

The Parish of S. Philip & S. James Up Hatherley



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Christ the King

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#### Father's Mark...



The Feast of **Christ the King** always marks the end of the Christian year, being the Sunday before the beginning of Advent.

#### The origins of the Feast

In December 1925, Pope Pius XI announced a new Feast of Christ the King in his encyclical Quas Primas. The Supreme Pontiff made it clear that the purpose of the new celebration was not merely to honour Christ's Kingship, but to encourage individuals, families and entire societies to submit to the yoke of Christ the King. After a beautiful reflection on how Jesus Christ exercises full judiciary, executive and legislative power over all of mankind, the Pope added, 'It would be a grave error...to say that Christ has no authority whatever in civil affairs, since, by virtue of the absolute empire over all creatures committed to Him by the Father, all things are in His power.'

According to Quas Primas, the 'pest of our age' is

secularism (laicismus), the attempt to build society without God. Secularism began with a political curtailment of the Church's ability to govern

her flock with respect to their eternal salvation and escalated into either the subordination of the Church to a powerful State or outright persecution. The result of the secular marginalisation of 'Jesus Christ and His holy law', the Pope argued, is constant war between nations, an assault on the family, domestic strife, insatiable greed and a blind and immoderate selfishness—'in a word, society shaken to its foundations and on the way to ruin'.

According to the teaching of Pius XI, the solution to this plague is to 'look for the peace of Christ in the Kingdom of Christ' by recognising, 'both in private and in public life, that Christ is King'. When this happens, 'society will at last receive the great blessings of real liberty, well-ordered discipline, peace and harmony. Our Lord's regal office invests the human authority of princes and rulers with a religious significance; it ennobles the citizen's duty of obedience.' It was to facilitate this solution to modernity's ills that Pius XI instituted a feast in honour of Christ the King, 'that the kingship of our Saviour should be as widely as possible recognised and understood'.

The Feast of Christ the King, then, is designed to instruct the minds of the faithful about the social reign of Jesus Christ and to warn them of the errors of secularism. But it is also designed to move and strengthen their hearts.

Without saying it in so many words, the Pope was just as concerned about the silence of the good as he was about the ideological delusions of the bad.

Secularism thrives on the cowardliness of the pious; it sets a public tone of silence about God and then twists that silence into a form of acquiescence and even apostasy. Pius XI's response to this hostile silent treatment is not the further privatisation of religion or more 'dialogue'. It is a rebel yell:

'While nations insult the beloved name of our Redeemer by suppressing all mention of it in their conferences and parliaments, we must all the more loudly proclaim His kingly dignity and power, all the more universally affirm His rights.'

The Feast of Christ the King is designed not to recover an ancient régime or to establish a theocracy or even necessarily a Catholic confessional state, but to embolden Christians to march into whatever public square in which they find themselves a part and declare Christ's gentle but firm sovereignty over their society. In sum, the exhortatory goal of the Feast of Christ the King is the renewal of a Christian public spiritedness that can meet the political and social challenges of the age and work manfully towards the inner transformation of contemporary society.

#### The date of the Feast

Pius assigned the Feast of Christ the King to the last Sunday of October. The Holy Father wanted it to fall on a Sunday so that not only the clergy, but the laity could fully participate in it. And he wanted it on the last Sunday of October for two reasons. Firstly, by being near the end of the liturgical year, the feast 'sets the crowning glory upon the mysteries of the life of Christ already commemorated during the year'. Secondly, by celebrating it before All Saints' Day on 1st November, 'we proclaim and extol the glory of Him who triumphs in all the Saints and in all the Elect'.

In 1970, the date of the Feast of Christ the King was moved to the final Sunday of Ordinary Time ('the Sunday next before Advent'). The new date of the Feast affirms the triumph of Christ the King over all things at the end of time and serves as a fitting capstone to the season of Ordinary Time, which began in January after the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord (in the Roman Catholic liturgical

calendar) or after The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (in the Anglican liturgical calendar). Thus configured, Ordinary Time is 'book-ended' by the beginning and end of Christ's ministry.

