

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

CHRIST THE KING

23 NOVEMBER 2025

CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion	Led by Revd Caroline Mullins at 9am at St George's West End (SG)
Preacher	Revd Caroline Mullins
Churchwarden	Charles Hawkshaw-Burn
Reading, Prayers	Mair Molteno, Stephen Lee
Musician	Theo Tang
Eucharist & Holy Baptism (live streamed)	Led by Revd Caroline Mullins at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Caroline Mullins
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Sean Seymour-Cole, Stewart Henderson
Reading	Stewart Henderson
Refreshments	Janie McCulloch, Sandra Argent
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane, Theo Tang

SERVICE MUSIC

Opening music	<i>Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr</i> (Sweelinck)
SG / CC hymns	769, 691, 227 (omit v4) / 769, 227, 612
SG / CC settings	Addington / Coulson
Anthem	<i>Le Seigneur est Roi</i> (Eric Leroy)
Closing music	<i>Carillon-Sortie</i> (Mulet)

THE COLLECT

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.
Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people; that they,
plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
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 Colossians 1.11-20

Brothers and sisters: May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

GOSPEL Luke 23.33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' Jesus replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

Other Lectionary Texts

Jeremiah 23.1-6

Psalm 46

PARISH NOTICES

Thank You - To Revd Caroline Mullins, for visiting us today and leading our services. It is a joy to worship with you.

Sunday School - For our celebration of Christ the King, we'll be making a cross surrounded by a crown, helping us understand Jesus as the King over all things, even death.

Shoebox Appeal - Thank you to all who filled a shoebox for the Christmas 'Link to Hope' appeal, the charity was delighted with our contribution which we delivered this week.

Eucharist Preparation - The classes start this Sunday after the 10.30am service in the Sunday School room. Please contact Kath if you'd like your baptised child to participate.

Advent Course - This will consist of hourly sessions at Christ Church on four consecutive Sundays, starting on Sunday 30 November at noon. The course will be based on the book '*Listening to the Music of the Soul*' by Guli Francis-Dehqani, Bishop of Chelmsford, which can be bought in both churches for £10. The course will be facilitated by Christine Steeds.

Vacancy Update - We have now shared the second draft of the Parish Profile with our Patron, the Archdeacon, Area Dean and PCC for comments. We remain on track to finalise by November 30 with the PCC scheduled to meet on December 16 to seek approval from our Patron to advertise in January. More updates to follow as we move forward

Fellowship Group - The next meeting in Christ Church is on Wednesday 3 December, 10.30am. We welcome all who want to pray, reflect on their faith and put the world to rights! Coffee is provided beforehand.

Book Group - We're reading *The Tortoise and the Hare* by Elizabeth Jenkins. Next meeting is on Monday 8 December (and the second Monday of each month till Easter) in Christ Church.

Ann Tennant - We have now been advised that Ann's funeral will be at Randalls Park Crematorium on Wednesday 26 November at 10.15am. If you would like to attend, please call Revd Jonathan Andrew on 07968 765188 so he can pass on the request to the family. Since Ann was a much loved former ringer at Christ Church, our Tower Captain Ann Battensby and the current bellringing team will be dedicating the service ringing on Sunday 30 November to her.

Organ Open Day - Free hands-on organ playing for all ages as part of National Play the Organ Year 2025 on Saturday 22 November, 2-4pm. Try out the Christ Church pipe organ, with guidance from our parish musicians.

Christmas Leaflet - Leaflet bundles are ready in both churches for delivery to Esher homes before the first event on November 29. To offer postie help please contact Will Stevens or Charles Hawkshaw-Burn.

Christmas Crazy Crafts - Our Christmas Crazy Crafts is back on 29 November, 10am-1pm at the Lower Green Community Centre. If you can bake gingerbread men for decoration or help on the day, please let Kath know.

Deck the Halls - Let's launch the festive season by lighting up the Christmas Tree in Christ Church at 5.30pm on Friday 5 December. Do join us for a fun family evening of food, carols, decorations and Christingle making!

Christingle Service - This service will be on Sunday 7 December, 10.30am, in Christ Church. Members of Esher Church School choir will contribute a mixture of traditional and modern worship songs led by their new music teacher Richard Bastock.

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, Phoebe Ainsworth

RIP Anniversaries: Denis King, Arthur Franklyn, Pauline Franklyn, John Simons, Marny Park, Florence Mildred Hooper, Julian Molteno

RIP: Jennifer Meade, Valerie Petri, Ann Tennant

Baptisms: Brook Riley Jean Ward

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

November	Time	Reading
Monday	24	Isaiah 14.3-20, Ps 96, Matthew 9.18-34
Tuesday	25	Isaiah 17, Ps 97, Matthew 9.35-10.15
Wednesday	26	Isaiah 19, Ps 112, Matthew 10.16-33
Thursday	27	9.30am Isaiah 21.1-12, Ps 125, Matthew 10.34-11.1
Friday	28	Isaiah 22.1-14, Ps 139, Matthew 11.2-19

LOOKING AHEAD

November	Time	Event
Sunday	23	9am Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am Eucharist & Holy Baptism, Christ Church
Monday	24	All day Parish Office closed
		7.15pm Choir practice, Christ Church
Wednesday	26	7.30pm Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	27	All day Parish Office closed
		9.30am Morning Prayer, Zoom
Saturday	29	10am-1pm Christmas Crazy Crafts, Lower Green Community Centre
Sunday	30	10.30am Parish Communion, Christ Church
		12.30pm Interment of Peter Pownall
December	Time	Event
Monday	1	7.15pm Choir practice, Christ Church

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