



26<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
Christ the King

St James' Church  
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### Rector

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### This Week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am  
Online: Mon, Wed  
In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

**Mon 27<sup>th</sup> November** Luke 21: 1 – 4  
7.00 pm Choir practice

**Tue 28<sup>th</sup> November** Luke 21: 5 – 11  
7.30 pm PCC meets

**Wed 29<sup>th</sup> November** Luke 21: 12 – 19  
12.00 noon Holy Communion

**Thu 30<sup>th</sup> November** Matthew 4: 18 – 22

**Fri 1<sup>st</sup> December** Luke 21: 29 – 33  
2.00 pm Craft group

**Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> December** Luke 21: 34 – 36  
2.00 pm Christmas bazaar

Next Sunday: 3<sup>rd</sup> December  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Mark 13: 24 – 37

8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.00 am Parish Eucharist  
11.45 am Pastoral care team meets  
4.00 pm Evening Prayer & Benediction  
6.00 pm Advent carol service,  
Exeter Cathedral

10.00 am Music

Entrance hymn	92	Christ Triumphant, Ever Reigning
Offertory hymn	125	Crown Him with Many Crowns
Recessional hymn	22	All People that on Earth Do Dwell

A warm welcome to all and especially to anyone who is with us for the first time. Today we are pleased to have Fr Simon Croft with us as our celebrant, and licensed lay minister Joan Ridgway as our preacher.

### Notices

#### Making the Church Beautiful

Volunteers to arrange the flowers in the church are needed for April and May 2024. Could you help for a week or two? Please see Liz Holland or Pat Snell.

#### Fairtrade Thanks

Thank you for your generous support of the stall last week; £290 worth of goods were sold. Fairtrade items will be available again at the Christmas bazaar on Saturday. To see the Christmas catalogue, please speak to Charlotte or Mike Payne.

#### Christmas Bazaar

This annual event will take place this Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December – additional parking will be available in the health centre car park. Please speak to Rachel Martindill if you can help out, and leave any donations for sale in the boxes at the back of the church.

#### Knitvity

Our knitted figures of Mary, Joseph and the donkey will be travelling around the parish and staying at various homes during Advent. Would you like to host them for one or more consecutive nights? Please add your name to the list at the back of the church.

#### Survey Responses

Don't forget to return your survey to the box at the back of the church or complete it online.

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

## 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.***

## New Testament Reading: Ephesians 1: 15-23

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 Reading: Matthew 25: 31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: "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 Prayer

***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.***