

The Greenway Benefice Sunday Sheet

Holy Trinity Badgeworth, St Paul's Shurdington, and St Mary's Witcombe with Bentham

(Sunday services, readings and prayers are on this sheet, please look in the Three in One for other news and notices)*

Sunday 23rd November 2025

Christ the King

Today's Services:

10.30am St Mary's Benefice Holy Communion

*This will be the only service in the Benefice today-
all welcome.*

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.

Lectionary Readings

Jeremiah 23.1-6

Restoration after Exile

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the
sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. ²Therefore, 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. ³Then 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. ⁴I 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. ⁶In 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.'

Psalm 46

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, •
a very present help in trouble;
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be
moved, •
and though the mountains tremble in the heart of the
sea;
- 3 Though the waters rage and swell, •
and though the mountains quake at the towering seas.
- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of
God, •
the holy place of the dwelling of the Most High.
- 5 God is in the midst of her;
therefore shall she not be removed; •
God shall help her at the break of day.
- 6 The nations are in uproar and the kingdoms are
shaken, •
but God utters his voice and the earth shall melt away.
- 7 The Lord of hosts is with us; •
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 8 Come and behold the works of the Lord, •
what destruction he has wrought upon the earth.
- 9 He makes wars to cease in all the world; •
he shatters the bow and snaps the spear
and burns the chariots in the fire.
- 10 'Be still, and know that I am God; •
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth.'
- 11 The Lord of hosts is with us; •
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Colossians 1.11-20

¹¹May 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 ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled
you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.
¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and
transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in
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; ¹⁶for 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. ¹⁷He
himself is before all things, and in him all things hold
together. ¹⁸He 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. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and 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

³³When 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. [[³⁴Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.']] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And 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!' ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' ³⁸There 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!' ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?' ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' ⁴²Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' ⁴³He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

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This week's prayers

Please remember in your prayers:

- Those living in Whitelands Lane.

PCC secretaries: Antoinette Wilson, Lisa Pearson, Sue Padfield

- We are also praying for the people of Ukraine and the Middle East, that they may freely live in peace.

Shurdington Primary School

We are continuing our school links, and we pray for the staff and pupils. This term's school value is Thankfulness.

Our Frontline Prayer

We thank you, Heavenly Father, for the gift of this community. We commend one another to you on our different frontlines.

Wherever we are, whatever we do, whoever we are, may the Holy Spirit guide us in all things so that we may do God's will in the world, in the service of Jesus Christ and with great joy. Amen

In Church next week

Sunday 30th November Advent Sunday

10am St Paul's Primary school

3pm Witcombe Village Hall Make your own Christingle service

ECO tip for November

Measure your carbon footprint.

Take an audit of your individual or household carbon footprint and repeat each year to see if you can reduce it! There are lots of ways to do this, from switching energy suppliers to changes in your diet. Some great tools to use are available, <https://www.climatestewards.org/carbon-calculators/> offers a specific resource for households. As you look at different areas of your life, offer each area or action to God as an offering.