PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

CHRIST THE KING 22 NOVEMBER 2026

CHURCH SERVICE	
Eucharist & Holy Baptism (live streamed)	Led by Revd Jo Winn-Smith at 10.30am at Christ Church
Preacher	Revd Jo Winn-Smith
Churchwarden	Will Stevens
Sidespeople	Sean Seymour-Cole, Charles Hawkshaw-Burn
Reading	Bob Lonnon
Chalice	Sue Langley, Will Stevens
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane, Theo Tang
Refreshments	Sue Dunne, Sue Langley
SERVICE MUSIC	
Opening music	*Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr* (Sweelinck)
Hymns	769, 593 (omit v4-5), 612
Setting	Coulson
Communion anthem	*Le Seigneur est Roi* (Eric Leroy)
Closing music	*Marche Triomphale 'Nun danket alle Gott', Op. 65 no. 59* (Karg-Elert)

COLLECT

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ
ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order
to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing
forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Message from Jo, your Rector

Dear friends,

Christ the King is a wonderful day of celebration on which to end the Christian year. We focus on the truth and hope towards which we are focused – Christ, the risen Jesus, is enthroned eternally in heaven, and calls on us to recognise his teaching, authority and example, and to live our lives in the light of it.

The pivot into Advent, next week then becomes a looking back and a looking forward of both his first coming and the second. Today is a foretaste of the latter.

Looking around at our world today, we see many kings and presidents, rulers and authorities who exert their power with a belief in their might. This is not the way of Christ. In Jesus, we see a different way, one of love, welcome, joy and service. Power is used for the blessing of others, not for the assertion of self.

Today we are celebrating the baptism of little Harley. What a wonderful message of the true nature of love we have to share with her, and how Jesus Christ is both her king, friend and saviour. May that be one we too take to heart and share with those we love.

Yours



READING Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their Go

Other Lectionary Texts

Psalm 95.1-7
Ephesians 1.15-end

GOSPEL Matthew 25.31-end

Jesus said to his disciples:

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

PARISH NOTICES

Margaretha de Haan - We're sorry to share the news that Margaretha, a Parish friend and dedicated volunteer, has died. We hold Margaretha and her family and friends in our prayers. The funeral will be at Christ Church. We will share details shortly.

Sunday School - For our Christ the King celebrations, the children will be in church to enjoy the baptismal service, create crowns and learn about what this day means.

Advent Appeal 2026 - This Advent we will be supporting the Princess Alice Hospice in Esher and its vital work in providing end of life care with compassion and respect. Our Appeal comes at a time of extreme financial difficulty for the charity. If you are able, please donate via the Advent Appeal envelopes, online or via the card machine and apply Gift Aid if you can.

Christmas Leaflet - We still have bundles in Christ Church for delivery to Esher homes before Deck the Halls on Friday 4 December.

Parish Christmas Lunch - Due to the festive busyness at this time the Parish Lunch will be organised for 2027. Details to follow.

Real Advent Calendar - The UK's only fairtrade chocolate Advent calendar with the Christmas message, is available in Christ Church for £5.

St George's - Our tin tabernacle will re-open on Advent 2 (Sunday 6 December) following extensive repairs to the flooring and foundations. Donations very welcome via the 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.

Advent Groups - As part of our preparation for Christmas, an opportunity to reflect on the advent (literally 'coming') of Christ will be available in reflection groups this Advent. We will meet Mondays 11-12.15am or Tuesdays 6-7.15pm in Christ Church from November 30 and December 1. Each session will be standalone, so do come, even if you cannot make them all.

Tree work - Major work will be undertaken 24-26 November. Please don't use the car park.

Fellowship Group - The next meeting in Christ Church is on Wednesday 2 December, 10.30am.

Deck the Halls - Let's launch the festive season by lighting up the Christmas Tree in Christ Church at 5.30pm on Friday 4 December. Do join us for a fun family evening of food, carols, decorations and Christingle making!

Youth Group - Our December meeting is in conjunction with Deck the Halls where children help run this wonderful evening of festivities.

Christingle Service - Join us to celebrate Jesus, the Light of the World, at this All Age service on Sunday 6 December, 10.30am, in Christ Church.

Christmas Crazy Crafts - Our Christmas family crafting event is back with a new blue and silver theme! Come anytime to Lower Green Community on Saturday 12 December, 10am-1pm. Free entry, kids get a goodie bag and the cafe will be open. If you'd like to help for an hour or two on the day, please let Kat know.

Festival of Lessons & Carols - A reminder that this very special traditional service of music and readings will be on Sunday 13 December in Christ Church at 6pm.

Book Group - Our next meeting will be on Monday 11 January. Our book will be Henry James' classic 1880 novel about an American heiress, *Washington Square*. The book for Monday 8 February will be *The File on H* by Albanian (and Nobel Prize winning) novelist Ismail Kadare. Happy Christmas reading!

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: 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: Harry Henry, Rosalind Wilkes, Denis King, Arthur Franklyn, Pauline Franklyn, John Simons, Marny Park, Florence Hooper, Julian Molteno
RIP: Jean-Claude Gazet, Elizabeth Roberts, Margaretha de Haan, Michael Newbould
Baptism: Harley Laura Rooney

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

November		Time	Reading
Monday	23		Isaiah 40.1-11, Ps 96, Revelation 14.1-13
Tuesday	24		Isaiah 40.12-26, Ps 97, Revelation 14.14-end of 15
Wednesday	25		Isaiah 40.27-41.7, Ps 112, Revelation 16.1-11
Thursday	26	10am	Isaiah 41.8-20, Ps 125, Revelation 16.12-end
Friday	27		Isaiah 41.21-42.9, Ps 139, Revelation 17

LOOKING AHEAD

November		Time	Event
Saturday	21	9.30am	Merstham Bellringers visit, Christ Church
Sunday	22	10.30am	Eucharist & Holy Baptism, Christ Church
Monday	23	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Tuesday	24	All day	Tree work by Moore's Tree Company, Christ Church (Tuesday 24, Wednesday 25 & Thursday 26 November)
Wednesday	25	7.30pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	26	All day	Parish Office closed
		10am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
Sunday	29	10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	30	11am	Advent Group, Christ Church
		7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
December		**Time**	**Event**
Tuesday	1	6pm	Advent Group, 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.