As we move towards the end of this present Christian year let us reflect on the past, how we have served Christ and others in our lives. To look to the future in how we might serve better our neighbours around our broken world as well as here at home and by doing so serve Christ our King.

Father Mark

## Church Calendar November 2025

Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> SUN 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	ALL SAINTS (transferred to Sun) ALL SOULS DAY (transferred to Mon) (S. Martin de Porres Rel.) S. Charles Borromeo B. Feria	The Church Triumphant The Church Expectant Social Justice Catechesis Doctors
Thurs 6th	S. Leonard, Rel.	Prisoners of War
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	S. Willibrord B.	Apostle to the Frisians
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup>	ALL SAINTS OF ENGLAND	Our National Saints
SUN 9th	32 <sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY of the Year	The Parish
	Remembrance Sunday	The Fallen
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	S. Leo the Great Pp & Dr.	The Council of Chalcedon
Tues 11th	S. Martin of Tours B	Rural Communities
Wed 12th	Feria	Teaching the Faith
Thurs 13th	Feria	Care of the Elderly
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	Medical Practitioners
Sat 15th	Feria	The Armed Forces
SUN 16th	33rd SUNDAY of the Year	The Parish
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	Refugees
Tues 18th	Feria	The oppressed
Wed 19th	Feria	Captives
Thurs 20th	S. Edmund M	Those without Faith
Fri 21st	Feria	Mountain Climbers
Sat 22nd	S. Cecilia V & M	Music & Musicians
SUN 23rd	SOLEMNITY of CHRIST the KING	The Parish
Mon 24th	Feria	The Angels
Tues 25th	S. Catherine of Alexandria V & M	Interfaith Relations
Wed 26th	Feria	Families & Young People
Thurs 27th	Feria	Respect for the earth
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	Places of Education
Sat 29th	Feria	Places of Education

ADVENT 1 SUNDAYS: 10:00 Parish Mass

SUN 30th

Said Mass on Thursdays at 10:00. WEEKDAYS:

> For times of other services please see the church notice board or visit our parish website.

The Parish

The church is open daily for Private Prayer.



## **ALL SOULS' DAY MASS**

This is a day of prayer and remembrance for the faithful departed.

It is a day when we remember those family and friends who have died and those who have died as a result of conflict and war.

There will be a Mass in S. Philip & S. James Church on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 18.00.

If you have a family member or friend you would like to remember please print their name on the prayer board in the church lobby by Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

Our prayers remind us that we are joined with the Communion of Saints, those who have finished their earthly life and with whom we share the hope of the Resurrection of the Dead.

## The Years Mind

Every day the Church remembers and prays for the souls of those whose anniversary of death falls during the month. Below are those who we remember this month.



- 1st Dennis Gilbert Parratt.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sydney Birt, Tia Nadine Organ, Nicolas John Clay, Ronald Henry House. Elizabeth Kocis.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Andy Mansell.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Beatrice Martin, George Derek Bogle.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Allan Lloyd Whittern.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Stuart Charles Leithead.
- 11th Tony Waters, Joyce Marie Cook.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Christopher David Edwards, John Anthony Ford, Pamela Mary Beattie.
- 13th Pete Trower.
- 14th Richard William Roberts.
- 15th George H. Brooke (Pr)
- 16<sup>th</sup> Iris Florence Eileen Matson.
- 17<sup>th</sup> Charles George Oaker, William Albert Le-Mons Townsend.
- 18th Jessie Allen, Bob Taylor.
- 19th Thomas Edward Barker, Doris Ellen Willis.
- 21st William Dowson, Agnes May Trickett.
- 22nd Robert Wright.
- 23rd Mary Little.
- 25<sup>th</sup> William Sealey, Leonard Maurice Budd, Jack Reginald Taylor.
- 26<sup>th</sup> Edward Percy Bushell, William John Ricketts, Edward John Cull, Alan William Raybould.
- 27<sup>th</sup> Ada Beatrice Lewis.
- 28th Peter Link.
- 29<sup>th</sup> Roland Christopher Cotter.
- 30th Moryn Hunt.



