



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 22nd November 2020

The Feast of Christ the King and The Sunday next before Advent

Services Today

9.30am Said Mass with Family Ministry
Hymns: 391: S.23

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon and Procession
Hymns: 332: 296: 282: S.23

Christ the King - End of Procession

✠ The King is in majesty

✠ **We will worship his name.**

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 now and for ever. **Amen.**

Christ the King (The Sunday next before Advent)

Introit Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honour. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever.

Psalm Give the King thy judgements, O God: and thy righteousness unto the King's son. Glory be to the Father...

Gradual His dominion shall be also from one sea to the other, and from the river unto the world's end. ✠. All kings shall fall down before him; all nations shall do him service.

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. ✠. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away; and a kingdom that which shall not be destroyed. Alleluia.

Offertory Desire of me, and I shall give thee the nations for thine inheritance; and the utmost parts of the earth for thy possession.

Communion Verily I say unto you: Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me: come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world.

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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.

Old Testament Reading - Ezekiel Ch34 v11-16 & 20-24

¹¹For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

New Testament Reading - Ephesians Ch1 v15-23

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I 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, ¹⁸so 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, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God 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, ²¹far 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. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Gospel - Matthew Ch25 v31-46

³¹Jesus 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. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then 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; ³⁵for 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, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." ³⁷Then 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? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" ⁴⁰And 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." ⁴¹Then 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; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I 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." ⁴⁴Then 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?" ⁴⁵Then 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." ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

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.

Please remember in your prayers

Hazel and John Greany, Christine Shaw,
Brenda Penfold, Alisha De Guerin, Val Moullin,
a woman suffering from depression, Anthony De La Mare,
Melvyn Boxall, Janice Firth, a woman battling with alcoholism,
Maria, Jeannette, Alan Warner, Eileen Price and James.

Services This Week

Monday 23rd November 10.00am 'Little Treasures' Toddlers' Group
Tuesday 24th November 11.00am Mass - BCP

Sunday 29th November
The First Sunday of Advent
9.30am Family Service with Messy Church
11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon

Advent Devotional Booklets

From next Sunday, as last year, each week there will be Advent Devotional booklets available.

These will give Daily Reflections and Prayers for Advent.

Please remember to take one for you and for others who might like a copy.

The Guernsey Welsh Male Voice Choir & Bel Canto

The church was full to hear the wonderful singing and the retiring collection made £1,270.40 which will be split between three charities, The Ron Short Centre, Bright Tights & St Stephen's.

Please join us for refreshments:

- *in the Vestry after the 9.30 & 11.00am Mass*

After Mass please put the kneelers back on the shelf. Thank you!

Deadline for notices for next bulletin – **6.00pm Thursday**
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