

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

ALL SAINTS DAY

5 NOVEMBER 2023

CHURCH SERVICES	
Holy Communion	Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 9am at St George's Church (SG)
Preacher	Revd Jonathan Andrew
Reading, Prayers	Mair Molteno, Bridget Williams
Musician	Rowan Marshall
All Age Eucharist	Led by Revd Darren McCallig at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Churchwarden	Helen Coulson
Sidespeople	Bob Lonnon, Will Stevens
Reading, Prayers	Andrew Burns, ECS pupils
Refreshments	Sandra Argent, Jennifer Meade
Musicians	Oliver Macfarlane, Stuart Whatton, Rowan Marshall
All Souls Service	Led by Revd Darren McCallig at 4pm at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Churchwardens	Helen Coulson, Jane Tyrrell
Sidespeople	Judy Madova, Will Stevens
Musicians	Oliver Macfarlane, Stuart Whatton
MORNING SERVICE MUSIC	
Opening music	<i>Largo e spiccato from Concerto V, BWV 596 (Bach/Vivaldi)</i>
SG hymns	296 (omit v.3,4,5), 297, 308
CC hymns	296 (omit v.3,5), 297, 308
SG, CC settings	Addington, Coulson
Anthem	<i>In our day of thanksgiving (Arthur Hutchings)</i>
Closing music	<i>La Réjouissance, from the Royal Fireworks Music (Handel)</i>
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.	

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.

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.

TODAY'S OTHER LECTIONARY TEXTS

Revelation 7.9-end

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

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.

Parish of Esher services

Sunday 12 November, 10.50am

Service of Remembrance

**Esher War Memorial
& Christ Church, Esher**

**The service will start with a short Act
of Remembrance at the War Memorial
on Esher Green followed by the main
service in Christ Church.**

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PARISH NOTICES

Darren - The Rector's Adoption Leave will begin on Tuesday 21 November.

Cherish, Nourish, Flourish - Please take a copy of the 'Cherish, Nourish, Flourish' leaflet home with you to read. It outlines some of the amazing things that have been happening in the parish in the past year, as well as some of the plans we have for the future. If you can give a new, or increase an existing financial gift to the parish, thank you. If at this moment you cannot, thank you for considering it. If you can give more time through volunteering in particular ways, thank you. Response forms can be found on the parish website and in both churches. Every contribution is needed, gratefully received and truly valued.

Sunday School - As it's an All Age service today, there's no Sunday School. The usual creche facilities will be available at the back of Christ Church during the 10.30am service.

Holy Communion - The sacrament is distributed by 'simultaneous administration' – the priest touches the communion wafer in to the wine surface before giving it to the communicant.

Fellowship Group - The next meeting will be in the upstairs room in Christ Church at 11am on Wednesday 6 December. All are welcome.

Exploring the Bible - The Parish Advent Study discussion evenings this year will complete our whistle-stop tour of the Bible. Over three Tuesday evenings starting on 28 November, at 8pm, we'll explore St Paul's letters, St Luke's second instalment (the Acts of the Apostles) and the most mysterious and misunderstood book of all, Revelation. More details to follow, but do please reserve the dates now!

'Zoom' Morning Prayer & Zoffee! - Morning Prayer is now every Thursday morning at 9am. Contact the Parish Office for the Zoom details.

Remembrance Sunday - There'll be two services on Sunday 12 November. A 9am Service of Holy Communion in St George's Church, West End and a Remembrance Sunday Service in Christ Church immediately after the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial on Esher Green at 10.50am.

Act of Remembrance - To close the roads around Esher Green volunteer stewards are needed. Contact the office if you can help.

Prayer points

Our wonderful parish school, Esher Church School, has given us the following 'prayer points' to focus our prayers for them.

Pray for the new children joining ECS over the Autumn months for the transitions to go smoothly and they settle easily.

Pray for the school community as they juggle, open days, parents evenings, Christmas events over the next few months.

Pray for good health for the school community as they approach the winter months.

Early Birds Vacancy - Esher Church School is recruiting a Playworker for their Breakfast Club. The role includes facilitating activities for the children and making breakfast. Hours are 7.35-8.35am for at least a minimum of two days per week. For more details, please contact office@esherchurchschool.org.uk

Girls aged 4-18 - Through adventure, challenge, friendship and fun Girlguiding empowers girls to find their voice, inspiring them to discover the best in themselves and to make a positive difference in their community. There are currently spaces in Brownies, Guides and Rangers in Claygate. If interested please register your daughter via the website: www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-a-child/

The Children's Society - It's time for the annual Children's Society box opening. Contact Ann Willig (aewillig@gmail.com / 01372 463407)

PARISH NOTICES

All Souls' Service - We will mark All Souls' Day today. It's a day traditionally set apart as a time to remember those whom we love but see no longer. And so, at Christ Church, there will be a service of Commemoration of the Faithful Departed this 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 as we do, and lighting a candle in their memory. If you would like to have your loved ones remembered, please add their names to the list in Christ Church.

