

Sunday

23 November 2025

Christ the King

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.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 23:1-6

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

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 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."

PSALM Psalm 46

R *The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.*

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble;

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains tremble in the heart of the sea; **R**

Though the waters rage and swell,
and though the mountains quake at the towering seas.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place of the dwelling of the Most High. **R**

God is in the midst of her;
therefore shall she not be removed;
God shall help her at the break of day.
The nations are in uproar and the kingdoms are shaken,
but God utters his voice and the earth shall melt away. **R**

Come and behold the works of the Lord,
what destruction he has wrought upon the earth.

He makes wars to cease in all the world;
he shatters the bow and snaps the spear
and burns the chariots in the fire.
"Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth." **R**

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:11-20

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Brothers and sisters: 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. 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.

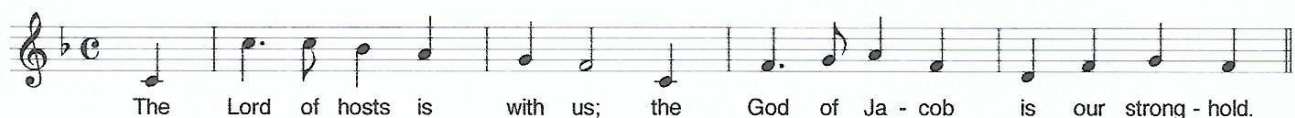
GOSPEL Luke 23:33-43

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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." Jesus replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

POST COMMUNION

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.



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the weekly newsletter of
Sharing God's Love
Welcome to all!



Diary Dates for Sunday 23rd November 2025 onwards

Sun 23 rd	Christ the King/1st Before Advent		
	9.00am 10.30am	St M St G	Parish Eucharist Parish Eucharist; Welcomer: Margaret, Crucifer: Sylvia E, Readers: Lynne & Jonathan T, Intercessions: Sylvia C, Coffee: Glenice and Joceline
Mon 24 th	5.00pm 7.15pm	Zoom SH	Evening Prayer Youth Club
Tue 25 th	9.30am 10.00am 1.30pm 5.00pm	SH LC MH LC	Coffee Pot Parish Eucharist Fun and Free Evening Prayer
Wed 26 th	8.15am 5.00pm	Zoom LC	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
Thu 27 th	10.30am 10.30am 2.00pm 5.00pm	St M SH SH LC	Parish Eucharist Thursday Club Art Group Evening Prayer
Fri 28 th			
Sat 29 th	10.00am 12.00am	ST G ST G	Christmas Craft Fayre preparations volunteers for setting up please! Christmas Craft Fayre, please join us where you will find something for everyone!
Sun 30 th	Advent Sunday		
	10.30am 5.00pm	St G ST M	Parish Eucharist; Welcomer: Erna, Crucifer: Roger, Readers: Stuart & Sylvia E, Intercessions: Susan, Coffee: Sylvia E Darkness into Light: St Margaret's will be in complete darkness at the start of our service and will gradually fill with light as the service progresses a symbolic representation of hope emerging from darkness.

St G = St George's, St M = St Margaret's, MH = Main Hall, SH = Small Hall, SL = Softley Lounge, LC = Lady Chapel

We pray for: Peter, George, Terry, Phil, Sarah, Andy and children, Paul and children.

Recently Departed: Sarah Medwell

Hymns at St George's: 104 Christ Triumphant: 137 Crown him with many crowns: 375 King of Glory: 503 O Jesus I have promised.

Christmas Hampers: As a church in Tuffley, we are collecting for hampers for schools again; there are still some sheets at the back of St George's Church.

The farewell to Archdeacon Hilary is in the Cathedral Today at 3.00pm; everyone is welcome.

December Crossroads: Available TODAY.

Christmas Craft Fair is NEXT SATURDAY 29th November; 12.00noon until 3.00pm: We are still happy to receive donations of **BOTTLES** for the Tombola, **PRIZES** for the Raffle and **CAKES** for the Cake stall. It's not too late to put your name down to help! Have you returned your raffle tickets stubs and money yet? **See Darrell for more raffle tickets - £1.00 each.**

Explore Christmas: We will be welcoming some local schools into church during week commencing 8th December, if you could help in any way please sign up.

It's the Foodbank Anniversary Event in Gloucester Cathedral Chapter House on Tuesday 2nd December; from 2.00pm until 4.00pm: Please contact by email manager @gloucester.foodbank.org.uk if you are interested. There is a green collection tray at the back of St George's Church. This week the Foodbank are in **URGENT** need of: **Cat and Dog food, Cooking sauce in jars, Long-life milk, Sugar, Tin of custard, of fruit, of ham, of meat, of rice pudding and of vegetables.** Or you can check for the latest needs on www.gloucester.foodbank.org.uk Thank you.

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