



23rd November 2025
Christ the King

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Day off: Thursday

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Notices

Christmas Bazaar This Saturday

Please put any donations of items to sell in the boxes at the back of the church.

Praying With the Psalms

This book of devotions for Advent and Christmas is now available at the back of the church for £3. Advent starts next Sunday!

A Date for the Diary

Bring your friends to our disco and pizza evening on Saturday 6th December from 7.00 pm in the hall. Tickets are available from Jane Williams or Rachel Martindill for £5.



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.

10.00 am Music

Processional hymn	565	Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Offertory hymn	281	How Shall I Sing That Majesty
Recessional hymn	92	Christ Triumphant, Ever Reigning

This Week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am

Online: Mon, Wed

In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

Mon 24th November Luke 21: 1 – 4

2.30 pm Churchwardens meet

7.00 pm Choir practice

Tue 25th November Luke 21: 5 – 11

7.30 pm PCC meets

Wed 26th November Luke 21: 12 – 19

10.45 am Safeguarding meeting (church)

12.00 noon Eucharist

Thu 27th November Luke 21: 20 – 28

Fri 28th November Luke 21: 29 – 33

10.30 am Coffee morning

Sat 29th November Luke 21: 34 – 36

2.00 pm Christmas bazaar

Next Sunday 30th November

1st Sunday of Advent

Matthew 24: 36 – 44

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

6.00 pm Advent procession,
Exeter Cathedral

TODAY

12.30 pm Renewal of marriage vows

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

First Reading: Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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.'

Second Reading: Colossians 1: 11-20

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 giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; 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. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 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. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 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.

Gospel Reading: Luke 23: 33-43

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. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. 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!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

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.