Youth Group - Due to the All Souls' Service today, Youth Group will be at the Adult Education Centre across from Christ Church at 4.30pm. For updates please contact youth@esherparish.org.uk

Night Shelter Gourmet Dinner - In aid of the Molesey Churches Night Shelter a gourmet dinner with wine tasting will be taking place on Friday 10 November at 7pm. The venue is the East Molesey Cricket Club, Grabum Way, East Molesey, KT8 9AL. Tickets are £49.50 per head and includes a three course meal and seven tasting wines. To book scan the QR code



Book Group - The next meeting, in Christ Church, will be on Monday 27 November at 4pm when we'll discuss William Golding's masterwork *The Spire*. If you'd like to join us, just turn up or contact Revd Jonathan Andrew – 01372 464380 / jandrewesher@gmail.com.

Our Church Cat - Patch is now looked after by Sandra Argent, a previous churchwarden. Sadly Patch is unwell and needs expensive ongoing treatment. To donate please use the card machine or scan the QR code.



Christmas Shoeboxes - 'Link to Hope' is a Christian charity that organises a shoe box appeal for those living in difficult circumstances in Ukraine Romania, Bulgaria, and Moldova. To help, please fill a shoe box with gifts and useful items for a family or an elderly person. Please bring completed boxes to church on Sunday 19 November to be blessed and sent on their way.

St George's Church Leaf Harvest - Looking for all help from the young and old who can spare an hour on Saturday 11 November, at 10am, for a communal sweeping of leaves at St George's Church in West End. Come with any tools you have. At 11am we'll remember all those who lost their lives in war and pray for peace worldwide before heading home.

Music on the Green - Next month's fixture will be on Wednesday 15 November when the Heliconia Duo (flute and guitar) will treat us to a varied programme of music from Hungary via Italy to Latin America. Light lunch from 12.30pm, music from 1.15pm.

Parish Communications - We send out an email via ChurchSuite software every Friday with Sunday's pewsheets and order of service. Those on the Parish Electoral Roll automatically get the email. If you would like to receive please complete an Electoral Roll form or enter your details on the forms in either church.

We also issue a quarterly Parish e-newsletter, called InSpire. To subscribe please go to www.esherparish.org.uk/?q=latestnews

Christmas Crazy Crafts - Our Christmas Crazy Crafts will be taking place at the Lower Green Community Centre (Farm Road, Esher KT10 8AU) from 10am on Saturday 2 December! For some festive family fun do save the date!

Parish Christmas Lunch - Please save the date – Sunday 3 December at the Bear in Esher. Further details and booking information to follow in the next few weeks.



CHRIST CHURCH, ESHER
LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Wednesday 15 November 2023

Heliconia Duo

flute & classical guitar

Come and hear Bartók's Hungarian Folk Dances, Giuliani's Grand Duo Concertante and a selection of Latin melodies from this mellifluous duo.

Free entry & light lunch from 12.30pm. Concert from 1.15pm.

Christ Church, Church Street, Esher, Surrey KT10 8QS

Join us in person or watch it on YouTube at 'Music on the Green Esher'

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Elizabeth Arnold, Betty Walker, Michael Newbould, Malcolm Sayer, Gilly Barrett, Allen Palmer, Katherine S, Keith Howell-Jones, Gill Barnett, George Raine, Sebastian, Stuart Williams, Pam & Jim Green, David Gerrard, Armand Sarkissian, Hugh Miller

RIP Anniversaries: Brian Lynas, Beryl Morgan, Anne Reichman, Raymond Scott, Sheila Eeles, Kenneth Bloore, Jane Marsh

RIP: Norma Bowles, Thomas Connor, Lauren Addison, John Parker, Joyce Bromfield, Barbara Woolgar

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

November		Time	Reading
Monday	6		Isaiah 1.1-20, Ps 30, Matthew 1.18-end
Tuesday	7		Isaiah 1.21-end, Ps 36, Matthew 2.1-15
Wednesday	8		Isaiah 2.1-11, Psalm 9, Matthew 2.16-end
Thursday	9	9am-10am	Isaiah 2.12-end, Psalm 15, Matthew 3
Friday	10		Isaiah 3.1-15, Psalm 16, Matthew 4.1-11

LOOKING AHEAD

November		Time	Event
Sunday	5	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	All Age Eucharist, Christ Church
		2.30pm	Choir rehearsal, Christ Church
		4pm	All Souls' Service, Christ Church
Monday	6	7.15pm	Choir practice
Tuesday	7	11am	Memorial Service for Lauren Addison, Christ Church
Wednesday	8	7.45pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	9	All day	Parish Office closed
		9am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
		Midday	Funeral Service for John Parker, Christ Church
		7pm	Remembrance Service rehearsal, Christ Church

CONTACTS

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	CHURCHWARDENS Helen Coulson & Jane Tyrrell	CHILDREN & FAMILIES WORKER Kathryn Chapman youth@esherparish.org.uk
PARISH ADMINISTRATOR Melanie Williams OFFICE HOURS 9am to 3.15pm, Monday to Wednesday & Friday		
Please submit information and notices for inclusion in the Sunday pewsheet by midday on the preceding Wednesday. Thank you.		