

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

ALL SAINTS DAY

31 OCTOBER 2021

CHURCH SERVICES

St George's	Holy Communion at 9.00am led by Revd Darren McCallig
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Reading & Prayers	Bridget Williams
Christ Church	Parish Communion at 10.30am led by Revd Darren McCallig
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Churchwarden	Helen Coulson
Sidespeople	Sandra Argent, Will Stevens
Reading &	Carol Henderson & David Stark
Refreshments	Helen Coulson, Will Stevens
Christ Church	All Souls Service at 4.00pm led by Revd Darren McCallig
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Debbie Banks, Michael Banks
Reading	Revd Jonathan Andrew, Jan Sayer

MORNING MUSIC

Opening music	<i>Élévation sur 'Verbum supernum'</i> (Henri Nibelle)
St George's Hymns	296 (omit v 3,4,5), 310, 308
Christ Church Hymns	296 (omit v 3,5), 333, 308
Setting	Coulson
Anthem	<i>O when the saints go marching in</i> (arr. Norbert König)
Closing music	<i>Postlude - no. 24 from Pièces en</i> <i>style libre (Vieme)</i>

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice
in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow
their example with boldness and joy; through
Jesus Christ our Lord, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God, the source of all holiness
and giver of all good things:
may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth
be welcomed with all your saints
to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Message from our Rector, Darren

My dear friends,

On All Saints' Day we thank God – in the words of the well-known hymn – 'for all the saints who from their labours rest.' Many of these saints are well-known and revered throughout the world. We think, for example, of Andrew, David, George and Patrick – to name just a few associated with these islands.

However, today is also a day to remember the less well-known saints – those folks who don't feature in any stained glass windows and who are not commemorated in the church's calendar. I'm thinking of 'everyday saints' who made the love of God real for us in our lives. I have in mind people who simply got on – through the grace of God – with the largely un-celebrated, un-glamorous, and in many respects hidden work of following Christ. As priest and author John Pridmore notes:

'In a society which fawns on celebrities, in which merely to be known matters much more than being known for anything in particular, it is important that we deliberately give thanks for those hidden and forgotten saints. The saints who sustain local communities or churches rarely sit on their councils – although some saints, much to their reluctance, end up on them!' (The Word is Very Near You)

God bless,



READING Revelation 21.1-6a

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

PSALM 24.1-6

1 The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;
2 for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.
3 Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?
And who shall stand in his holy place?
4 Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.
5 They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation.
6 Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. *Selah*

GOSEL John 11.32-44

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 'When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

PARISH COVID INFORMATION

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*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.
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I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
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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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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.
- 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

All Souls - Today, Sunday 31 October, is the Sunday nearest to All Souls' Day (2 November), a day traditionally set apart as a time to remember those whom we love but see no longer. And so, at Christ Church, there will be a service of Commemoration of the Faithful Departed this afternoon at 4pm. It'll be a quiet, thoughtful and gentle service with carefully chosen words and music. There will also be an opportunity to pray for those who have passed away, naming them as we do so, and lighting a candle in their memory. If you would like to have your loved ones remembered, please add their names to the lists in both churches.

Remembrance Sunday - There will be two services in the parish: a 9am Service of Holy Communion in St George's West End and a Remembrance Sunday Service in Christ Church immediately after the Act of Remembrance on Esher Green at 10.50am.

Friends Update - Our next Coffee Morning will take place at St George's in West End on Wednesday 10 November at 10.30am. Friends and guests are welcome to join us for coffee, tea, cake, company and a natter!

Rector - Darren will be on retreat next week (until Saturday 6 November). Please note there will be no Zoom 9am gatherings on Tuesday or Wednesday (2 & 3 November).

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. We'll launch the appeal next Sunday. For more information please check out the Link to Hope website: linktohope.co.uk

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 table at 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.

Book Group - The group will next meet on Tuesday 9 November at 8pm in Christ Church when they'll have the opportunity to discuss *Fate & Faith* with its author, our own Will Wood. Contact Jonathan Andrew for a free copy at jandrewesher@gmail.com/01372 479776.

Music on the Green - November's concert will feature the Mera Horn Trio (horn, violin & piano). A light lunch will be served at 12.30pm with the concert starting at 1.15pm. It is free to watch on our MOTG YouTube channel.

The Nutcracker - The Everyman Cinema in Esher is showing a live screening of the ballet (<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.

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

Macmillan Fundraiser - Last month's coffee morning raised £135.32 from West End and £267.80 from Christ Church - a total of £403.12. A great result. Thank you all.

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: Zak Gillard, Peter Knight, Richard Lindow, Susan Coulson, Irene Codd, Reeve Lynn, June Steeden, Richard Gregory, Brian Lynas

RIP: Michael O'Brien

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

November		Time	Reading
Monday	1		Isaiah 1.1-20; Ps 2; Matthew 1.18-end
Tuesday	2		Isaiah 1.21-end; Ps 36; Matthew 2.1-15
Wednesday	3		Isaiah 2.1-11; Ps 9; Matthew 2.16-end
Thursday	4		Isaiah 2.12-end; Ps 15; Matthew 3
Friday	5		Isaiah 3.1-15; Ps 19; Matthew 4.1-11

LOOKING AHEAD

October		Time	Event
Sunday	31	9.00am	Holy Communion, St George's
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
		12.30pm	Interment of Michael O'Brien, Christ Church
		2.45pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
		4.00pm	All Souls Service, Christ Church
November		Time	Event
Monday	1	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Wednesday	3	10.00am-4.00pm	Christ Church open
		7.00-8.30pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	4	All day	Parish Office closed
Sunday	7	10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	8	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Tuesday	9	9.00-10.00am	Bible Reflection & Prayer, Zoom

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