatest commandments Jesus gives us. To love our king is to love what he has made, including beautiful, broken, frustrating humanity. Our neighbours. And ourselves. And to love them is to love the One in whose image we are all made, and to recognise that image wherever we encounter it. That's what it means to live into the kingdom.' (The Preacher)

God bless,



READING Ephesians 1.15-23

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

PSALM 95.1-7

1 O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
3 For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
4 In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.
5 The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
6 O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.
O that today you would listen to his voice.

GOSEL Matthew 25.31-end

Jesus said, 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

HYMNS

Rejoice! The Lord is King

Rejoice! The Lord is King,
your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore:

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above:

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given:

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

Rejoice in glorious hope;
Jesus the Judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home:

*We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound: rejoice!*

Crown him with many crowns

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!

Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his piercèd feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
through eternity.

PARISH NOTICES

Parish Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Update -

This month's lockdown sadly means that both Christ Church and St George's will be closed for Sunday public worship. Thankfully we are allowed to open Christ Church for private prayer and to hold funerals. Christ Church will be open on Wednesdays, 10am to 4pm, and on Sundays, 12 noon until 4pm.

Prayer for the Nation - The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have asked that we make November a time of prayer for the nation. You can read their letter, and find helpful prayer resources here at churchofengland.org/PrayerForTheNation.

COVID Community Champions - Central Surrey Voluntary Action (CSVA) together with Elmbridge Borough Council are looking to recruit a number of volunteer COVID Community Champions to help disseminate up-to-date COVID information within Elmbridge. Please contact CSVA if you're interested via www.centralsurreyvoluntaryaction.co.uk

Help & the Parish Office - The office will continue to work remotely. If you need support, do please let us know via the office email and telephone. For urgent enquiries contact the Rector, the Revd Darren McCallig (rector@esherparish.org.uk or 01372 461088) or a churchwarden - Helen Coulson on 07506 701454 or Sandra Argent on 07973 909152.

'Zoom' Morning Prayer & Zoffee! - Morning Prayer continues every Wednesday, at 9am, led by our Rector, Darren, on Zoom. All are very welcome to join.

Zoom Bible Reflection & Prayer - At 9am on Tuesday mornings, there is a time of Bible reflection and prayer. All are welcome to join this informal one hour Zoom gathering. Contact the Parish Office for details.

Helena Miller - We had the sad news very recently from the Netherlands that Hugh Miller's wife, Helena, has passed away. Our love and thoughts are with Hugh.

Jacqueline Lister Hinton - Jackie's funeral will take place on Wednesday 25 November at 11.15am at Christ Church with Revd Linda Morgan, a Holy Trinity Claygate minister, leading with Darren assisting. We plan to organise a private live stream of the service.

Book Club - The Club recently discussed 'The Love Song of Miss Queenie Hennessy' by Rachel Joyce (a companion novel to their previous read - 'The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry'). They are now reading - 'Dare to be a Daniel' a memoir by Tony Benn looking on his early life and how it influenced his political beliefs. The next session is on Tuesday 8 December at 4.30pm, via Zoom. If interested, contact Revd Jonathan Andrew on 01372 479776/jandrewesher@hotmail.com.

Parish Christmas Cards for Sale - Our cards cost £8 per pack and are sold as a mixed pack of 12 cards featuring four images of our parish and sold in aid of the Parish of Esher. Limited availability. To buy please contact the Parish Office. Many thanks to Margaret Dane and Angela Stockbridge for this fundraising initiative.

Cards for Good Causes - Many of you will be missing the opportunity to get your charity Christmas cards from the annual pop-up shop in St George's, Esher. It is still possible to support the cause of your choice by visiting its online shop. You can order for delivery, to click and collect or send online cards with a charitable donation. It is hoped that the shop itself will open for a few days after December 2 but to be safe go to: <https://www.cardsforcharity.co.uk/>

Christingle Service - Our Parish Christingle Service will hopefully take place in Christ Church on Sunday 6 December at 10.30am.

