

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

6 OCTOBER 2024

CHURCH SERVICES

Harvest Thanksgiving	Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 9am at St George's (SG)
Preacher	Revd Jonathan Andrew
Reading, Prayers	Bridget Williams
Musicians	Barbara Wadley
Harvest Thanksgiving (live streamed)	Led by Revd Jonathan Andrew at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Jonathan Andrew
Churchwarden	Jane Tyrrell
Sidespeople	Joanna Rand & Muffin, Judy Madavo
Reading, Prayers	Judy Madavo, ECS pupils
Refreshments	Debbie Banks, Helen Griffin
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Barbara Wadley, Josie Griffin

SERVICE MUSIC

Opening music	<i>Pastorale in F, BWV 590ii</i> (Bach)
SG & CC hymns	282, 287, 290
SG / CC setting	Addington / Coulson
Post Sermon music	<i>Harvest Hymn</i> (Mark & Helen Johnson)
Communion music	<i>'Sing a Song for Harvest' and 'Conkers'</i> (M&H Johnson); <i>Bluebird</i> (Alexis Ffrench)
Closing music	<i>Giga in D</i> (Elisabetta de Gambarini)

THE COLLECT

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving
for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread
and the wine of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a reverence
for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards
of the good things we enjoy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Welcome to the Parish

The Parish of Esher is for everyone.

The two church buildings, Christ Church in Esher and St George's in West End, have been beacons of faith, hope and love in Esher for well over a century.

Generations have come through the doors to celebrate their marriages, welcome their new-borns and grieve their losses – all of it embraced by the beauty of the worship offered in these houses of prayer week in and week out.

On Sundays we explore the riches of the Christian spiritual tradition 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. All of us belong here.

You can also check-out some of our services on YouTube to get a flavour of what we're about, or just come along some Sunday at 10.30am in Christ Church or at 9.00am in St George's West End.

Whether you join online or in person, we hope you'll find a community committed to a thoughtful Faith, a hard-won Hope, and a generous Love.

You are very welcome.

READING Joel 2.21-27

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

GOSPEL Matthew 6.25-33

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

ADDITIONAL LECTIONARY TEXTS

PSALM 126

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.'
- 4 The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.
5. Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

READING 1 Timothy 2.1-7

My dearly beloved, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all – this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

PARISH NOTICES

Harvest Thanksgiving - We are holding services at St George's Church and Christ Church this Sunday, 6 October. Harvest donations will be given to the Lower Green Community Centre. Operating in addition to the foodbank (that only runs on certain days and not at nearby locations) the Lower Green Food Store aims to provide emergency items to support local families in the interim. Specific needs are: tinned meats, hot dogs, corned beef, long life milk, fruit juices, pasta, cooking sauces, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, custard, biscuits, snacks, washing pods, washing up liquid and toilet rolls. Thank you in advance for all your kind donations. If you wish to make a monetary donation you can do so via the card machine/pewcards and selecting the 'Lower Green Food Store' option.

Esher Church School - Revd Jonathan Andrew enjoyed leading a wonderfully enthusiastic Harvest Assembly at ECS this week, and blessed a substantial donation of supplies for the Lower Green Food Store provided by the children and their parents. It is lovely that we will welcome the ECS choir as they enliven our 10.30am service at Christ Church this week.

Harvest Crazy Crafts - Our Harvest session was wonderfully busy - word is spreading! Big thank you to Bridget Williams and Helen Griffin for their invaluable help on the day.

Sunday School - Kath will be manning the creche area at the back of Christ Church complete with some of the activities from our Harvest Crazy Crafts last weekend.

Youth Group - For our next get-together in Christ Church this Sunday (4.30-6pm), we'll be exploring how to fail happy and looking at James Nottingham's Learning Pit framework to help understand our learning processes.



CHRIST CHURCH, ESHER
LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Wednesday 16 October 2024

Gabriel
Francis-Dehqani
William Harmer
cello & piano

Relax and listen to some uniquely British music by Benjamin Britten and his teacher Frank Bridge and a recently composed Cello Sonata by the pianist, William Harmer.

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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PARISH NOTICES

All Souls' Service - We will mark All Souls' Day at Christ Church on Sunday 3 November, 4pm. It's a day traditionally set apart as a time to remember those whom we love but see no longer. The service of Commemoration of the Faithful Departed will 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 lists in either church.

