

**Services for Sunday 27th November
Advent Sunday**



Abbey: 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

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Team Service

Little Wittenham: 8.30 am Holy Communion

Warborough: 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Stadhampton: 9.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

NOTICES:

Babies and Toddler Time: In the Abbey



Wednesday
mornings 9.30 –
10.45 am
Parents,
grandparents and
carers are all
welcome.

Refreshments, toys and craft activities, music
and bible stories.

Further details are available from the Rev.
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Volunteering Opportunities:

Volunteer Reading Opportunities:

At ARCh (Assisted reading for children) there is
an urgent need for volunteer reading helpers for
children in Abbey Woods Primary in Berinsfield
and wonder whether you would be able to share
our appeal please? An enhanced DBS check will
be required. Further details are available on the
following website - www.archoxfordshire.org.uk

Church of England online services:

If you would like to see last week's service online,
please use the following link:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

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**Sunday 20th November
Christ the King
The Sunday next before Advent**

*Welcome to our service today, especially any who are
visiting us or are new parishioners. Please make
yourself known to the clergy or those on duty.*



The 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

Additional 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 Readings:

Old Testament: Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Restoration after Exile

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the
sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore,
thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning
the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you
who have scattered my flock, and have driven
them away, and you have not attended to them. So
I will attend to you for your evil doings, says
the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of
my flock out of all the lands where I have driven
them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and
they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up
shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and
they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor
shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The Righteous Branch of David

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

New Testament: Colossians 1: 11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Supremacy of Christ

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Gospel Reading: Luke 23: 33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.']] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

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

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Isaiah 2: 1-5
Romans 13: 11-14
Matthew 24: 36-44

For your prayers:

Today, loving God, we thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, whom we acknowledge as a King unlike most: our King, who serves us in love and humility, putting us before himself, even to death, and longing for our flourishing and fulfilment.

We pray for all who call themselves leaders in the world, that they will learn from Jesus how to serve those for whom they are responsible, by whom they are held accountable, and above all will know that, at the last they will answer to you for their actions. Give them courage to serve and wisdom to look long and wide in their decisions.

We pray for all who live in hard times, in the grip of famine and fear, of thirst and terror, of poverty and pain. Give us the grace and courage to serve our world in all its glorious diversity, never fearing to stand up for what is right, and never ceasing to offer life in all its fullness to those in need.

We pray for ourselves, for one another, for family and friends and neighbours. Help us to live as part of your world, as temporary travellers, finding places of rest but never truly at rest until, with everything you have created, we find our rest in you.

We pray for our own community and in our thoughts especially this week are all those living in Hanginglands Copse, Marsh Baldon and those living on Hartley Close, Warborough.

... and in preparation for Advent 1

God of Abraham and Sarah,
and all the patriarchs of old,
you are our Father too.

Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of David. Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth to make our hearts ready for your Holy Spirit to make his home among us.

We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the light who is coming into the world.

Amen.

