



**ARCH Group's aim: "To show love for God and You"**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

Christ the King

**Today's 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.

**Today's Post Communion**

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.

**Next Week Services: Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

09:30am	Harvington	Holy Communion
11:00am	Rous Lench	Communion
11:00am	Church Lench	Family Service

**Notices**

This week we welcome the Reverend Glenn Reading and his family to  
our family. His licencing will be at 3pm in Harvington.

**All Welcome**

## **Prayer of Intercession**

Jesus Christ, King of our turning world, we place before you all who need your hand, your healing, your refuge, and your loving care. Come. Bring provision, peace and justice to situations where some feast while others starve; some live in opulence while others exist in poverty; and some live in beautiful surroundings while others survive amid dust and rubble. May your Church help build bridges across the divide and reduce these contrasts.

### **Lord of mercy, Hear our prayer**

We pray for the people of Ukraine facing a dark cold winter as Russia strikes energy sources. Bring peace to all countries rife with conflict and be with the innocent caught up in it. Bring peace and warmth to hearts of steel intent on gaining power above all else. Restore hearts to love and steward your creation.

### **Lord of mercy, Hear our prayer**

We pray for those working in and needing education: for teachers; for the many children struggling to cope at school because of bullying - both physical and online; for the parents unable to place their children in education due to a lack of special needs provision. We bring to you all who are living with the fears and anxieties of added pressures on the household purse and on jobs as businesses struggle to survive.

### **Lord of mercy, Hear our prayer**

We pray for our own communities: our local schools, surgeries, sports clubs and for all local councils. May all who serve in government and local authority be guided by your hand, governing with truth, wisdom, and justice. We pray that all people, young and old alike, be united in feeling safe on our streets and in communal places. May we care for one another as you care for us.

**Lord of mercy, Hear our prayer. Amen.**

## **This Week's First Reading: *Jeremiah 23.1-6.***

1. "Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!" declares the LORD.

<sup>2</sup> Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: "Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done," declares the LORD. <sup>3</sup> "I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number.<sup>4</sup> I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing," declares the LORD. <sup>5</sup> "The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. <sup>6</sup> In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Savior.

## **Week's Psalm: *Psalm 46,***

1. God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
2. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
3. though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.
4. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.
5. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.
6. Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.
7. The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.
8. Come and see what the LORD has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth.
9. He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.
10. He says, "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 Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**This Week's Second Reading: *Colossian 1.11-20.***

<sup>11</sup> being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience,<sup>12</sup> and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.<sup>13</sup> For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,<sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup> The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup> For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. <sup>19</sup> For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

**This Week's Gospel Reading: *Luke 23.33-43.***

<sup>33</sup> When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. <sup>34</sup> Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. <sup>35</sup> The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One."

**Continued Gospel Reading:** *Luke 23.33-43.*

<sup>36</sup> The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar <sup>37</sup> and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself." <sup>38</sup> There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

<sup>40</sup> But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? <sup>41</sup> We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. 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> Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

**Next week's first reading:** *Isaiah 2. 1-5.*

This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: <sup>2</sup> In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it.

<sup>3</sup> Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup> He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.

<sup>5</sup> Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

### **Next Week's Psalm Reading: *Psalm 122.***

1. I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."
2. Our feet are standing in your gates, Jerusalem.
3. Jerusalem is built like a city that is closely compacted together.
4. That is where the tribes go up— the tribes of the LORD— to praise the name of the LORD according to the statute given to Israel.
5. There stand the thrones for judgment, the thrones of the house of David.
6. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May those who love you be secure.
7. May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels."
8. For the sake of my family and friends, I will say, "Peace be within you."
9. For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your prosperity.

### **Next Week's Second Reading: *Romans 13.11-end.***

<sup>11</sup> And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup> The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup> Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

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