

PARISH OF ESHER

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

SHARING THE POWER OF GOD'S LOVE IN ESHER

Reconciling - Sustaining - Guiding - Healing

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

8 NOVEMBER 2020

SERVICES

Esher Green	Act of Remembrance at 10.55am led by Revd Darren McCallig
Trumpeter	Will O'Brien
Christ Church	Service of Remembrance at 11.20am led by Revd Darren McCallig
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Reading	Peter Bedford
Prayers	Helen Coulson
Organist	Stuart Whatton

MUSIC

Opening Organ Music	<i>Prelude Sombre</i> (Gordon Young)
Anthem	<i>So they gave their bodies</i> (Peter Aston)
Closing Organ Music	<i>Highland Cathedral</i> (1982) Michael Korb & Uli Roewer (arr. Antony Baldwin)

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the
peace of heaven through
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed
the kingdom and restored the
broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the
anguish of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Message from our Rector, Darren

My dear friends,



This year marks the hundredth anniversary of the funeral of the 'Unknown Warrior' whose grave lies just inside the great west door of Westminster Abbey. On 11 November 1920 the remains of the nameless, anonymous man - one of the millions killed in the First World War - were carried through the streets of London in a procession led by King George V walking on foot, and along streets lined with thousands of silent people. Amongst the hymns sung at the service were two we will include in our worship today - 'Lead Kindly Light' and 'O God, our help in ages past.' Today's bible reading, from the Book of Revelation, is also the same as that used one hundred years ago.

This is how Michael Mayne (Dean of Westminster Abbey from 1986 to 1996) describes the significance of the grave of the Unknown Warrior:

'It makes a statement about the appalling cost of war in terms of human lives. It doesn't say that war is never justified. It doesn't say that their self-sacrifice was in vain. What it says is that, though war may sometimes be inevitable, it is always evil because it diminishes human lives and cheapens them, so that men and women become simply means to an end rather than ends in themselves.' (A Skilfully Woven Knot).
And that's why 'We will remember them.'

Darren

READING Revelation 7.9-10, 14b-17

After these things I saw, and behold, a great multitude, which no man could number, out of every nation, and of all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, arrayed in white robes, and palms in their hands; and they cry with a great voice, saying, 'Salvation unto our God which sitteth on the throne, and unto the Lamb.' These are they which come out of great tribulation, and they washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God; and they serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall spread his tabernacle over them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light strike upon them, nor any heat: for the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall be their shepherd, and shall guide them unto fountains of waters of life: and God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes.

PSALM 70

- 1 Make haste, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O Lord.
- 2 Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul: let them be turned backward, and put to confusion, that desire my hurt.
- 3 Let them be turned back for a reward of their shame that say, Aha, aha.
- 4 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: and let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified.
- 5 But I am poor and needy: make haste unto me, O God: thou art my help and my deliverer; O Lord, make no tarrying.

GOSPEL Matthew 25.1-13

Jesus said 'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

PARISH NOTICES

Parish Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Update -

Following the Prime Minister's announcement and the vote in Westminster this week we are in a month's lockdown in England and in Esher - planned to end on Wednesday 2 December. This sadly means that both Christ Church and St George's will be closed for services. Thankfully we are allowed to open Christ Church for private prayer and to hold funeral services. Christ Church will be open on Wednesdays, 9am to 5pm, and on Sundays, 12 noon until 4pm.

Help & the Parish Office - The office will continue to work remotely. If you need support, do please let us know via the office email and telephone. For urgent enquiries contact the Rector, the Revd Darren McCallig (rector@esherparish.org.uk or 01372 461088) or a churchwarden - Helen Coulson on 07506 701454 or Sandra Argent on 07973 909152. Many thanks.

Peter Langley - The funeral for Peter will take place at 12.30pm on Monday 9 November at Randalls Park Crematorium. Our thoughts and prayers will be with Sue and the family.

Clive Craigmile - It is with great sadness that we announce Clive has recently passed away. We have been informed that the funeral will take place at Randalls Park Crematorium on Thursday 19 November at 2.45pm. We remember Clive and his family in our prayers.

Jacqueline Lister Hinton - Jackie's funeral will take place at Christ Church with Revd Linda Morgan, a Holy Trinity Claygate minister, leading with Darren assisting. It will now be on Wednesday 25 November at 11.15am. Please remember numbers are restricted due to COVID regulations.

We plan to organise a private live stream of the service for family, friends and church members unable to attend.

Remembrance Sunday - Following an update issued just this week by the Government we have been informed by Elmbridge Borough Council that the Act of Remembrance on Esher Green can and will take place. Albeit the commemoration will be much reduced with no more than essential wreath layers from the local community. Sadly, though, due to the national lockdown the Christ Church service can not be open to the public. Instead, the Rector will lead a live-streamed service, from 11.20am, which can be accessed on the Parish Facebook page.

Westminster Abbey - A special service on Armistice Day, Wednesday 11 November, at 10.30am, will mark the centenary of the burial of the Unknown Warrior in Westminster Abbey. The service will be broadcast live on BBC 1, and will include the national two-minute silence at 11am.

Music on the Green - Our live lunchtime concerts and Beethoven celebration are sadly on ice during the national lockdown in November. Please watch this space and the Parish website for potential online offerings.

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. The appeal was launched on Sunday 1 November, and you can still join-in by contacting the Parish Office for a leaflet or downloading one from linktohope.co.uk. Watch this space, and the Parish website, for details of how to return your filled and wrapped shoebox.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Yasmin Ingram, Stuart Williams, Maureen O'Brien, Viola Mason, Helena Miller, Jo Stork, Alice Coulson, Betty Whitney

RIP Anniversaries: Sheila Eeles, Kenneth Bloore, Jane Marsh, Harley Barnes, Joyce Foord, Joseph Underwood, Peter Page, Brian Stapley, Peggy Fermont, William Ward

RIP: Jackie Hinton, Peter Langley, Clive Craigmile

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

November		Time	Reading
Monday	9		Daniel 4.19-end; Ps 20; Revelation 5
Tuesday	10	9.00-10.00am	Daniel 5.1-12; Ps 21; Revelation 6
Wednesday	11	8.50-10.00am	Daniel 5.13-end; Ps 23; Revelation 7.1-4, 9-end
Thursday	12		Daniel 6; Ps 26; Revelation 8
Friday	13		Daniel 7.1-14; Ps 32; Revelation 9.1-12

LOOKING AHEAD

November		Time	Event
Monday	9	12.30pm	Funeral of Peter Langley, Randalls Park Crematorium
Tuesday	10	9.00-10.00am	Bible Reflection & Prayer, Zoom
Wednesday	11	8.50-10.00am	Morning Prayer & Zoffee!, Zoom
		8.00pm	Parochial Church Council (PCC) Meeting, Zoom
Sunday	15	10.30am	Parish Communion, Facebook & Soundcloud
Monday		7.15pm	Choir catch-up, Zoom
Tuesday	17	9.00-10.00am	Bible Reflection & Prayer, Zoom
Wednesday	18	8.50-10.00am	Morning Prayer & Zoffee!, Zoom
Thursday	19	2.45pm	Funeral of Clive Craigmile, Randalls Park Crematorium
Sunday	22	10.30am	Parish Communion, Facebook & Soundcloud
Tuesday	24	9.00-10.00am	Bible Reflection & Prayer, Zoom
Wednesday	25	8.50-10.00am	Morning Prayer & Zoffee!, Zoom
		11.15am	Funeral of Jackie Hinton, Christ Church

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