

# 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

ALL SAINTS DAY

1 NOVEMBER 2020

## CHURCH SERVICES

Christ Church	All Age Eucharist at 10.30am led by Revd Darren McCallig
Churchwarden	Sandra Argent
Sides	Alison Bownes, Karen Harris
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Reading	Jamie Warner
Prayers	The Jordan family
Musician	Stuart Whatton, Keith Howell-Jones
Christ Church	All Souls Service at 4.00pm led by Revd Darren McCallig and Ven David Gerrard
Churchwarden	Helen Coulson
Sides	Will Stevens
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Reading	Jan Sayer, Stewart Henderson, Ven David Gerrard
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane

## MUSIC FOR ALL SOULS

Psalm	<i>The Lord is my Shepherd</i> (Richard Coulson)
Anthem	<i>I heard a voice from heaven</i> (Goss)
Closing Organ Music	<i>Intermezzo from Cavalleria Rusticana</i> (Mascagni)

## THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

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.

## 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

## Message from our Rector, Darren

My dear friends,

On All Saints' Day we thank God - in the words of the well-known hymn - 'for all the saints who from their labours rest.' Many of these saints are well-known and revered throughout the world. We think, for example, of Andrew, David, George and Patrick - to name just a few associated with these islands.

However, today is also a day to remember the less well-known saints - those folks who don't feature in any stained glass windows and who are not commemorated in the church's calendar. I'm thinking of 'everyday saints' who made the love of God real for us in our lives. I have in mind people who simply got on - through the grace of God - with the largely un-celebrated, un-glamorous, and in many respects hidden work of following Christ.

It was these ordinary yet extraordinary 'saints' that George Eliot had, perhaps, in mind when she wrote these beautiful lines right at the end of her novel 'Middlemarch': 'For the growing good of the world is partly dependent on unhistoric acts; and that things are not so ill with you and me as they might have been, is half owing to the number who lived faithfully a hidden life, and rest in unvisited tombs.'

God bless,



## READING 1 John 3.1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

## PSALM 34.1-10

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.  
2 My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.  
3 O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.  
4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.  
5 Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.  
6 This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble.  
7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.  
8 O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.  
9 O fear the Lord, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want.  
10 The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

## GOSPEL Matthew 5.1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:  
'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.  
'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.  
'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.  
'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.  
'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.  
'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.  
'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

## PARISH COVID INFORMATION

### Parish Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Update -

In line with the latest COVID-19 guidance from the Government and the Diocese, Sunday morning public worship has resumed with a Parish Communion at Christ Church on Sundays, at 10.30am. We are also pleased that public worship at St George's has started again with fortnightly 9am services. Regular worshippers have been advised how this works. If you would like to know more please contact the Parish Office. St George's will now remain closed during the week. Christ Church will continue to open for private prayer on Wednesdays, 9am-6pm. In both church buildings there are safety guidelines to be followed and social distancing to be maintained. Please read the instructions upon entering. Thank you.

**Help & the Parish Office** - The office is working remotely and is closed. If you need support, do let us know via the Parish Office email and telephone. For urgent enquiries please 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. For music or 'MOTG' enquiries, contact our Director of Music, Stuart Whatton, on 07816 011621 or fullorgan@cantab.net. Many thanks.

### Daily Hope Helpline 0800 804 8044 -

This is a new free initiative launched by the Church of England and Lambeth Palace with help from Holy Trinity Claygate. Following a greeting from the Archbishop of Canterbury, a list of options includes a short talk exploring a traditional hymn, hymns on a loop, the Church of England's weekly service and morning/evening prayers.

## CHRIST CHURCH SERVICE NOTES

Welcome! It's great to be back together for Sunday worship. A few things to remember:

- Please take the Order of Service and the Pewsheets with you. We'll follow the same Order almost every week, so do re-use it.
- Please ensure the sidespeople have your details for 'Track & Trace' purposes.
- The toilet (at the back of the church) is open, but please use only if necessary.
- Our service will be live-streamed on our Parish Facebook page. The camera is angled so that only the priest and those speaking from the lectern can be seen.
- Face coverings/masks are now required by law in places of worship. Exemptions are: those leading worship; children under 11; those unable to put on/wear a face mask because of a physical or mental illness or disability; those for whom wearing a mask will cause severe distress; and anyone assisting someone who relies on lip reading to communicate.
- Communion will be in one kind only (consecrated bread) with the priest wearing a face covering for distribution. Please come 'up' the centre aisle and use the hand sanitiser before receiving. Please return to your seat 'down' the side aisles.
- If you prefer to make an act of 'Spiritual Communion' please use the prayer in the Order of Service, on page 10.
- Sadly, we cannot offer coffee and we're asked to not stay inside after the service.
- Just as we asked you to use the hand sanitiser on the way in, please use it again on the way out.

