

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

ALL SAINTS' DAY

2 NOVEMBER 2025

CHURCH SERVICE

Holy Communion	Led by Canon Richard Truss at 9am at St George's West End (SG)
Preacher	Canon Richard Truss
Churchwarden	Fraser McGuicken
Reading, Prayers	Mair Molteno, Bridget Williams
Musician	Robert Cunningham
Parish Communion (live streamed)	Led by Canon Richard Truss at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Canon Richard Truss
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Judy Madova, Volunteer required
Reading, Prayers	Sia Marshall, Will Stevens
Refreshments	Michelle Cullen, Sia Marshall
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane, Robert Cunningham
All Souls' Service (live streamed)	Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 4.30pm at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Jonathan Andrew
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Janie McCulloch, Hugh Miller
Reading, Prayers	Brian Elliott, Bridget Williams
Refreshments	Teresa Allen, Helen Coulson, Jill Woolgar
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane

MORNING SERVICE MUSIC

Opening music	<i>Chorale Prelude 'Ach Gott, verlass mich nicht', Op. 79b</i> (Reger)
SG / CC hymns	310, 297, 308 / 296 (omit v3,5), 297, 308
SG / CC settings	Addington / Coulson
Communion anthem	<i>Adoramus te, Christe</i> (Palestrina)
Closing music	<i>Caprice sur les grands jeux, from Suite du deuxième ton</i> (Clérambault)

THE COLLECT

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.
Amen.

THE 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.

Welcome to the Parish

Our two churches, Christ Church and St George's, have been beacons of faith, hope and love in Esher for well over a century.

Generations have come through our doors to celebrate marriages, welcome newborns into our Christian faith and to grieve their losses - all of it embraced by the worship and prayer offered each week.

Every Sunday we explore the richness of our Christian traditions 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 but whatever the reason, we all belong here.

You can find full details of our services online. Most Sundays we worship at 9am at St George's, West End and at 10.30am at Christ Church, Esher.

We look forward to welcoming you.

READING Daniel 7.1-3, 15-18

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: 'As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever – for ever and ever.'

GOSPEL Luke 6.20-31

Jesus looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. 'Blessed are you who weep now, or you will laugh. 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. 'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. 'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. 'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. 'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Other Lectionary Texts

Psalm 149

Ephesians 1.11-end

PARISH NOTICES

Thank You - To Canon Richard Truss, for visiting us today and leading our morning services. It is a joy to worship with you.

Sunday School - We'll be creating a special Remembrance Wreath for the children to lay during the Act of Remembrance next Sunday.

All Souls' Service - We'll mark All Souls' Day at Christ Church this afternoon at 4.30pm. The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed will be a quiet and gentle service with carefully chosen words and music. We will pray for those who have passed away, naming them and lighting a candle in their memory. To ensure your loved ones are remembered by name, please check the list in Christ Church.

Remembrance Sunday - At 9am, on Sunday 9 November, there will be a Holy Communion Service in George's, West End. At 10.50am, the Act of Remembrance will take place at the War Memorial on Esher Green followed by the Remembrance Sunday Service in Christ Church. Please do join us in remembering all those who gave their today for our tomorrow. Both collections will be donated to support the work of the Royal British Legion.

Shoebox Appeal - Today we're launching our annual Link to Hope appeal. Along with Esher Church School, let's fill shoeboxes for needy families and the elderly in Eastern Europe. Use an empty shoebox at home or collect one from church. On Sunday 16 November they'll be blessed and taken on Monday to the Link to Hope charity in Ferring on the Sussex coast.

Vacancy Update - We are now producing the Parish Profile, our shop window for prospective rectors when looking at Esher for their next role. A reminder that you can still submit inputs via your Churchwardens.

ECO representative - We're still looking for a volunteer to lead our Parish on the Diocese's Eco Church and Net Zero Carbon initiative.

Jennifer Meade - Our dear friend and long-time Tower Captain died peacefully recently. Her funeral will be in Christ Church on Thursday 13 November at 1.15pm. All who knew her will be welcome. Please hold Jennifer in your prayers, together with all who mourn her loss.

Esher Church School - Following a recent meeting with Faith Prefects at Esher Church School, we have been learning about the impact their role is having on them. Feedback from the children included, "It's like church business but at school - talking about Jesus and God and stories from the Bible"; "We make sure everyone is kind to each other whether they have a faith or not" and "It makes me feel that my faith is important. It makes me feel closer to God."

Book Group - At our meeting on Monday 3 November, 4pm, in Christ Church, we'll discuss *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver. It's a gripping fictional depiction of how the opioid epidemic in America has affected people's lives (with a nod to Dickens and David Copperfield). Whether you've finished, dipped into or are just curious about the book, do come along!

Fellowship Group - The next meeting in Christ Church is on Wednesday 5 November, 10.30am. Coffee provided beforehand. All welcome.

Youth Group - Our November meeting is on Friday 7 November, 5.30-7pm, at Christ Church, when we'll be doing some Mindful Photography!

Advent Course - Anyone interested in leading a short course, after the Christ Church Sunday service during Advent, do let Will Stevens know. A suggestion is The Archbishop of York's Advent Book 2025, *Listening to the Music of the Soul* by Guli Francis-Dehqani, Bishop of Chelmsford.

Save the Date! - Instead of our usual Christmas lunch this year, we will host a Parish Epiphany lunch celebration at West End Village Hall on Sunday 18 January. More details to follow!

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Michael Newbould, Gilly Barrett, Jim Green, George Raine, Katherine S, Keith Howell-Jones, John Cheetham, Sebastian, Ruramayi, Karen Harris, David Gerrard, Katie Clark, Armand Sarkissian, Louise Tyzack, Caroline Kerr, Christine Steeds, Phoebe Ainsworth
RIP Anniversaries: Richard Lindow, Susan Coulson, Irene Codd, Esme Calladine, Reeve Lynn, June Steeden, Richard Gregory, Brian Lynas, Beryl Morgan, Anne Reichman, Raymond Scott, Lauren Addison

RIP: Claire Trepess, Margaret Pattenden, Jennifer Meade, Valerie Petri

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

November	Time	Reading
Monday 3		Isaiah 1.1-20, Ps 126, Matthew 1.18-end
Tuesday 4		Isaiah 1.21-end, Ps 5, Matthew 2.1-15
Wednesday 5		Isaiah 2.1-11, Ps 9, Matthew 2.16-end
Thursday 6	9.30am	Isaiah 2.12-end, Ps 15, Matthew 3
Friday 7		Isaiah 3.1-15, Ps 16, Matthew 4.1-11

LOOKING AHEAD

November	Time	Event
Sunday 2	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
	10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
	4.30pm	All Souls' Service, Christ Church
Monday 3	4pm	Book Group, Christ Church
	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Wednesday 5	10.30am	Fellowship Group, Christ Church
	7.30pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday 6	7pm	Remembrance Service rehearsal, Christ Church
Friday 7	5.30pm	Youth Group, Christ Church
Saturday 8	2pm	Blessing of Memorial Stone, St George's Church
Sunday 9	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
	10.50am	Act of Remembrance, Esher Green
	11.15am	Service of Remembrance, Christ Church

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