

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

CHRIST THE KING

26 NOVEMBER 2023

CHURCH SERVICES	
Holy Communion	Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 9am at St George's Church (SG)
Preacher	Revd Jonathan Andrew
Reading, Prayers	Juliet Philip
Musician	Stuart Whatton
Parish Communion	Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Jonathan Andrew
Churchwarden	Helen Coulson
Sidespeople	Stewart Henderson, Ivy Tang
Reading, Prayers	Carol Henderson, Tom & Sally Radford
Refreshments	Sandra Argent, Sia Marshall
Musicians	Oliver Macfarlane, Stuart Whatton, Theo Tang
SERVICE MUSIC	
Opening music	<i>Plein Jeu from Messe pour les Paroisses</i> (Couperin)
SG & CC hymns	769, 557, 227
SG, CC settings	Addington, Coulson
Anthem	<i>Above all praise</i> (Mendelssohn)
Closing music	<i>Marche Triomphale: 'Nun danket alle Gott'</i> (Karg-Elert)
THE COLLECT	
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.	
THE 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.	

Welcome to the Parish

The Parish of Esher is for everyone.

The two church buildings, Christ Church in Esher and St George's in West End, have been beacons of faith, hope and love in Esher for well over a century.

Generations have come through the doors to celebrate their marriages, welcome their new-borns and grieve their losses – all of it embraced by the beauty of the worship offered in these houses of prayer week in and week out.

On Sundays we explore the riches of the Christian spiritual tradition through words and music, silence and sacrament. Some of us grew up in church and have never left. Some of us grew out of church, but are testing the waters again. Some of us have more questions than answers. All of us belong here.

You can also check-out some of our services on YouTube to get a flavour of what we're about, or just come along some Sunday at 10.30am in Christ Church or at 9.00am in St George's West End.

Whether you join online or in person, we hope you'll find a community committed to a thoughtful Faith, a hard-won Hope, and a generous Love.

God bless,

The Parish of Esher

READING Ephesians 1.15-end

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

GOSPEL Matthew 25.31-end

Jesus said to his disciples: '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.'

TODAY'S OTHER LECTIONARY TEXTS

Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Psalms 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!

PARISH NOTICES

Advent Appeal 2023 - The Archbishops of Canterbury and Jerusalem, Justin Welby and Hosam Naoum, have launched a joint appeal for the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. This will support the Anglican ministries in Gaza, Palestine and Israel, through donations to the 'Friends of the Holy Land Appeal'. The Parish Advent Appeal this year will support this cause. Donate via envelopes, online or by card.

Cherish, Nourish, Flourish - Please take a copy of the 'Cherish, Nourish, Flourish' leaflet home with you to read. It outlines some of the amazing things that have been happening in the parish in the past year, as well as some of the plans we have for the future. 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. Response forms can be found on the parish website and in both churches. Every contribution is needed, gratefully received and truly valued.

Parish Giving - Donate today via cash, the card machine in Christ Church or online by scanning the QR code on the little cards in Christ Church and that will soon be in St George's.

Parish Communications - Every Friday we send an email with Sunday's pewsheets and order of service. Those on the Parish Electoral Roll automatically get the email. If you'd like to receive please complete an Electoral Roll form or a contact form in either church.

Darren - The Rector's Adoption Leave will run from Tuesday 21 November to Tuesday 19 November 2024. For parish enquiries please contact the Churchwardens or the Parish Office.

Holy Communion - The sacrament is distributed by 'simultaneous administration' – the priest touches the communion wafer in to the wine surface before giving it to the communicant.

Fellowship Group - The next meeting will be in the upstairs room in Christ Church at 11am on Wednesday 6 December. All are welcome.

Exploring the Bible - Our Advent Study discussion evenings this year will complete our whistle-stop tour of the Bible. Over three Tuesday evenings starting at 8pm on 28 November, we'll explore St Paul's letters, the Acts of the Apostles and the Book of Revelation. For details, please see the flyer at the back of church, and on our website.

'Zoom' Morning Prayer & Zoffee! - Thanks to Tom & Sally Radford's help we are hoping that Morning Prayer will be continuing over the next year. It is planned to be a hybrid service – online and in the Lady Chapel in Christ Church. Please contact the Parish Office for details.

Book Group - The next meeting, in Christ Church, will be on Monday 27 November at 4pm when we'll discuss William Golding's masterwork *The Spire*. If you'd like to join us, just turn up or contact Revd Jonathan Andrew – 01372 464380 / jandrewsher@gmail.com

Sunday School - Today we'll make crowns celebrating Christ the King who welcomes us into His family and takes care of us all.

Youth Group - The next Youth Group will be on Sunday 10 December, 4.30-6pm, at Christ Church with a festive theme.

Christmas Leaflet - We're now delivering the leaflets to Esher homes. Please contact Will Stevens or the Parish Office if you can help with any roads. All help is gratefully received.

Prayer points

Our wonderful parish school, Esher Church School, has given us the following 'prayer points' to focus our prayers for them.

Pray for the school community as they juggle, open days, parents evenings, Christmas events over the next few months.

Pray for good health for the school community as they approach the winter months.

**Parish of Esher youth
and the Lower Green community**

Saturday 2 December, 10am-1pm

Christmas CRAZY CRAFTS

**Lower Green Community Centre
Farm Road, Esher**



**We warmly invite you to our second Christmas
community crafting extravaganza!**

Come anytime 10am-1pm to the Lower Green Community Centre (Recreation Ground, KT10 8AU) and make a myriad of lovely Christmas decorations, gifts and greetings cards. Entry is free! Children to be given a goodie bag, lunch and the chance to decorate yummy biscuits. Please supervise your children at all times.



