

Sunday before Advent

CHRIST THE KING

Family Breakfast Club

Led by Sam

Believe in God- Live for God

Hymns

13 All hail the power of Jesus Name
456 Make me a channel
506 O Lord my God

Collect

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**

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.**

New Testament

Colossians 1:11-20

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

The Supremacy of Christ

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;
16 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. 17 He himself is before all

things, and in him all things hold together. 18 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. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 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

Luke 23:33-43

The Gospel of Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

33 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. [[34 Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing;']] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. 35 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!' 36 The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, 37 and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' 38 There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' 39 One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' 40 But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41 And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' 42 Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.'

43 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

Notices

Family Breakfast Club

Sunday 25th January at 10 am.

Christmas Carols – Sunday 14th Dec 11 am - with a difference

Chatter Box Christmas Party – Wednesday 17th Dec 10.30 am

Signed Carol Service – Thursday 18th Dec 6.30pm

Christmas Eve – Midnight – Holy Communion 11.30 pm

Christmas Day – Family Service -- Holy Communion 11 am

Stantonbury Clergy Team

Phil Dunning - Acting Team Leader - Baptist with responsibility for Bradwell and Christ Church

Sam Muthuveloe - Non stipendiary - CofE with responsibility for Willen and Cross & Stable

Petersen Feital - House for Duty -CofE with responsibility for Great Linford and New Bradwell

Kofi Tekyi-Ansah - Methodist 1/4 time with general responsibility.

reflection reflection

CHRIST THE KING

See how this homeless babe lifted
himself down into his humble Crèche
and laid his tender glove
of skin against that splintered wood –
found refuge in that rack
of raspy straw – home
on that chilly dawn, in sweetest
silage, those shriven stalks.

See how this outcast King lifted
himself high upon his savage Cross,
extended the regal banner
of his bones, draping himself
upon his throne – his battered feet,
his wounded hands not fastened
there by nails but sewn
by the strictest thorn of Love.

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Zoom Link to 11 am Sunday 23rd November

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85922248518?pwd=Tm4vd00wancwVk52cCtgNm5tMWRZdz09>

Meeting ID: 859 2224 8518. Passcode: 830413

Sunday 23rd November 2025

THE CROSS AND STABLE

Christ the King



TODAY

Christ the King
Family Breakfast Club
10:00 Breakfast
11:00 Service

THIS SUNDAY

Psalms 46
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43

NEXT SUNDAY:

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
Psalm 119:137-144
2 Thess 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10

NEXT SUNDAY

Advent Sunday
Joint Service - St James
Prayers at C&S

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