



CHRIST CHURCH, ESHER
LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Ian Close
John McDonald

saxophone & piano

Wednesday 15 October 2025
at 1.15 pm

Online donations welcome on our JustGiving page www.justgiving.com/campaign/MOTG

Set List



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.

Falling In Love With Love

Richard Rodgers (1902-1979)

Easy Living

Ralph Rainger (1901-1942)

Just In Time

Jule Styne (1905-1994)

Blue Bossa

Kenny Dorham (1924-1972)

The Rainbow Connection

Paul Williams (b.1940)

Human Nature

Steve Porcaro (b.1957)

Speak Low

Kurt Weill (1900-1950)

Pure Imagination

Anthony Newley (1931-1999)

Biographical Note

The saxophonist Ian Close and pianist John McDonald brought their full quartet to entertain us back in summer last year, and return to Esher this time in duo format, once again focusing on their core repertoire of tunes from the Great American Songbook, along with bossa novas and jazz re-workings of classic pop songs.

Ian Close

Ian has appeared as a featured artist on recordings by Gordon Haskell and Sandi Thom, among others.

He has played with The Blockheads, Hamish Stuart Band, Chrissie Hynde and Jim Diamond. Ian has also performed at Ronnie Scott's, The 100 Club, 606 Club, Jazz Cafe and Koko. He appeared in a Ricky Gervais film and recently in the final series of *The Crown*.



John McDonald

John plays in a number of jazz groups across the Midlands and has worked with many distinguished jazz musicians

including Alan Barnes, Tina May, Bruce Adams and Annette Gregory. He is a keen tennis player and a devotee of choral music, most notably as a former member of Winchester Cathedral Choir.





LUNCHTIME CONCERTS AT CHRIST CHURCH

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

2025 Programme

Nov 19 Galliard Woodwind Trio

Dec 17 Come & Sing Carols

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