

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

CHRIST THE KING

24 NOVEMBER 2024

CHURCH SERVICES	
Holy Communion	Led by Revd Darren McCallig at 9am at St George's (SG)
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Reading, Prayers	Stephen Lee
Musician	Rowan Marshall
Eucharist & Holy Baptism (live streamed)	Led by Revd Darren McCallig at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Darren McCallig
Churchwardens	Helen Coulson
Sidespeople	Julia Forest, Janie McCulloch
Reading	Jill Woolgar
Refreshments	Sandra Argent, Sia Marshall
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane, Rowan Marshall
SERVICE MUSIC	
Opening music	<i>Plein Jeu from Suite de deuxième ton (Clérambault)</i>
SG & CC hymns	769, 663 (omit v3), 612
SG / CC settings	Addington / Coulson
Anthem	<i>Above all praise and all majesty (Mendelssohn)</i>
Closing music	<i>Carillon de Longpont (Vieme)</i>
THE COLLECT	
God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. Amen.	
THE 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 our Rector, Darren

My dear friends,


Today we mark the Feast of Christ the King and – in Christ Church – we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Baptism. This coincidence reminds us that to be baptised is, in a sense, to be a citizen of the Kingdom of God.

It is – by the grace of God – to be someone committed to a vision of the world where Christ is King and his values hold sway.

The former Dean of Westminster Abbey Michael Mayne – preaching some years ago at the baptism of his grandchildren on the Feast of Christ the King – underlined this point by describing the newly-baptised as not just members of the church, but as ‘agents of the Kingdom.’ He went on to describe the nature of this kingdom:

‘A Kingdom in which none is superior or inferior in worth, and the only privilege is serving others. A Kingdom in which each is valued not for what he or she has but for what he or she is: a unique child of God. A Kingdom in which we are called to see beyond the narrow loyalties of race or social class. For in the Kingdom the only solidarity that counts is that of our membership of the human race created in God’s likeness. And, not least, a Kingdom whose keynotes are listening to those with whom we disagree, and in which we must forgive and, on our part, learn to receive forgiveness.’

(To Trust and To Love)

God bless,


READING Revelation 1.4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.' I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

GOSPEL John 18.33-37

Pilate asked Jesus, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

PARISH NOTICES

Advent Appeal 2024 - Eikon is a Surrey-based charity helping children with mental health and wellbeing needs. Each year the organisation works with countless young people enabling them to feel safe, heard and supported. This year's Parish Advent Appeal will support Eikon's vital work. Please donate what you can via envelopes, online or by card.

Baptism - Jane Tyrrell's granddaughter Aylah is to be baptised this Sunday. Please stay and join the family afterwards to celebrate with a special cake.

Peace & Contemplation - The Wonder of Creation. Thursday 28 November, 8pm, at Christ Church. An evening of inspiring readings, beautiful music and reflective silence. All are welcome

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 - We'll be making crowns to celebrate Christ the King and Jesus as King of our Hearts. We'll also be looking forward to the start of advent and the new liturgical year by making crackers to pull on December 1.

Youth Group - For the final get-together on Sunday 1 December, 4.30-6pm, we'll have Christmassy-themed games and activities.

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.

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 last free event of 2024 will be our annual Come & Sing Carols on Wednesday 20 December, 1.15pm, when festive fayre will be served.

Christmas Shoeboxes - 'Link to Hope' is a Christian charity that organises an annual shoebox appeal for those living in difficult circumstances in Ukraine, Romania, Bulgaria and Moldova. To help, fill a shoebox with gifts and useful items for a family or an elderly person. Please bring your completed shoeboxes to church on Sunday.

Christmas Tree Lighting Up - Let's launch the season of good cheer on Friday 29 November at 5.30pm. Barisons Choir will be singing carols in our warm, candlelit church whilst mince pies and mulled wine are served. The Christmas Tree in Christ Church will be lit at 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome to this festive community event.

Christingle Service - This service will be on Sunday 1 December, 10.30am, in Christ Church. If you would like to help make our lovely Christingles, you're welcome to join us at 5pm on Friday 29 November, prior to the Christmas Tree Lighting Up.

Christmas Crazy Crafts - This will take place at the Lower Green Community Centre (Farm Road, Esher KT10 8AU) on Saturday 7 December, 10am-1pm. Entry is free and kids get a goodie bag and some festive fun!

Parish Christmas Lunch - Sunday 8 December at West End Village Hall, 1-4pm – £35pp with drinks generously provided by Sally and Tom Radford. See flyer for details and form.

Christmas Leaflet - We need to deliver our Christmas message to homes across Esher this week. Please contact Will Stevens or the Parish Office if you can help with any roads. All help will be appreciated.

After School - Parishioners Charlotte and Ben are looking for someone to collect their son (4 years old) from Esher Church School at 3.15pm and walk him home on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays (£30 a week). Please contact them on 07716 836803 for details.

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: Arthur Franklyn, Pauline Franklyn, John Simons, Florence Hooper Julian Molteno

RIP: Duncan Edge, Marny Park, Elizabeth Arnold, Joan Halward

Baptism: Aylah Lorraine Rooney

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

November		Time	Reading
Monday	25		Isaiah 40.1-11; Ps 96; Revelation 14.1-13
Tuesday	26		Isaiah 40.12-26; Ps 97; Revelation 14.14-end of 15
Wednesday	27		Isaiah 40.27-41.7; Ps 112; Revelation 16.1-11
Thursday	28	9.30-10.30am	Daniel 41.8-20; Ps 125; Revelation 16.12-end
Friday	29		Daniel 41.21-42.9; Ps 139; Revelation 17

LOOKING AHEAD

November		Time	Event
Sunday	24	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Eucharist & Holy Baptism, Christ Church
Monday	25	4pm	Book Group, Christ Church
		7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Tuesday	26	8pm	Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting, Christ Church
Wednesday	27	7pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	28	All day	Parish Office closed
		9.30am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
		8pm	Peace & Contemplation, Christ Church
Friday	29	5pm	Christingle Making, Christ Church
		5.30pm	Christmas Tree Lighting Up, 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 pewsheets by 10am on the preceding Tuesday. Thank you.