

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

13 OCTOBER 2024

CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion	Led by Revd William Allberry at 9am at St George's (SG)
Preacher	Revd William Allberry
Reading, Prayers	Joan Trower, Gerard Harper
Musician	Theo Tang
Parish Communion (live streamed)	Led by Revd William Allberry at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd William Allberry
Churchwarden	Helen Coulson
Sidespeople	Sean Seymour-Cole, Bob Lonnon
Reading, Prayers	Jane Anderson, Tom & Sally Radford
Refreshments	Isabel Consiglio, Helen Griffin
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane, Theo Tang

SERVICE MUSIC

Opening music	<i>Chorale Prelude 'Straf mich nicht in deinem Zorn' (Reger)</i>
SG hymns	587(omit v6), 604, 766(omit v4)
CC hymns	806, 604, 541
SG / CC setting	Addington / Coulson
Anthem	<i>Thou visitest the earth</i> (Greene)
Closing music	<i>Fanfare Allegro from 4 Piezas para la Misa</i> (José Lidon)

THE COLLECT

God, our light and our salvation:
illuminate our lives,
that we may see your goodness
in the land of the living,
and looking on your beauty
may be changed
into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our Father,
whose Son, the light unailing,
has come from heaven to deliver the world
from the darkness of ignorance:
let these holy mysteries
open the eyes of our understanding
that we may know the way of life,
and walk in it without stumbling;
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 Hebrews 4.12-end

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

GOSPEL Mark 10.17-31

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother." ' He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around

and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.' Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age – houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions – and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

ADDITIONAL LECTIONARY TEXTS

PSALM 90.13-17

12 So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

13 Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? be gracious to your servants.

14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us and the years in which we suffered adversity.

16 Show your servants your works and your splendour to their children.

17 May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

READING Amos 5.6-7, 10-15


Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore, because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins – you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

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 loved ones to be remembered, please add their names to the All Souls lists. It is our current practice each year for the initial list to include names of the departed for the previous three years following the funeral and/or interment in the Parish. All are welcome though, to add to the All Souls list in either church the names of any family or friends they wish to have remembered. Alternatively, please email the names to the Parish Office.

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. The collections at both services will be donated to support the work of the Royal British Legion

Combat Stress - At this time of year our thoughts turn to those in the military. This local charity provides specialist treatment and support for veterans from every service and conflict, focusing on those with complex mental health issues resulting from military service. The work they do is life-changing and often life-saving. For more information and to donate go to: www.combatstress.org.uk



Parish of Esher services

Sunday 3 November, 4pm

All Souls Service

Christ Church
Esher

A time to remember those whom we love but see no longer. An invitation to pause, pray and light a candle in their memory. A thoughtful and gentle service of words and music, open to all.

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PARISH NOTICES

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/

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.

Sunday School - This week we'll sew hearts and fill them with ways to love God through acts of service and faith, to help us avoid being distracted by possessions. Plus, we'll create a large heart covered in reminders of all the things that God freely gives us.

Youth Group - This month we explored the perspective of failing happy and reframing our failures as opportunities to learn. We looked at James Nottingham's brilliant Learning Pit framework to help understand our learning processes - see Kath if you'd like a copy.

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!

Harvest Thanksgiving - Both services were lovely and we were so pleased to be able to donate a vast quantity of long-life goods to the Lower Green Emergency Food Store who were hugely grateful and overwhelmed with the generosity from the Parish and from Esher Church School. Cathy and Jenny send their heart-felt thanks to you all.

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

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.

Night Shelter Gourmet Dinner - After last year's successful inaugural dinner the Night Shelter team are again partnering with the Cricket Club, Miss Polly and now also Majestic Wines. The dinner, in aid of Molesey Churches Night Shelter, will be on Friday 8 November at 7pm at East Molesey Cricket Club, Grabum Way, East Molesey, KT8 9AL. Tickets are £49.50 each and include a three course meal with six matched wines. To book scan the QR code.



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: Gladys Thomas, Barbara Pratt, Dan Walter, Miriam MacGibbon

RIP: Vicky Jenkins

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

October	Time	Reading
Monday 14		2 Kings 21.1-18; Ps 126; 1 Timothy 1.1-17
Tuesday 15		2 Kings 22.1-22.3; Ps 132; 1 Timothy 1.18-end of 2
Wednesday 16		2 Kings 23.4-25; Ps 119.153-end; 1 Timothy 3
Thursday 17	9.30-10.30am	2 Kings 23.36-24.17; Ps 143; 1 Timothy 4
Friday 18		Isaiah 55; Ps 146; Luke 1.1-4

LOOKING AHEAD

October	Time	Event
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
Thursday 17	All day	Parish Office closed
	9.30am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
Sunday 20	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
	10.30am	Eucharist & Holy Baptism, Christ Church
	12.15pm	Interment of Margot Williams, Christ Church
Monday 21	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Wednesday 23	7pm	Bellringing practice
Thursday 24	All day	Parish Office closed
	9.30am	Morning Prayer, Zoom

CONTACTS

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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 pewsheet by 10am on the preceding Tuesday. Thank you.		