

PARISH OF ESHER

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

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

BIBLE SUNDAY

27 OCTOBER 2024

CHURCH SERVICES	
Holy Communion	Led by Revd Judith Roberts at 9am at St George's (SG)
Preacher	Revd Judith Roberts
Reading, Prayers	Charles Hawkshaw-Burn, Gerard Harper
Musician	Stuart Whatton
Parish Communion (live streamed)	Led by Revd Judith Roberts at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Judith Roberts
Churchwarden	Jane Tyrrell
Sidespeople	Karen Sarkissian, Valerie Msoka
Reading	Valerie Msoka, Jane Tyrrell
Refreshments	Isabel Consiglio, Wendy Tanqueray
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane
SERVICE MUSIC	
Opening music	<i>Chorale Prelude 'Herr Christ, der einzig Gottes Sohn', BuxWV 191 (Buxtehude)</i>
SG & CC hymns	387, 379, 384
SG / CC settings	Addington / Coulson
Post sermon music	<i>Canope - Preludes Book 2 no. 10 (Debussy)</i>
Anthem	<i>Locus iste (Bruckner)</i>
Closing music	<i>Allegro from Concerto no. 1 in G, BWV 592 (Bach/Ernst)</i>
THE COLLECT	
Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.	
THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER	
God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. 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 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5

Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

GOSPEL John 5.36b-end

Jesus said to the Jews:

I have a testimony greater than John's. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent. 'You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?'

ADDITIONAL LECTIONARY TEXTS

PSALM 19.7-end

7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? Cleanse me from my secret faults.


13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offence.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

READING Isaiah 55.1-11

The Lord says this:

Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.



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

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 the names of any family or friends they wish to have remembered. Alternatively, please email the names to the Parish Office.

Sunday School - We're making fun Halloween crafts, exploring the significance of this Christian festival and learning about two wonderful saints.

Youth Group - On Sunday 3 November, we'll meet at the Esher Adult Education Centre.

Book Group - In Christ Church on Monday 28 October, 4pm, we'll discuss Jonathan Coe's *Bourneville* – a journey of Britishness. Contact Revd Jonathan Andrew on 07968 765188.

Fellowship Group - The next meeting in Christ Church is on Wednesday 6 November, 10.30am.

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.

Sponsorship of a Ukrainian - A woman from Eastern Ukraine is seeking sponsorship to live and work here. For details please contact Paulina McGrocherty on 07771 763763.

Rector Update - We'll be welcoming Darren back on Tuesday 5 November. We ask he is given time to catch up and settle back in.

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. The collections will be donated to support the work of the Royal British Legion. Do join us in remembering all those who gave their today for our tomorrow.

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. Please see poster for details and how to book.

Music on the Green - October's concert saw the cellist Gabriel Francis-Dehqani with the pianist and composer Will Harmer perform a 20th & 21st century programme including a sonata composed by Will. The turnout of 105 included a class of GCSE Music pupils from Esher High School. As a total contrast our concert on Wednesday 20 November will feature the Phil Hopkins Jazz Trio in a programme entitled 'From Brazil to Broadway'.

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. See flyer for details and booking form.

Night Shelter Gourmet Dinner - This year's dinner, in aid of Molesey Churches Night Shelter, is on Friday 8 November at 7pm at East Molesey Cricket Club. The tickets, £49.50, include a three course meal with six matched wines. To book scan the code.



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, Marny Park
 RIP Anniversaries: Lucy Knight, Rosemary Saunders, Patrick Townend, Sheelagh Daley, Zak Gillard, Peter Knight, Richard Lindow, Susan Coulson, Irene Codd
 RIP: Vicky Jenkins, Duncan Edge

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Oct/Nov		Time	Reading
Monday	28		Wisdom 5.1-16; Ps 116; Luke 6.12-16
Tuesday	29		Judith 11; Ps 36; 2 Timothy 4.9-end
Wednesday	30		Judith 12; Ps 34; Titus 1
Thursday	31	9.30-10.30am	Judith 13; Ps 37; Titus 2
Friday	1		Wisdom 5.1-16; Ps 111; 2 Corinthians 4.5-12

LOOKING AHEAD

October		Time	Event
Sunday	27	2am	Greenwich Mean Time starts (clocks go back)
		9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
		12.15-1.15pm	Choir practice (sop/alto), Christ Church
Monday	28	4pm	Book Group, Christ Church
		7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Wednesday	30	7pm	Bellringing practice
Thursday	31	All day	Parish Office closed
		9.30am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
		6.30-7.30pm	Choir practice (basses), Christ Church
November		Time	Event
Sunday	3	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	All Age Eucharist, Christ Church
		4pm	All Souls' Service, Christ Church
		4.30pm	Youth Group, Esher Adult Education Centre

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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.