

**Prayers for the Church in Sudan and South Sudan:** pray for Church leaders, teachers and parents throughout the five dioceses as they try to provide Christian education. They must provide not only teachers, often unpaid, but any equipment needed and any repairs and maintenance to their buildings. Church schools must teach Arabic and about Islam but are allowed to teach the Christian faith.

The readings and psalms set for **Morning Prayer this week** – for those who would like to join with us at home:

Monday: Psalm 96; Isaiah 40:1-11; Revelation 14:1-13

Tuesday: Psalm 97; Isaiah 40:12-26; Revelation 14:14 – end of 15

Wednesday: Psalm 112; Isaiah 40:27 – 41:7; Revelation 16:1-11

Thursday: Psalm 125; Isaiah 41:8-20; Revelation 16:12-end

Friday: Psalm 139; Isaiah 41:21 – 42:9; Revelation 17

Saturday: Psalm 145:1-39; Isaiah 42:10-17; Revelation 18

Sunday: Psalm 44; Isaiah 2:1-5; Luke 12:35-48

**Find out what we are up to at:**

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***We seek to grow through prayer and  
share Christ's love through engagement with all.***

# Weekly News

## 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020



**From Swindon Food Collective...**

A very big thank you to all of you at St Bartholomew's Church – you donated 353 kg of food to Swindon Food Collective's Harvest 2020 appeal. This will help us to help local people in food crisis. Thank you again for your generosity.

**Christmas 2020 Gift Collection...**

Sadly this December we are unable to host our Toy Service. But our collection of toys and gifts is still very much needed. So, as with almost everything else, we are going to do it differently! To keep everyone safe we have arranged 3 donation days/times for you to bring your gifts to Church - face coverings required, hand sanitiser supplied.

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 1pm – 3pm

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 10am – 12noon

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2pm – 4pm

We welcome your gifts of **new** Toys, Puzzles, Games, Toiletries Books (reading or colouring), Colouring pencils, Soft Toys with the relevant safety label. Alternatively, gift cards (e.g. Boots/Love to Shop/Sainsburys etc) for teenagers and Mums and Dads are much appreciated, as well as the ever welcome cash gift.

PLEASE LEAVE GIFTS UNWRAPPED but *new* wrapping paper/gift bags will also be very welcome. We are unable to accept second-hand toys, clothes, etc, though we are sure the local charity shops will welcome them.

This year your gifts will be distributed through the Rise Trust who run our local Children's Centre. If you have any problem in making your donation please contact Astrid Laurence (01793 850644). Thank you!

**The Bible Course – we've started but you're still welcome to join in...**

To sign up and get the link, or to find out more, contact the Parish Office on 01793 853272 or at [churchadmin@stbartholomews-wb.com](mailto:churchadmin@stbartholomews-wb.com)

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020

# Christ the King

## (The Sunday next before Advent)

### 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. Amen.

### FIRST READING: *Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24*

<sup>11</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As 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. <sup>13</sup>I 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. <sup>14</sup>I 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. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>I 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.

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

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

### SECOND READING: *Ephesians 1.15-23*

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

### GOSPEL: *Matthew 25.31-46*

Jesus said to his disciples: <sup>31</sup>“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. <sup>32</sup>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, <sup>33</sup>and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup>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; <sup>35</sup>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, <sup>36</sup>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.” <sup>37</sup>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? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” <sup>40</sup>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.” <sup>41</sup>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; <sup>42</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>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.” <sup>44</sup>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?” <sup>45</sup>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.” <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’