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# Pew-sheet for Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

## Christ the King

### The Sunday Next before Advent

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#### Today's services

#### *Liturgical Colour: Red or White*

**8.45am Morning Prayer** on Zoom

Meeting ID 833 3035 8290

Passcode 735361

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**10.00am Holy Communion** at the  
church of St Peter & St Paul,  
Cosgrove

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#### *Collect for today*

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.

**Amen**

*(or)*

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**

#### *Post Communion prayer for today*

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.

**Amen**

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#### Readings for this morning's service of Holy Communion

#### *First Reading: Jeremiah 23.1-6*

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and  
scatter the sheep of my pasture! says  
the LORD. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> 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.'

For the Word of the Lord;  
**Thanks be to God**

## **Gospel: Luke 23.33-43**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord,  
Jesus Christ, according to  
Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>33</sup> 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. <sup>34</sup> Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup> 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!' <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup> and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' <sup>38</sup> There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?' <sup>41</sup> And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' <sup>42</sup> Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' <sup>43</sup> He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **The coming week's services and prayer**

### **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

**1.00pm Funeral (Sarah Davis)** at Cosgrove

### **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

**12.00 noon Funeral (John Williams)** at Yardley Gobion

### **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November**

**8.00pm**, a short service of **Night Prayer** on our South Cleley [Facebook page](#).

### **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November**

**5.00pm Meditation Prayer**

Contact [Mary McVay](#) so she can send you the details.

### **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

**8.00am Holy Communion** at Yardley Gobion

**9.15am Morning Prayer** in St Nicholas' Potterspurpy and on Zoom  
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**4.00pm Advent event** at Yardley Gobion, beginning at St Leonard's and concluding at the URC Chapel.

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### **Support for you**

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## Church Buildings

**Our buildings are open at the following times:**

**Cosgrove** Daily 10am to 4pm

**Potterspury** Daily around 9am until 4pm, or until after the last service of the day

**Yardley Gobion** Monday to Saturday 10am to 4pm, Sunday 12noon to 4pm

**Wicken** – please check noticeboard for who to contact if you wish to go in to church.

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## What else is coming up?

- **Tue 25 Nov – 8.50 – Little Lambs** – Potterspury
  - **Tue 25 Nov – 12.45 – Nic’s Kitchen** – Potterspury
  - **Tue 2 Dec – 8.50 – Little Lambs** – Potterspury
  - **Tue 2 Dec – 12.45 – Nic’s Kitchen** – Potterspury
  - **Fri 5 Dec – 19.00 – Pury Feast** – Potterspury (Sold out)
  - **Sat 13 Dec – 10.30 – Church Café Plus** – Potterspury
  - **Sat 13 Dec – 19.30 – Brave Marauders Christmas Concert** – Potterspury
  - **Tue 16 Dec – 8.50 – Little Lambs** – Potterspury
  - **Tue 16 Dec – 12.45 – Nic’s Kitchen** – Potterspury
  - **Sat 20 Dec – 10.30 – Coffee, Cake & Chat** – Yardley Gobion
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## Additional Lectionary readings for this Sunday

### *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.**

**God of Jacob,  
when the earth shakes  
and the nations are in uproar,  
speak, and let the storm be still;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

### ***Colossians 1.11-20***

<sup>11</sup> 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 <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup> He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> 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.

**Please take this pew-sheet home with you after today's service.**

**You may wish to use the readings during the week for your own prayer and reflection.**