



Newsletter

16 & 23 November 2025



Hilda of Whitby AD 680 19 November

Catherine of Alexandria 4th century 25 November

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Services for Sunday 16 November 2025 Safeguarding Sunday

St Paul's 10am **Holy Communion** preside and preach: Revd Phil Cansdale Diocesan Director of Mission and Ministry

St Andrew's 11am **Holy Communion** preside and preach: Revd Avis Gordon

Services for Sunday 23 November 2025 Christ the King

St Paul's 10am **Holy Communion** preside Revd Mike Dyson, preach Dapo Ajibua

St Andrew's 11am **Holy Communion** preside and preach Revd Hilary Shedlock

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Readings for Sun 16 November Malachi 4: 1-2a (1) *The Great Day of the Lord*
Luke 21: 5-19 (2) *The destruction of Jerusalem foretold*
Readings for Sun 23 November Jeremiah 23: 1-9 (3) *The righteous branch of David*
Luke 23: 33-43 (4) *Crucifixion: Jesus and the 2 criminals*

Wed 19 Nov: Psalm 116:10-end; Luke 19:11-28 Wed 26 Nov: Psalm 110; Luke 21:12-19

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Revd Hilary explains the season of **Christ the King**:

As much as the shops like to tell us that it's Christmas, the time has not quite arrived for us to sing about baby Jesus in the manger, it isn't even Advent yet! Now is time to worship our fully revealed King, to think about what it means to have Christ reign over us.

Here in Britain we have a king, but Charles does not have ultimate power. However, there are people with power in this country. People in government and in business. There are also people behind the scenes: we might feel their power even if we don't know them. We may feel that we are driven by unknown forces and aspects of our lives may seem out of control.

As the world struggles with war, famine, and climate change; how do we consider how we are called to live as God's people? Are there really shortages or is God's abundance unevenly distributed? What is a useful response to the underlying issues of poverty, hunger, unclean water, violence and abuse of power? How do we get in on God's restorative justice?

The reign of Christ is the reign of peace. The question for the church is this: how do we live faithfully under His reign? Do we stand by and let national leaders direct us in the human understanding of power or do we stand up and look around until we discover a just approach to the troubles at hand?



Whether the crisis in our neighbourhood, our nation or our world is due to war, natural disaster, people dying violently, lack of work, prejudice, or trade policies, the call is to look to the underlying issues. At times we may be even called to upset the apple cart in order to empower all people as children of God.

Living under Christ's reign means we are called to stand behind those who model Christ example to love God and neighbour. We are called recognise the value God sees every human being and stand beside them. We are called to work towards justice and God's restoration for all people.

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In this **Season of Remembrance**: the thoughts of our Eco representative, Davina Heyhoe.

Petals and Rosemary For Remembrance

The piles diminish, and scatter with the passage of feet and time: their intensity fades. The old age questions – Who, What, When, Where, Why, can be framed in many ways. Them or us. Fight or flee. Then or now.

Near or Far. Good or evil. Substitute 'or' with 'and'. Is 'Why' getting lost?

Is 'Today' not the 'Tomorrow' envisaged by the 'Who' ?

Whatever 'why' is subscribed to, the world needs Rosemary for

Remembrance. As we remember in Bread and Wine, greater love has no man than this.

And a **prayer for peace** from Pastor Concord.



I pray the day will come, Lord, when I'll no longer need to pray for peace -

but that day's not today. So once again...I pray for an end to all

aggression, terrorism and violence and for peace between those nations still

at war...for a spirit of peaceful cooperation in and between the branches of

government, legislative, executive and judicial...for peace in our homes and

families and in the lives of those with no place to call home... for peace

among different religions that faith be the bond to bring us together...for

peace in my own life between me and those with whom I'm at odds...I pray for peace in the

hearts of us all: peace in our minds and peace in our thoughts, peace in our hearts and peace in

our souls, peace in our words and peace in our deeds, peace in our hopes, in our dreams and

our plans and peace between us and you, O Lord, the peace that is only yours to give, the peace

for which we hunger and thirst, the peace you pour forth from your heart, the peace we're called

to make and to share. Amen.

We pray for Trevor Bailey, on placement with us recently and recovering from a heart attack,

and for the family of Robert Walsh who died last week aged 103.

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News and events

103 shoeboxes were collected on 11 November. Thankyou to everyone who contributed goods, money or help in packing. Special thanks to Eileen and Chris for co-ordinating it.

Christmas events: tickets for our **Grand Christmas Raffle** will be on sale from Wednesday 3 December; bookings for the **Ladies Afternoon Tea** on 21 December to Anthea- £5 per person.

Christmas trees will be decorated for display at Time Out on 2 December.

Advent course with Revd Lisa Battye: 4 sessions beginning Monday 1 December 7pm at St Paul's: Three Women and a Baby. All welcome! Mince pies and mulled 'wine.'

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Next 2 weeks

Monday 17 November: PCC 7pm St Paul's

Tuesday 18 November: Time Out 1.30pm **Bible study** 8 7pm at St Paul's: Elijah

Wednesday 19 November: 10am at St Paul's: Holy Communion with Revd Mike Dyson.

Preacher: Canon Noel Proctor. **Parish Profile meeting** 7pm 5 Moorside Road

Tuesday 25 November: Bible study 9 7pm at St Paul's: Isaiah

Wednesday 26 November: 10am at St Paul's: Holy Communion with Revd **Lisa Battye**

Wednesday 26 November: 7pm at St Paul's **Pre-vacancy meeting** with PCC and Archdeacon



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