## Parish Supper Night & Bingo.

Thursday 27th November at 1900

in S. Philip & S. James Church Centre, Hatherley Road.

Meal: £5. Cottage Pie.

25p per Bingo card.

£1 per strip of Raffle tickets.

For catering purposes please reserve a meal by **23rd November** by contacting: <a href="mailto:cw2811sil@gmail.com">cw2811sil@gmail.com</a> or telephoning **01242 704837**.



## Saints Above

#### SAINT CECILIA, VIRGIN & MARTYR.

#### PATRONESS OF MUSICIANS



S. Cecilia lived during the reign of the emperor Alexander Severus in the 3rd century. A noble lady born to a wealthy Roman family. She vowed her virginity to Christ, but her parents married her off anyway. She then converted her husband to the Christian faith, and he in turn respected her virginity and converted his brother.

The story of how she converted her husband, Valerian, is quite remarkable. On her wedding night she made her vow known to him and informed him that an angel guarded her purity. Her husband replied that he would believe her and honour her vow if he could also see her angel. She sent him to Pope S. Urban (223-230), who baptized him; and when he returned, he saw Cecilia praying in her chamber, and an angel by her with flaming wings, holding two crowns of roses and lilies, which he placed on their heads, and then vanished.

Shortly after, Tibertius, the brother of Valerian, entered, and wondered at the fragrance and beauty of the flowers at that season of the year. When he heard the story of how they had obtained these crowns, he also consented to be baptized.

After their baptism the two brothers devoted themselves to burying the martyrs slain daily by the prefect of the city, Turcius Almachius. This was illegal and they were arrested and brought before the prefect, and when they refused to sacrifice to the gods were executed with the sword. In the meantime, S. Cecilia, by preaching had converted four hundred persons, whom Pope Urban baptized. There are several stories told about how Cecilia was martyred, each as gruesome as the next, and somewhat varying in believability...

According to legend, S. Cecilia was not martyred easily. They first attempted to suffocate her, but it did not affect her. When Almachius heard this he sent an executioner to cut off her head. The man struck thrice without being able to sever the head from the trunk. He left her bleeding, and she lived three days.

Crowds came to her and she preached to them or prayed and fellow Christians collected her blood in sponges and napkins as relics. At the end of that period she died and was buried by Pope Urban and his deacons.

The story of Saint Cecilia is one of courage, evangelization, and love of God in the midst of persecution and strife. She is one of seven women, excluding the Blessed Virgin, commemorated by name in the Canon of the Mass.

When S. Cecilia was married against her will, she sat apart at her wedding, singing 'in her heart' to God as the musicians played. And it was this act that would later earn her the patronage of music.

S. Cecilia's Day is celebrated each year on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, with music-making in honour of the patron saint of music held annually. The first report of a music festival held in her honour was in Normandy in 1570. Many composers, including Purcell, and Britten (who himself was fittingly born on S. Cecilia's Day), have written works in S. Cecilia's honour.

Musicians' charity Help Musicians host an annual celebration of S. Cecilia, which usually takes place at Westminster Abbey, S. Paul's Cathedral or Westminster Cathedral, and features their great choirs and other wonderful musicians and guests.

For 2020, in the face of the coronavirus pandemic, the celebration went ahead – but online. The charity partnered with Cathedral Music Trust, which supports cathedrals and choral music in the UK and beyond, to showcase wonderful and poignant performances and messages in a time that's tested the classical music world.

The celebration featured performances by Westminster Cathedral Choir, Gloucester Cathedral Choir and British soprano Natalya Romaniw, as well as appearances from composer and conductor John Rutter, Help Musicians ambassador Isata Kanneh-Mason, and president of Cathedral Music Trust, Harry Christophers.

S. Cecilia is typically portrayed in art, statues, rosaries, and medals with a harp or other musical instruments. S. Cecilia's gifts remind us to invoke her prayers for all those musicians lifting their talents up to God.