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. The appeal launched on Sunday 1 November. You can still join-in by obtaining a leaflet from the Parish Office or from linktohope.co.uk. We are pleased to confirm that you can leave your filled and wrapped shoeboxes in Christ Church on the afternoon of Sunday 29 November, 12 noon to 4pm, when the church is open for private prayer. If this is not possible please make contact with the Parish Office. Thank you.

Christmas Tree at Christ Church - We are looking for help with setting up and decorating the Christmas Tree on Saturday 5 December at 10am. Please let the Parish Office know if you can help. Thank you.

Christingle Kits - We are aiming to produce Christingle Kits so everyone can make their own Christingles at home. We plan to have these kits ready to pick-up at Christ Church on Wednesday 2 December, 10am to 4pm, a day when the church is open for prayer.

Christingle Workshop - Watch this space for details of our very own Christingle making workshop to be made available online.

Festival of Lessons & Carols - We are very much hoping to hold our annual service this year. It is a great occasion to prepare for the good news of Christmas.

Music on the Green - Due to the lockdown, sadly we were unable to hold a live concert in Christ Church last week, but MOTG is pleased to offer a virtual piano recital by Tim Rumsey. His programme of Beethoven, Debussy and Liszt is now available to view on the Parish Facebook page and has been uploaded to the MOTG YouTube channel (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCs60Ny0liNK3Y10JOnMu1w?view_as=subscriber). Do listen to the performance and add your comments! Donations are most welcome and can be made via our JustGiving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/MOTG>.

Harp Success! - Congratulations to Annabelle Doolan, who has just won a place in the National Youth Harp Orchestra, the harpist's equivalent of the National Youth Orchestra. We have been thrilled in having Annabelle contribute to our worship services - from last year's Carol Service onwards - and we wish her well in her budding musical career!

Stewart Henderson - Stewart can be heard presenting 'Pick Of The Week' on Radio 4 on Sunday 6 December at 6.15pm. The following week, Sunday 13 December, Stewart will also be presenting 'Something Understood' on Radio 4, at 6.05am and 11.30pm, with Carol contributing readings.

Growing Leaders - Emly Deanery is planning a Growing Leaders course for January 2021. It's a Christian leadership development course produced by the Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS) to develop leaders in all areas, and at every level, of church life. Emly Deanery, in which the Parish of Esher sits, has run the course for many years. Contact the Rector if you're interested.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Yasmin Ingram, Stuart Williams, Maureen O'Brien, Viola Mason, Jo Stork, Alice Coulson, Betty Whitney

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

RIP: Jackie Hinton, Clive Craigmile, Helena Miller

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

November		Time	Reading
Monday	23		Isaiah 40.1-11; Ps 96; Revelation 14.1-13
Tuesday	24	9.00-10.00am	Isaiah 40.12-26; Ps 97; Revelation 14.14-15
Wednesday	25	8.50-10.00am	Isaiah 40.27-41.7; Ps 112; Revelation 16.1-11
Thursday	26		Isaiah 41.8-20; Ps 125; Revelation 16.12-end
Friday	27		Isaiah 41.21-42.9; Ps 139; Revelation 17

LOOKING AHEAD

November		Time	Event
Tuesday	24	9.00-10.00am	Bible Reflection & Prayer, Zoom
Wednesday	25	8.50-10.00am	Morning Prayer & Zoffee!, Zoom
		11.15am	Funeral of Jackie Hinton, Christ Church
Sunday	29	10.30am	Parish Communion, Facebook & Soundcloud
		Midday-4.00pm	Christmas Shoebox drop-off, Christ Church
Monday	30	7.15pm	Choir catch-up, Zoom
December		Time	Event
Tuesday	1	9.00-10.00am	Bible Reflection & Prayer, Zoom
Wednesday	2	8.50-10.00am	Morning Prayer & Zoffee!, Zoom
		10.00am-4.00pm	Christingle Kit pick-up, Christ Church
Sunday	6	10.30am	Christingle Service, Christ Church
Tuesday	8	9.00-10.00am	Bible Reflection & Prayer, Zoom
		4.30pm	Book Group, Zoom
Wednesday	9	8.50-10.00am	Morning Prayer & Zoffee!, Zoom
		10.00am	Fellowship Group, Zoom

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