



CHRIST CHURCH, ESHER
LUNCHTIME CONCERT

COME & SING CAROLS

Wednesday 17 December 2025
at 1.15 pm

*This concert is free to watch on our 'Music on the Green' YouTube channel.
Online donations welcome on our JustGiving page www.justgiving.com/campaign/MOTG*

A Brief History



Music on the Green

Quality music in the heart of Esher

Music on the Green (MOTG) is the Parish of Esher's musical outreach programme based at Christ Church, overlooking Esher Green. At MOTG we believe that music should be accessible to all. Whilst having our firmest foot planted at the classical end of the spectrum, we seek to offer a rich and varied programme, presenting live music in interesting and rewarding ways so that it can be widely appreciated and enjoyed.

Music on the Green in its present incarnation was launched in January 2012, growing organically out of 'Esher Music' which had been started by Tom Bell, our previous Parish Director of Music. What began as basically a monthly organ recital series was developed into a more general chamber music series by Stuart Whatton, under the oversight of a committee including the then Rector William Allberry and chaired by Richard Marshall.

After some experimentation, we settled on a monthly pattern of lunchtime recitals on the third Wednesday of every month, and the light lunch beforehand became an equal attraction to the music itself.

We managed to keep the series going even through the pandemic, with a variety of virtual and streamed recitals until live audiences were able to return.

Music on the Green is now firing on all cylinders and next month we shall be celebrating our 14th anniversary.

Although the full programme for early 2026 is yet to be confirmed, a summary of our planned lunchtime concerts between now and next summer is shown on the back page of this programme. The dates themselves will not change, so do put them in your diaries now! Meanwhile, we wish you all a very Happy Christmas, and look forward to seeing you again in the New Year.

Programme

Compere

Revd Jonathan Andrew

Musician

Stuart Whatton

Readers

*Myfanwy Tranmer, Colin Martin, Miranda Fuller, Jan Sayer,
Richard Barrett & Brian Elliott*

Introduction & Welcome

Revd Jonathan Andrew

Reading

In the Week when Christmas comes

Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)

Read by Myfanwy Tranmer

Carol

Hark! the herald angels sing

Reading

A Child's Christmas in Wales

Dylan Thomas (1914-1953)

Read by Colin Martin

Carol

Mary's Boy Child

Poems

A Christmas Song & Cathedral Carol Service

Wendy Cope (b. 1945)

Read by Miranda Fuller

Carol

Angels from the realms

Reading

Introduction & Church, from 'How to Survive Christmas'

Dame Jilly Cooper (1937-2025)

Read by Jan Sayer

Carol

The holly and the ivy

Poem

The Meeting Place

Christopher Pilling (1936-2019)

Richard Barrett

Carol

Good King Wenceslas

Poem

Christmas Bells

Henry W Longfellow (1807-1882)

read by Brian Elliott

Carol

O come, all ye faithful

Closing Prayer & Blessing

Revd Jonathan Andrew



LUNCHTIME CONCERTS AT CHRIST CHURCH

Third Wednesday of the month
Doors open 12.30pm - Concert from 1.15pm

Our concert dates for the first part of 2026 will be as follows:

January 21, February 18, March 18, April 15, May 20,
June 17 and July 15.

Do join us for our opening recital on Wednesday 21 January, when we welcome our new ensemble in residence, Fontina Winds, with a programme of works for wind quintet.

Music in the Tower will take place as usual during Holy Week, on Tuesday 31 March and Wednesday 1 April 2026.

Please continue to check our website for up-to-date MOTG news.