Her final resting place is Santa Cecilia in Trastevere, a 5<sup>th</sup> century church in Rome.



## S. PHILIP & S. JAMES, UP HATHERLEY CHRISTMAS HAMPERS RAFFLE

## TICKETS £1

#### **NOW AVAILABLE**

Contact: <a href="mailto:cw2811sjl@gmail.com">cw2811sjl@gmail.com</a> or 01242 704837

Please see either Karen Sargison or Shirley Little for financial donations to purchase items or gifts of biscuits, chocolate, jams, chutney, wine, savoury & Christmas puddings for the hampers.

They would be gratefully received.



## SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2025 in S. Philip & S. James Church Centre Up Hatherley at 19:00.

Christmas Quiz - Teams of 6 max. Supper: Steak Pie & Mash.

(Vegetarian option available on booking)

BYOB. (Soft drinks available to purchase)

£7 Adults & £5 Children.

#### To enter either:

Sign up in church lobby; call 01242 704837, or email: <a href="mailto:cw2811sjl@gmail.com">cw2811sjl@gmail.com</a>

## From the Diocese.

# Awe, light and cheer at Festival of Wonder 2025

Anticipation is building for Stroud's annual Festival of Wonder, held in St Laurence Church: a celebration designed to help recapture a sense of awe and wonder of God's creation, bringing light, cheer and wonder to the darkness of winter.

Now in its fourth year, the festival will run from 21 to 23 November, bringing together both professional and amateur performances of music, drama, comedy, and circus. There will also be workshops, children's activities, a creche, a reflective space, the famous Wall of Wonder, food, warmth, and community.

Almost all the events are free and suitable for all ages.

Bryan Court, chair of the Festival of Wonder operations team, said:

"The festival is a gift to our community and the ethos behind it is to encourage a reimagining of what Church could be like, and certainly how the church building might be used to the benefit the whole community. Unfortunately, a lot of people consider church buildings as dark and unfriendly spaces – somewhere you go for funerals or weddings, and often where fundraising is a predominant feature. Our hope is the festival will challenge some of these misconceptions and may just spark in some people the beginning of a journey of faith."

One of the highlights is a trapeze performance inside the church. "It really does encourage people to view the church in a fresh way," Bryan said.

This year's storyline is based on the parable of the Pearl of Great Price, symbolising the pricelessness of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Inclusivity is a key aspect of the festival, with two free Relaxed Performances for people with additional needs.

"For these two shows, the circus performance is

adjusted in a way that makes it accessible to those whose needs are special, whether it be a physical disability or a neurodiverse factor where sometimes just the sheer excitement of being in a crowded place can be overwhelming," Bryan said.

Throughout the weekend there will be chaplains and a quiet space for reflection so that people can make sense of all that they have seen and experienced.

The festival partners with the Diocese of Gloucester, receiving support through the LIFE Together Fund and other donors.

Kathryn Warner, Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Officer, said: "Festival of Wonder is very grateful for the funding they've received from the Diocesan LIFE Together Fund to both invest in delivering this year's event, and in developing opportunities to grow and develop over the coming years, in partnership with colleagues across the diocese. They have also received funding from Sylvanus Lysons towards this year's event."



## CHRISTINGLE SERVICES

## at S. Philip & S. James Church.

Families with young children are invited to a Christingle Service

on

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm

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Sunday 14th December at 4pm

All Welcome.

Please remember to bring your Christingles to the service. If you don't know how to make a Christingle, see our parish magazine online.

There will be a retiring collection.

## What Do You Need to Make a Christingle?

An orange.

Red ribbon or sticky red tape.

4 cocktail sticks.

Soft sweets.

A small piece of silver foil.

A small candle.

#### How to Create a Christingle

- 1 Take an orange and make a hole in the top of your orange.
- 2 Wrap your piece of red ribbon or red sticky tape around the middle of the orange.
- 3 Place the small square piece of silver foil over hole, (this is to catch any dripping wax) and wedge the candle through the foil into the hole of the orange.
- 4 Carefully skewer the soft sweets onto one end of the four cocktail sticks.
- 5 Insert the opposite end of the four cocktail sticks evenly into the orange around the middle of the candle.

