PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

ALL SAINTS' DAY 1 NOVEMBER 2026

CHURCH SERVICES	
Parish Communion (live streamed)	Led by Revd Jo Winn-Smith at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Jo Winn-Smith
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Gavin Bradley, Karen Harris
Reading, Prayers	David Steeds, Martin Fuller
Chalice	Will Stevens, Bridget Williams
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane, Theo Tang
Refreshments	Miranda Fuller, Janie McCulloch
All Souls' Service (live streamed)	Led by Revd Jo Winn-Smith at 4.30pm at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Jo Winn-Smith
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Charles Hawkshaw-Burn, Sean Seymour-Cole
Prayers	Helen Coulson
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane
Refreshments	Sia Marshall, Bridget Williams
MORNING SERVICE MUSIC	
Opening music	*Grave from Concerto in G, BWV 592* (Bach/Ernst)
Hymns	296 (omit v 3 & 5), 297, 308
Setting	Coulson
Communion anthem	*Holy is the true light* (Harris)
Closing music	*Caprice sur les grands jeux, from Suite du deuxième ton* (Clérambault)

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.

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 Jo, your Rector

Dear friends,

I cannot believe that it is coming up to a month that I have been with you! This reminds me of how 'with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day' (2 Peter 3.8). Time has a stretchy feel, both intense and cavernous, dragging then racing. It's been a real joy to have already engaged in so much – ECS collective worship, MOTG, Fellowship Group, The Chosen, Peace & Contemplation preparation, Youth Group, feast day eucharists and more – but I'm also aware that it's early days.

The important thing, I hope, is that we try to cherish the gift of each day, and God's presence with us in it, however it turns out. As we enter the season of remembering – All Saints, All Souls and Remembrance – we are reminded of how precious life is and the relationships we have. It's a chance to be thankful but also to allow any tears that come, as they reflect the depth of love we feel. But we also hold to the encouragement that those who went before us in the sacrificial context of war gave their today, for our tomorrow. Valuing all we have becomes more poignant but also needs be filled with the joy of appreciation.

Yours



READING 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.'

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.'

Other Lectionary Texts

Psalm 34.1-10
1 John 3.1-3

PARISH NOTICES

All Souls' Service - We'll mark All Souls' Day at Christ Church this Sunday afternoon at 4.30pm. The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed will be a quiet and gentle service with carefully chosen words and music. We will pray for those who have recently died, naming them and lighting a candle in their memory. To ensure loved ones are remembered by name please check the list in Christ Church

Sunday School - This week we'll look at how the Beatitudes invite us all to be everyday saints by following Jesus's example of compassion and bearing witness.

Crafting supplies - Thank you to all those who are saving toilet/kitchen roll inners for Kat. Please keep them coming! She's also needing mini/small/medium boxes (up to approx 7x7x15") for construction projects and Crazy Crafts activities. Please leave them in Christ Church for Kat. Thank you.

Shoebox Appeal - Collect items for a family or older person from the list provided, pop in your shoebox and return to Christ Church by Sunday 8 November. We'll deliver to a local depot for delivery to people living in poverty in Ukraine and Eastern Europe this Christmas. Please pick up a shoebox from Christ Church.

St George's - Our tin tabernacle is closed for repairs to the foundations and flooring. We'll welcome everyone back in December. Donations always welcome for the ongoing maintenance of our historic fabric via this Collection Pot QR code.

PARISH OFFERTORY
To support our mission and ministry you can give cash during the offertory. Donations can also be made via card or the QR code pewcards. Alternatively, you can give via the Parish Giving Scheme: www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish. For more giving information go to: www.esherparish.org.uk/?q=content/get-involved.

The Chosen - Our screening of this world beating production continues on Tuesday 3 November at 7.30pm at Christ Church. We'll show the episode where 'Jesus disturbs the religious authorities'. Afterwards there'll be refreshments and an opportunity to discuss.

Fellowship Group - The next meeting in Christ Church is on Wednesday 4 November, 10.30am. Coffee provided beforehand. All welcome.

Youth Group - The next gathering in Christ Church will be on Friday 6 November, 5.30-7pm. We'll be doing some Mindful Photography and welcoming visiting children with our Bring a Friend Month!

Remembrance Sunday - At 9am, on Sunday 8 November, there will be a short said Eucharist in Christ Church. At 10.50am, the Act of Remembrance will take place at the War Memorial on Esher Green followed by the Service of Remembrance in Christ Church. We'll give the collection to the Royal British Legion. Please join us in remembering all those who gave their today for our tomorrow.

Act of Remembrance - If anyone can help to close roads and marshal the event please contact the Churchwardens or Parish Office.

Book Group - On Monday 9 November we'll discuss both Melanie McDonagh's book *Converts: From Oscar Wilde to Muriel Spark, Why So Many Became Catholic in the 20th Century*; and *Theo of Golden*.

Peace & Contemplation - An hour of reflection on the theme of 'Forgiveness & Reconciliation' on Thursday 12 November, 8pm, at Christ Church.

'Too young to be old' - Our much-loved Stewart Henderson returns to Surbiton's cornerHOUSE with his friend Roger McGough for an evening of poetry, stories and laughter on Friday 20 November at 7.30pm. Tickets are £20 from www.ticketsource.com/whats-on/surbiton/the-cornerhouse-community-arts-centre.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Michael Newbould, Gilly Barrett, Jim Green, George Raine, Katherine S, Keith Howell-Jones, John Cheetham, Sebastian, David Gerrard, Katie Clark, Louise Tyzack, Caroline Kerr, Armand Sarkissian, Phoebe Ainsworth, Josh Baines, John Stacey, Paul Nicholls, Gudrun & David Jensen, Myfanwy Tranmer, Christine Steeds, Michelle Cullen

RIP Anniversaries: Peter Knight, Richard Lindow, Susan Coulson, Irene Codd, Esme Calladine, Reeve Lynn, June Steeden, Richard Gregory, Elizabeth Arnold, Brian Lynas, Beryl Morgan, Anne Reichman, Raymond Scott, Lauren Addison

RIP: Jean-Claude Gazet, Elizabeth Roberts

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		Daniel 2.1-24, Ps 36, Revelation 2.1-11
Wednesday	4		Daniel 2.25-end, Ps 9, Revelation 2.12-end
Thursday	5	10am	Daniel 3.1-18, Ps 37, Revelation 3.1-13
Friday	6		Daniel 3.19-end, Ps 16, Revelation 3.14-end

LOOKING AHEAD

November		Time	Event
Sunday	1	10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
		4.30pm	All Souls' Service, Christ Church
Monday	2	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Tuesday	3	7.30pm	Screening of The Chosen, Christ Church
Wednesday	4	10.30am	Fellowship Group, Christ Church
		7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Thursday	5	All day	Parish Office closed
		10am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
		7pm	Remembrance Service rehearsal, Christ Church
Friday	6	11am	Memorial Service for Jean-Claude Gazet, Christ Church
		5.30pm	Youth Group, Christ Church
Sunday	8	9am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
		10.50am	Act of Remembrance, Esher Green
		11.15am	Service of Remembrance, Christ Church

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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.