Vicky Jenkins - It is very sad that Vicky has recently passed away. As a long-standing and active member of our community Vicky will be much missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and her friends. The funeral will take place in Christ Church at 11am on Friday 11 October.

Remembrance Sunday - There are two parish services on Sunday 10 November. The first is a Service of Holy Communion at 9am in St George's Church, West End. At 10.50am, the Act of Remembrance takes place at the War Memorial on Esher Green followed immediately by the Remembrance Sunday Service in Christ Church. Please join us in remembering all those who gave their today for our tomorrow.

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.

Rector Update - We are pleased to let you know that Darren will be returning from adoption leave earlier than originally planned on Tuesday 5 November. We, of course, look forward to welcoming him back, but we ask for your understanding in giving him time to catch up and settle back in.

Bishops' Camino 2024 - Join Bishop Paul and Bishop Andrew on Saturday 12 October as they walk through the Surrey countryside to raise funds for the Bishop of Guildford's Communities Fund. To sign-up to walk see: www.cofeguildford.org.uk/mission/growing-community/bishop-of-guildfords-communities-fund/

Music on the Green - Our next concert on Wednesday 16 October, 1.15pm, at Christ Church, will be a cello and piano recital, featuring music by Britten and his teacher Frank Bridge as well as a recently composed Cello Sonata by William Harmer, who will himself be our pianist, accompanying the cellist Gabriel Francis-Dehqani.

Book Group - Our next meeting will be at 4pm on Monday 28 October in Christ Church when we will discuss *Bourneville* – Jonathan Coe's novel providing a 75-year journey through Britain and Britishness and what we have become. Contact Revd Jonathan Andrew on 07968 765188.

Fellowship Group - The next meeting in Christ Church is on Wednesday 6 November, 10.30am. We welcome all to pray, to reflect on their faith and to put the world to rights!

Remembrance Day Concert - The Parish of Esher will be presenting an evening choral concert on Sunday 10 November at 6pm. We will be honouring Gabriel Fauré at the centenary of his death and Anton Bruckner on the bicentenary of his birth, as well as the 170th anniversary of Christ Church as the parish and civic church of Esher. Please save the date. More details to follow.

Parish Christmas Lunch - We are thrilled to announce this year's Christmas Lunch is on Sunday 8 December and will be held at West End Village Hall catered for by Gill Ovington. Tickets £35pp, please bring your own drinks. Details and booking information to follow.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Elizabeth Arnold, Michael Newbould, Gilly Barrett, Allen Palmer, Pam & Jim Green, George Raine, Katherine S, Keith Howell-Jones, John Cheetham, Sebastian, Armand Sarkissian, Ruramai, Karen Harris, David Gerrard

RIP Anniversaries: Peter Langley, Dorothy Ward, John Parker, Patricia Richards

RIP: Wadad Gorton, Vicky Jenkins

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

October		Time	Reading
Monday	7		2 Kings 17.24-end, Ps 98, Philippians 1.1-11
Tuesday	8		2 Kings 18.1-12, Ps 106, Philippians 1.12-end
Wednesday	9		2 Kings 18.13-end, Ps 111, Philippians 2.1-13
Thursday	10	9.30-10.30am	2 Kings 19.1-19, Ps 115, Philippians 2.14-end
Friday	11		2 Kings 19.20-36, Ps 139, Philippians 3.1-4.1

LOOKING AHEAD

October		Time	Event
Sunday	6	9am	Harvest Thanksgiving Service, St George's Church
		10.30am	Harvest Thanksgiving Service, Christ Church
		4.30pm	Youth Group, Christ Church
Monday	7	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Wednesday	9	7pm	Bellringing practice
Thursday	10	All day	Parish Office closed
		9.30am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
		11am	Kingston Bellringers visit, Christ Church
Friday	11	11am	Funeral of Vicky Jenkins, Christ Church
Sunday	13	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	14	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Wednesday	16	1.15pm	Music on the Green lunchtime concert: Gabriel Francis-Dehqani, cello & William Harmer, piano
		7pm	Bellringing practice

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Live Streaming Please be aware that all services held at Christ Church are live streamed via our YouTube channel.		
Please submit information and notices for inclusion in the Sunday pewsheets by 10am on the preceding Tuesday. Thank you.		