Having made your Christingle why not attend our Church Christingle Service and enjoy learning what they symbolise?





## 'STARTERS'

Our Sunday morning children's group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 10:00 in the Church Centre.

Worship & activities before joining the adults in Church for the rest of the Mass.

Go to our website:

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/14268 for weekly children's activity sheets.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU.

## Puzzle Time

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Advent Cenotaph Leo the Great St Andrew All Saints Day Citrine Memorial St Celia All Souls Day Diwali Thanks Giving Mists Armistice Fallen Leaves Peony The Fall Fireworks Poppies **Thirty Days** Autumn

Bonfire Night Guy Fawkes Remembrance Topaz

## Up Hatherley Parish Council

It's that time of the year when articles for our Parish magazine need to be submitted and Peter Worsley, my Vice Chairman is putting together the 65<sup>th</sup> edition and his 19<sup>th</sup> edition as editor – despite a difficult year with his health. I am really grateful for the service he



has given the Parish, as well as his services to Education and to the YMCA.

I reported previously that, as a result of Peter's campaigning, that we have a path and a safe crossing at the top of Sunnyfield Lane. We now have a restored bench (thanks to my son) and it has a plaque on it which reads "Peter's Path: Celebrating our Vice Chairman Peter Worsley, whose many achievements with the YMCA and the Parish Council include this excellent path".



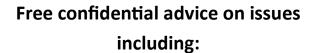
As I was writing my articles for the Record magazine, I also noted that the 2 o'clock club at the Village Hall is in its third year and has had an excellent fund raising year, with over £2,000 going to Lakeside Community Project, Macmillan, Sue Ryder, SSAFA and other charities, as well as providing an excellent social opportunity for guests to enjoy tea at the hall.

Sarah Bamford (Chair)

Citizens Advice provides an appointment only advice service on Thursday morning at the Up Hatherley Library.



# Please call 01452 527202 to arrange an appointment:





\*Benefits \* Employment

\*Housing \* Debt \* Family \* Consumer



The winners of the October Draw were

1st Prize = Sheila Watkins 2nd Prize = Bob Donnelly 3rd Prize = Bob Donnelly

The next Draw will be held on November 9th 2025

## Gardening News

The early days of October swept through and in Gloucestershire we were nudged by the edge of Hurricane

Amy as it headed north. Generally, the days were kind and the bedding plants continued to perform and most notably Dahlias have been wonderful. The colour is changing though, and leaves are falling and so will begin the big clean up. If you haven't done so already get lifting any bedding that you might wish to keep. The geraniums have been great but will want shelter if you hope to keep them for next year. Having mentioned Dahlias, they too will need lifting or very generously mulching. If you have any Busy Lizzies or Begonias (whilst you will not want to save them all) pot one or two for the kitchen window sill. They will give some extended performance across the next couple of months. The more garden debris you can get to the compost heap the better but do be mindful of the fact that vermin enjoy the warmth of the heap and I have already had rats to attend to. You can include a bit of pruning in the tidying plan, with fruit trees and roses coping with a restorative trim, clipping out the dead, broken or overcrowded growth of trees and shrubs. Keep it gentle, you are just protecting the integrity of plants if the weather turns rough. Check out supporting structures too, rickety trellis, canes and tree stakes all want to be stable. I am still playing with a few salad bits from seed (if you like radishes, try a few in a large pot with a bit of shelter, they romp. The big deals on the vegetable front now are the Aquadulce broad beans and garlic. You certainly need to crack on with the beans, they will sulk a bit once the ground becomes cold and soggy (but they are certainly worth the trouble). Garlic benefits from late planting, the bulb deciding it's time to grow, once it has had a bit of cold. Cloves grow well in slightly lighter ground and are easy. Just break off the cloves from the bulb and pop them in pointed end upwards. In the flower borders you can still be planting bulbs and pansies.

And finally, bare root hedging will be available in the coming days and if you are after a hedge, bare is best and cheapest.

