

Teme Valley South Churches

A community going forward with God

Christ the King. Sunday next before Advent. November 26th 2023

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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

First Reading

Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24

11 For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. 12 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. 13 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. 14 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. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. 16 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.

20 Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21 Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, 22 I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. 23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. 24 And I, the LORD, will be

their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Second Reading

Ephesians 1.15-23

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. 17 I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 20 God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. 22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to (Matthew 25.31- 46)

Glory to you O Lord

31 '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. 32 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, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 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; 35 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, 36 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.” 37 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? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” 40 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,[a] you did it to me.” 41 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; 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 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.” 44 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?” 45 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.” 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

***This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you O Christ***

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

For our prayers:

- We pray for the families and friends of all whose loved ones have died through war, conflict and violence. We continue to pray for all the peoples of Gaza, Israel and Ukraine and Russia, for all those affected by the continued fighting and for all in emergency rescue efforts. We pray for wisdom and integrity for world leaders, for peace in the world and for working together between nations.

- We pray for all peoples here at home and around the world experiencing adverse weather conditions and resulting emergencies due to climate change, with rising temperatures and sea levels, widespread floodings and forest fires. We

pray for those who have lost loved ones and for all whose homes are damaged and have found their businesses impacted. For the many emergency services responding to these disasters and for those supporting and helping people as they endeavour to rebuild their lives and communities.

- We pray for all who strive for peace and all who fight for justice. Help us, to work for a better tomorrow; and bring us all in the end, to the peace of your presence.

And we pray for the sick and recuperating, including:

- Grant Simmonds
- Anthea Speers
- Amber Beverley-Smith
- Neil Dodswell
- Dan Taylor
- May Rimmington

And we also pray for:

- David Spilsbury
- Terry Brown
- Grace Samuels
- Lawrence Speers
- Val Rabbit

Please pray for all the recently departed and for their families and friends.

Happenings in the Valley:

- Friday afternoons **4.00 - 4.30pm - Take Breath** silent prayer at Kyre Church

2nd & 3rd December - Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's Stanford

Services next Sunday 3rd December:

8.30 am - Stanford Said Holy Communion

4.00 pm - Stanford Carol Service with Posada Commissioning

Daily prayers via zoom continue throughout the week. Morning Prayer is at 9am and Night prayer (Compline) is at 7pm each evening.

If you would like to join us in any of these prayers or if you have any requests for prayers email

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