It's wonderful to have you here - thank you for coming.

## PARISH NOTICES

**Tier Two Restrictions** - The Church of England has advised that public worship can continue under Tier Two restrictions. This is providing that 'any person attending is: alone; part of a group all from the same household or from two linked households; and must not join any other group or mingle with any person from another group.' Moreover 'non-household groups of six are not permitted.'

**All Souls Service** - There will be a service of Commemoration of the Faithful Departed this Sunday afternoon at 4pm. It'll be a quiet, thoughtful and gentle service with carefully chosen words and music. There will also be an opportunity to pray for those who have passed away, naming them and lighting a candle in their memory. If you would like your loved ones remembered, please send the names to Melanie in the Parish Office.

**Clive Craigmile** - It is with sadness that we announce that Clive has recently passed away. He was a long-standing member of the St George's congregation. We remember Clive and his family in our prayers.

**Music on the Green** - Our next concert will be on Wednesday, 18 November at 1.10pm when we will welcome the Diphonon Duo, on viola and accordion. Please join us for our last lunchtime concert of 2020!

**Ode to Joy** - As our signature event to mark the 250th anniversary of Beethoven's birth, Music on the Green is pleased to present a pair of special concerts on Advent Sunday, 29 November. Two brilliant South African pianists will perform three of Beethoven's symphonies (Syms. 1 & 5 at 3pm & Sym. 9 at 7pm) in the historic Scharwenka transcriptions for piano duo. Mark your diary. Tickets £10 (£18 ticket for both concerts); children free.

**Jacqueline Lister Hinton** - Very sadly, Jackie, a loyal church member and chorist passed away recently. Her funeral will take place at Christ Church with a Holy Trinity Claygate minister, Revd Linda Morgan, leading with Darren assisting. The date now set is Wednesday 25 November at 11.15am. Please remember numbers are restricted by the family due to COVID regulations. Furthermore, though Jackie would have wanted the bells to be rung, we are in Tier 2, so this is very sadly not allowable due to the restricted ringing chamber space. Nonetheless I'm sure we, the Parish of Esher, can pay our respects.

**Remembrance Sunday** - Elmbridge Borough Council states that this year's outdoor commemorations, such as at the Esher War Memorial, cannot go ahead as in previous years, but must be 'severely restricted' and limited to only 'a few wreath layers' (<https://www.elmbridge.gov.uk/news/remembrance-sunday/>). Accordingly, we have submitted a scaled-back proposal to EBC and await their response. Nonetheless, the service in Christ Church can still go ahead subject to the usual COVID precautions, and restrictions on numbers in attendance.

**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. We'll launch the appeal at this morning's service, so please take one of the empty shoeboxes and leaflets home with you if you'd like to be involved. Do also check out the Link to Hope website: [linktohope.co.uk](http://linktohope.co.uk)

## 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: Peter Knight, Richard Lindow, Susan Coulson, Irene Codd, Reeve Lynn, June Steeden, Richard Gregory, Brian Lynas, Raymond Scott

RIP: Jackie Hinton, Peter Langley, John MacLeod, Clive Craigmile

## BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

November		Time	Reading
Monday	2		Daniel 1; Ps 2; Revelation 1
Tuesday	3	9.00-10.00am	Daniel 2.1-24; Ps 5; Revelation 2.1-11
Wednesday	4	8.50-10.00am	Daniel 2.25-end; Ps 9; Revelation 2.12-end
Thursday	5		Daniel 3.1-18; Ps 15; Revelation 3.1-13
Friday	6		Daniel 2.19-end; Ps 16; Revelation 3.14-end

## LOOKING AHEAD

November		Time	Event
Sunday	1	2.30pm	Choir rehearsal for All Souls service
		4.00pm	All Souls Service, Christ Church
Monday	2	7.15-8.30pm	Choir rehearsal, Christ Church
Tuesday	3	9.00-10.00am	Bible Reflection & Prayer, Zoom
Wednesday	4	8.50-10.00am	Morning Prayer & Zoffee!, Zoom
		11.00am	Funeral of John William MacLeod, Randalls Park Crematorium
Sunday	8	9.00am	Holy Communion, St George's
		TBC	Remembrance Day Civic Service, Esher War Memorial & Christ Church
Monday	9	7.15-8.30pm	Choir rehearsal, Christ Church
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, Christ Church

## CONTACTS

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