St. Mary's, Waterloo Park

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22nd November
Christ the King
Sunday and Weekday Service

Welcome!

The 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.

Hymns
103 Christ triumphant ever reigning
205 From heaven you came
715 The king of love my shepherd is
150 Crown him with many crowns

First Reading, *Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24*
For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. 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. 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. 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. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. 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. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Second Reading, *Ephesians 1.15-end*

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. 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, 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, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 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, 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. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Gospel, *Matthew 25.31-end*

'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. 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, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 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; 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, 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." 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? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" 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, you did it to me." 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; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 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." 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?" 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." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

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.

Intercessions

The World: For peace in all areas of conflict in the world. For those affected by fires, floods and earthquakes. For emergency workers

working in disaster areas. For refugees, asylum seekers and agencies that help them. For good stewardship of the earth and its resources.

The Church: The unity of all Christians everywhere. Archbishops Stephen and Sarah, Bishop Ruth, Bishop Simon, Archdeacon Pete, Interim Area Dean Louis. Churches in the South Sefton Deanery, Our Larger Single Parish, Christ the River of Life and local ecumenical partners.

The Diocese: Transport: Railway Mission, Seafarers, Waterways, Services: Merseyside Police, Cheshire Police, Merseyside Fire, Cheshire Fire, Church Army, Wigan Veterans, Mission in the Economy, The Ascension, Woolston, Birchwood School, Woolston, St Paul, Penketh, Birchwood, Church of The Transfiguration, St Philip Westbrook, St James Westbrook, St Phillip's, St James School.

For those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit: Hewie, Graham Forrest, Olga Gregor, Jess Farrell, Edith Keeton, Joy Billington, Revd. Gregor Cuff, Michael Mahon.

For the recently departed: Paul St John Lynch.

For the departed remembered at this time: Margaret Cooper, Hubert Taylor, Ivy Taylor, Rosemary Tracey, Albert Sinclair, Dorothy Edmondson, Dorothy Halton, Delia McKenna, Betty Wilson, Michael Jones, Tom Ellis, Frederick Holbrow, Rita Carr, Eunice Llewellyn.

Notices

- **Sefton Churches' Christmas Toy Appeal:** The annual toy appeal is once again being facilitated by St Nicholas's Church this year. Hardships faced by families continue, and donations will be gratefully received. We need new toys for children of all ages. Gift vouchers are helpful as gifts for the teenagers. Please do not wrap the gifts as they need to be sorted for age groups and gender. If

you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Liz Sinker on 07796628901 / alsinker@hotmail.com.

We will be collecting for this appeal during our service on **Sunday 29th November,** so please do bring donations along, and we will arrange for them to be delivered to St Nicholas' Church.

Events

- **Advent Course:** Peter Walker will be leading an Advent Course in St Mary's meeting room, beginning at **2:30pm** on **Monday 23rd November** – it will run for four Mondays. Each meeting will end at approx. 4:00pm and will be followed by Evening Prayer, for those who wish to stay. Each week we will explore one of the Advent themes of **Hope, Peace, Joy** and **Love.** The sessions will include prayer, personal reflection and Bible study and seek to link them to both Christ's mission and to our own understanding of his call to us. If you can, bring a Bible, a pen and some paper - but most of all, an open mind!

Services at St Mary's	
This Sunday 10:00am, Eucharist **Christ the King**	Peter Cowley Iona Morphet
Monday – Thursday, 5:00pm **Evening Prayer**	
Monday, 2:30pm **Advent Group**	Peter Walker
Wednesday, 10:30am **Eucharist**	Peter Walker
Thursday, 9:45am **Churches Together Crosby Ecumenical Prayers**	Judith Aveling

Next Sunday 10:00am, Café Style Eucharist **First Sunday of Advent**	Peter Walker

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