Sunday 22nd November 2026 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

Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24

A Reading from the Prophet Ezekiel

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.

Psalm Psalm 95. 1-7

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving and be glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth and the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have moulded the dry land.

Come, let us worship and bow down and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is our God; we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1.15-23

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

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 25.31–46

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

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.

Services this week:

Sunday 22nd November Christ the King
10am Sung Mass with Baptisms
Refreshments are available after this service, please do stay and join us.
Tuesday 24th November
10am Said Mass
10.30am - 12pm Tea & Toast
Wednesday 25th November
7pm Lectio Divina
Thursday 26th November
12-2pm Soup and a Roll
Sunday 29th November First Sunday of Advent
10am Sung Mass
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Your prayers are asked at this time for:

All those who are sick or in any kind of need

Those who have recently Departed:

Those whose anniversary of death occurs at about this time:

Notices

Fundraising: We currently have the **50/50 Raffle on a monthly basis, £1 per ticket** (you can have as many tickets as you want), the prize money being split between the roof fund and the winning ticket number, the next draw will take place on **Sunday 29th November.**

Porch Pantry: We are currently in desperate need of Tuna, Crisps, Biscuits, Pot Noodles, Pasta, Custard, Microwave Rice, Christmas Treats including Selection Boxes (Small).

Tea & Toast: We will be serving Tea (or coffee) and Toast (with jam or marmalade) from 10.30am on a Tuesday Morning, please do come and join us, and why not bring a friend as well.

Children's Society Collection Boxes If you have one of these at home, please can you return it by Sunday 29th November, so that they can be counted and money sent off by the end of the year.

St Nicholas School Christmas Fete: Friday 4th December. The event will be held after school. Doors open at 3.25pm, until around 5pm. Please do go along and support if you are able.

Save the Date for our 3 Day Christmas Tree Festival 4th - 6th December 2026: This year we will once again be holding a 3 day Christmas Tree Festival. There are sign up sheets on the table at the back of church for us all to take our part and to help serve refreshments, work on stalls etc. Please do consider seriously how you can help at some stage over these three days so that we can encourage members of the community to come and join us. In readiness for our stalls at this event we are in need of **donations of bottles for the Bottle Stall (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic inc. sauces etc), and Raffle Prizes,** there are boxes at the back of church to put your bottles in, **Grand Draw Tickets are also available for you to sell, please do take your envelope.**

Post-Christmas Church Lunch – Would You Like to Join Us? We are thinking about organising a Post-Christmas Church Lunch at a local pub on Sunday 10th January 2027 for our church family. It would be a lovely opportunity to get together after the Christmas festivities, enjoy some good food and share friendship as we welcome in the New Year. Before making any arrangements, we would like to see how much interest there is. If you would be interested in coming along, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of church by Sunday 6th December. There is no commitment at this stage – we are simply gauging numbers before deciding whether to go ahead. It would be lovely to enjoy some time together over a meal!

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