Happy Gardening

Chris Evans

## Recipe for the Month

#### **ROCK BUNS**

Makes 12

225gms Self Raising Flour

100gms Brown Sugar

100gms Butter/Margarine

100gms Currants

1 Egg

A little milk

Put flour and sugar into a bowl and rub in the butter

Mix in the currants

Mix to a stiff dough with the egg and a little milk if needed

Place in 12 rough heaps on a greased baking sheet

Bake 200C 425F Gas mark 7-8 For approx. 20 minutes

#### **CHURCH CENTRE HIRE**



We are pleased to be able to offer the following availability for the regular hire of our Church Centre:

**Mondays**: from 09:00 – 16:00.

Wednesdays: from 09:00 - 16:00.

**Thursdays**: from 13:00 – 21:00.

Fridays: from 16:00 - 21:00.

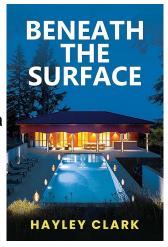
For full details of availability and features please contact Father Mark, Parish Priest, on **01242 704837**.



# Beneath the Surface by Hayley Clark

This is a debut novel by a Gloucester writer, who I met many years ago, who has pulled off the feat of writing a book, whilst being in full time employment in the UK charity sector.

The story is about three friends whose lives are very different. They meet together, talk and support one



another usually in the sauna of a gym where their conversations can be private. Over the course of 7 months, it is apparent that all three have a different lived reality to the one they outwardly present.

The book is well paced and gradually more gets revealed about each of the women, as their lives become more entangled, leading to a very dramatic conclusion. The characters are well-drawn and I enjoyed every twist and turn in the book.

If Hayley has the time to write another book, I shall look forward to reading it!

Sarah Bamford

## The Church Centre...



... is **the** ideal venue for... your children's party, work's conference, friends get together & concert performance or that extra special occasion ...

Wedding breakfast & Anniversary celebration

With fully equipped kitchen, tables & chairs, disabled access & outside space.

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Room for Bouncy Castles, DJs & Children's Entertainers.

Free car parking

For further details telephone 01242 704837

#### What's On at our Church Centre

Mondays: 18:00-19:00 Balance of Life Pilates.

Tuesdays: 09:30-11:30 Child Minders

Pre-School Group

13:30-16:00 Strength & Balance

Wednesdays:16:15-21:00 Slimming World

Thursdays: 09:30-12:30 Jo Jingles Play Group

Fridays: 09:30-10:30 Balance of Life Pilates.

For further details of all these activities please see the noticeboards in the Centre lobby or contact Father Mark on 01242 704837.



#### MAINTENANCE OF BURIAL & INTERMENT PLOTS

#### What is permitted:

Permanent stone vases are only those authorized and have permission granted, and only fresh flowers (out of their wrappings), or cuttings from shrubs and bushes, may be placed in them.

Grassed interment plots are enclosed by a band of paving. Vases should be placed on this and not on the grass, both to respect other plots and to facilitate the maintenance of the churchyard.

Small spring bulbs may be planted (from September to October),

under the grass of a grave with minimal disturbance to the turf.

Poppies (or small wooden remembrance crosses) at the time of Remembrance Sunday. To be removed by **30**th **November.** 

Christmas wreaths of natural foliage are welcome from mid-December. To be removed by 31st January.

#### What is not permitted:

No artificial flowers of any kind. The only exception to this is for poppies on Remembrance Sunday.

No trees, shrubs, or roses are allowed to be planted.

No individual gardens are permitted.

Items not allowed because they are dangerous, interfere with grass cutting, will get damaged or are out of keeping with the churchyard, include such items as:

glass or other breakable or sharp items; chippings or gravel; pictures, portraits or photographs; statues or ornaments; lights (candles, solar or battery); plastic bowels, birdbaths; kerbs, railings or chains; windmills, wind-chimes, cards, animal figures, angels, etc.

The PCC retains the right to remove anything from the churchyard which does not comply with these or other regulations.