

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

10 NOVEMBER 2024

CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion	Led by Revd Darren McCallig at 9am at St George's (SG)
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Reading, Prayers	Sue Langley, Gerard Harper
Musician	Oliver Macfarlane
Act of Remembrance	Led by Revd Darren McCallig at 10.50am on Esher Green
Crucifer	Will Stevens
Trumpeter	Thomas Doolan
Stewards & Volunteers	Nigel Weiss, Sean Seymour-Cole, Guy Greaves, Stewart Henderson, Paul Bangs, Charles Hawkshaw-Burn
Service of Remembrance (live streamed)	Led by Revd Darren McCallig at 11.15am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Churchwardens	Jane Tyrrell, Helen Coulson
Sidespeople	Sia Marshall, Andy Tyrrell
Reading	Carol Henderson
Musicians	Oliver Macfarlane, Stuart Whatton, Theo Tang

SERVICE MUSIC

Opening music	<i>Passacaglia in D minor</i> (Buxtehude)
SG hymns	746, 635, 579
CC hymns	635, 581(omit v4), 621, 578
SG / CC settings	Addington / Coulson
Anthem	<i>Give rest, O Christ</i> (Russian Kontakion of the Departed)
Closing music	<i>Elegy</i> (Thalben-Ball)

THE COLLECT

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Message from our Rector, Darren

My dear friends,



Today we 'remember before God and commend to his safe keeping those who have died for their country in war.' We also 'commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation between the nations, that all people may together live in freedom, justice and peace.'

Those two statements are interlinked – we pay tribute to the fallen of yesterday by working for peace today. And while it is true that few of us have direct agency when it comes to the great global challenges of war and peace, it's also true that the task of building a more just and gentle world can begin close to home. Every cruel remark or selfish act only serves to make the world a colder and darker place, whereas every deed of compassion and every kind word makes space for peace to grow. Let us ask, then, for the grace to play our part. This prayer from Northern Ireland's Corrymeela Community, an organisation dedicated to reconciliation, is a good place to begin.

Show us, good Lord,
The peace we should seek,
The peace we must give,
The peace we can keep,
The peace we must forgo,
And the peace you have given
In Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

God bless,

READING James 3.13-18

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

GOSPEL Mark 8.22-26

Jesus and his disciples came to Bethsaida. Some people brought a blind man to him and begged him to touch him. He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village; and when he had put saliva on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, 'Can you see anything?' And the man looked up and said, 'I can see people, but they look like trees, walking.' Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he looked intently and his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. Then he sent him away to his home, saying, 'Do not even go into the village.'

PARISH NOTICES

Remembrance Sunday - Today there are two services in the parish: a 9am Service of Holy Communion in St George's and a Remembrance Sunday Service in Christ Church immediately after the Act of Remembrance on Esher Green at 10.50am. Do join us in remembering all those who gave their today for our tomorrow. The collections from both our churches will be donated to support the work of the Royal British Legion – you can donate via cash, the pewcards and the card machine.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal - If you still need to obtain your poppy we have a poppy box and collecting tin in church today.

Sunday School - All children are welcome upstairs at Christ Church for Sunday School Remembrance Day activities during the church service, where we'll be thinking about gratitude, empathy and respect, and making tissue paper poppies, plus we'll be honouring past and present sacrifice by creating a very special Sunday School poppy.'

Remembrance Day Concert - The Parish of Esher present an evening choral concert on Sunday 10 November at 6pm. We will honour 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. Tickets £12 each. Please book via at www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parish-of-Esher. Please see poster for more details.

PARISH NOTICES

Elizabeth Arnold - We were very sorry to learn of the death of Elizabeth Arnold, a long-time resident of Esher who will be well-known to many in the congregation. Our prayers are with her family. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. We understand that Elizabeth's funeral service is to be held at Randalls Park Crematorium at 4.15pm on Monday 18 November.

Marny Park - We can now confirm that Marny's memorial service will be held at Christ Church on Wednesday 13 November at 11am. Marny's family will welcome Marny and Andrew's friends from Esher parish at the service and at refreshments afterwards.

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.

Christ Church Defibrillator - We are pleased to say that after having received Diocesan approval our defibrillator is now installed and sited on the outside of Christ Church (as you approach from Church Street). Thank you to everyone who generously donated to make this possible.

Book Group - The next meeting will be on Monday 25 November, 4pm, in Christ Church when we will discuss Émile Zola's scandalous novel *Thérèse Raquin*. For details contact Revd Jonathan Andrew on 07968 765188.

Youth Group - This month we explored encouragement and affirmation through drawing and story games, and created paintings whilst blind-folded and being led by another person. The next session on Sunday 1 December, 4.30-6pm, will have a festive theme. For updates please contact youth@esherparish.org.uk

Fellowship Group - The next meeting in Christ Church will be at 10.30am on Monday 2 December. All are welcome.

Music on the Green - Our next free concert on Wednesday 20 November will feature the Phil Hopkins Jazz Trio in a programme entitled 'From Brazil to Broadway' with some popular jazz favourites including tunes by Gershwin, Richard Rodgers and Carlos Jobim. Light lunch from 12.30pm, concert from 1.15pm. Retiring collection.

Christmas Shoeboxes - 'Link to Hope' is a Christian charity that organises a shoe box appeal each year for those living in difficult circumstances in Ukraine Romania, Bulgaria, and Moldova. They've delivered more than a million boxes to date. To help, please take and fill a shoe box with gifts and useful items for a family or an elderly person. Please bring completed boxes to either church on Sunday 24 November to be blessed and sent on their way. See 'Link to Hope' flyer for full details

Christmas Crazy Crafts - Our Christmas Crazy Crafts will be taking place at the Lower Green Community Centre (Farm Road, Esher KT10 8AU) from 10am to 1pm on Saturday 7 December! For some festive family fun do save the date! Entry is free and kids get a goodie bag.

Christmas Tree Lighting Up - Let's launch the season of good cheer in Esher by lighting up the Christmas Tree in Christ Church at 5.30pm on Friday 29 November. Barisons Choir will be singing carols in our warm, candlelit church whilst mince pies and mulled wine are served. Everyone is welcome to this festive community event.

Parish Christmas Lunch - We are thrilled that this year's Christmas Lunch on Sunday 8 December will be held at West End Village Hall catered for by Gill Ovington. Tickets £35pp, please bring your own drinks. See flyer for details and booking form.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

RIP Anniversaries: Jane Marsh, Barbara Welham, Harley Barnes, Inge Major, Joyce Foord, Joseph Underwood

RIP: Vicky Jenkins, Duncan Edge, Marny Park, Elizabeth Arnold

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

November		Time	Reading
Monday	11		Daniel 4.19-end; Ps 20; Revelation 5
Tuesday	12		Daniel 5.1-12; Ps 21; Revelation 6
Wednesday	13		Daniel 5.13-end; Ps 23; Revelation 7.1-4, 9-end
Thursday	14	9.30-10.30am	Daniel 6; Ps 26; Revelation 8
Friday	15		Daniel 7.1-14; Ps 32; Revelation 9.1-12

LOOKING AHEAD

November		Time	Event
Sunday	10	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.50am	Act of Remembrance, Esher Green
		11.15am	Service of Remembrance, Christ Church
		6pm	Remembrance Day Concert, Christ Church
Monday	11	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Wednesday	13	11am	Memorial Service for Marny Park, Christ Church
		7pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	14	All day	Parish Office closed
		9.30am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
Sunday	17	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	18	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Wednesday	20	1.15pm	Music on the Green lunchtime concert: Phil Hopkins Jazz Trio, Christ Church

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.		