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Christingle Service - This service will be on Sunday 3 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 1 December, just before the Christmas Tree Lighting Up.

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 1 December. The choir will be singing carols in our warm, candlelit church whilst mince pies and mulled wine is served. All welcome to this festive community event.

Christmas Crazy Crafts - Our Christmas Crazy Crafts will be taking place at the Lower Green Community Centre (Farm Road, Esher KT10 8AU) on Saturday 2 December. Come anytime 10am-1pm to make a myriad of Christmas decorations, gifts and iced biscuits. Entry is free! The cafe will be open and children will get lunch and a goodie bag.

Christmas Shoeboxes - On Monday, we delivered 77 beautiful Christmas boxes to the Link to Hope depot in Ferring, near Worthing. Thank you to everyone who participated and filled a box, they will make such a difference to families and the elderly in difficult circumstances in Ukraine Romania, Bulgaria, and Moldova.

Real Advent Calendar - This calendar, by the Meaningful Chocolate Company, is the UK's only fairtrade advent calendar. It comes with a free Christmas story-activity book and can be purchased for £4.50. We have a few left if you would like to purchase.

Our Church Cat - Patch is now looked after by Sandra Argent, a previous churchwarden. Sadly Patch is unwell and needs expensive ongoing treatment. To donate please use the card machine or scan the QR code.



Come & Sing Carols - Our last free lunchtime event of 2023 will be our annual Come & Sing Carols on Wednesday 20 December, 1.15pm, when festive fayre will be served.

Music on the Green - Last month's concert, featuring the Heliconia Duo (flute and guitar), offered a sprightly and uplifting programme to conclude our regular season. We welcomed an audience of approaching 90 and raised over £250 for parish funds.

Weekly Organ Meditations - In St Mark's Church in Whiteley Village, our very own Barbara Wadley will be giving organ recitals every Thursday, 12-12.30pm. She'll be taking you on an organ journey playing a different composer and genre each week. Let yourself be inspired by Renaissance, Baroque, Romantic music which will feature everything from Albinoni/Bach/Beethoven to Widor/Whitlock/Zipoli. No refreshments served, retiring collection for the historic Norman & Beard organ at St Mark's. The series can be found listed on the UK recitals website www.organrecitals.uk

Christ Church Barrier - Due to an accident the barrier has been out of action for some time. A claim has been submitted to our insurers and we are working with a specialist security company. Unfortunately the old barrier was obsolete so the parts have been difficult to source. We've been told the last part has been found so we are now waiting for the repair work to be scheduled.

Christ Church Boundary - Due to a new Surrey County Council tree initiative we are receiving 75 free hedge whips. These are to fill the gap with our Park Road neighbour. Sally and Rachel from the Surrey team have kindly agreed to plant them on Tuesday 19 December at 10am. If anyone is free to help and make coffee I'm sure they'd love it.

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Christingle

Join us at our All Age Christingle Service with Holy Communion
to celebrate Jesus, the Light of the World.

Sunday 3 December 2023 at 10.30am
Christ Church, Esher

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Elizabeth Arnold, Betty Walker, Michael Newbould, Malcolm Sayer, Gilly Barrett, Allen Palmer, Katherine S, Keith Howell-Jones, Gill Barnett, George Raine, Sebastian, Stuart Williams, Pam & Jim Green, David Gerrard, Armand Sarkissian, Hugh Miller

RIP Anniversaries: John Simons, Florence Hooper, Julian Molteno, Frank Dane, Dudley Paget-Brown, Dorothy Bicker, Muriel Ross, Stephen Semple

RIP: Lauren Addison, John Parker, Joyce Bromfield, Barbara Woolgar, Tsveta Dunne, June Freeman, Patricia Legat, Barbara Welham, Joy Jenner, Hannelore Schulze, Andy Peake

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Nov/Dec	Time	Reading
Monday 27		Isaiah 14.3-20, Ps 96, Matthew 9.18-34
Tuesday 28		Isaiah 17, Ps 97, Matthew 9.35-10.15
Wednesday 29		Isaiah 19, Psalm 112, Matthew 10.16-33
Thursday 30		Ezekiel 47.1-12, Psalm 47, John 12.20-32
Friday 1		Isaiah 22.1-14, Psalm 139, Matthew 11.2-19

LOOKING AHEAD

November	Time	Event
Sunday 26	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
	10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday 27	7.15pm	Choir practice
Wednesday 29	7.45pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday 30	All day	Parish Office closed
December	Time	Event
Friday 1	5.30pm	Christmas Tree Lighting Up, Christ Church
Saturday 2	10am	Christmas Crazy Crafts, Lower Green Community Centre
Sunday 3	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
	10.30am	Christingle Service, Christ Church
	1pm	Parish Christmas Lunch, The Bear
Monday 4	7.15pm	Choir practice

CONTACTS

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	CHURCHWARDENS Helen Coulson & Jane Tyrrell	CHILDREN & FAMILIES WORKER Kathryn Chapman youth@esherparish.org.uk
PARISH ADMINISTRATOR Melanie Williams OFFICE HOURS 9am to 3.15pm, Monday to Wednesday & Friday		
Please submit information and notices for inclusion in the Sunday pewsheet by midday on the preceding Wednesday. Thank you.		