

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025**  
**Next before Advent and Christ the King**

10.00 a.m. Church Family Communion with Children's Church  
4.00 p.m. Board games, jigsaws and tea at Dray Court

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**Collect for Today**

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**

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**Service Readings**

Jeremiah 23:1-6 (*p.736*), Colossians 1:11-20 (*p.197*) and Luke 23:33-42 (*p.85*)

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**Please pray for**

... Rebecca Brown, Mark & Jan Knott, Jenny Powell and Mike Woodcock.  
... the family and friends of Pamela Mott and William McMenemey whose anniversary of death is at this.  
... those who live and work in Farm Walk, Farnham Road and Friars Gate.  
... the Koens family in Papua New Guinea supporting the work of Bible translation through vehicle maintenance, teaching, missionary care.

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**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. **Amen.**

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**Financial Giving**

We take a collection during our services. If you don't give regularly by standing order or the envelope scheme, please put your donation in the bag, tap the card reader on your way out, or use the QR code on the back of this news-sheet. Thank you.

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## Dear Friends

My brother talks a lot - for a man who can talk at length anyway, it really is a LOT - about the Caren tribe he spent time living with. He was utterly blown away by them.

He's visited a lot of tribes in his time, but this one he loved being with so much was the one that was truly pre-agricultural. Things like - they don't have a concept of time in the way that we do. Not even a lunar or solar calendar. They just watch the natural world, see the march of the seasons in the flowers that bloom and mating calls of birds, and know where they are through that. But more than anything else, they don't allow one-up-man-ship, - you know, hierarchy and power-play - they don't allow it in any kind within their community. No-one is allowed to place themselves above others, to say they are better because of this particular skill they have, or that amazing thing they did. And it's the duty of the rest of the tribe to stop such bluster in its tracks.

It's like a different universe to the way we live in the twenty-first century West. Just looking at the egos on show in your average news bulletin, with the constant preening and self-aggrandisement that seems to be popular in the World Leaders Common-room these days, and it's hard to imagine what that other way of living would be like.

But buried in today's readings, particularly Luke, I think we see something of it. There is an odd scrambling for position in the text, as Jewish leaders, soldiers and even fellow prisoners look down on Jesus, jostling for position over him, a chance to put him down.

But listen out for his words - they say a great deal. Although it's actually what he doesn't say that perhaps makes the biggest difference.

Colossians says it all - He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

Long live Christ the (bloodied, beaten, humiliated, glorious) King.

**Alison**

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## **Mission Focus for November: Clare and Andrew Koens, Papua New Guinea**

Clare and Andrew Koens provide support to the Wycliffe Bible translators in Papua New Guinea. One of Andrew's tasks is looking after the motorbikes (including "the Jesus Video Bike" pictured in November's magazine) used by the translators to access villages and deliver hymnbooks, bibles and school supplies. Clare works in staff care, parent coaching and education. Their children Levi, Heidi and Eowyn are at school – please pray that more teachers can come so a full curriculum can be offered at their school. [wycliffe.org.uk/](http://wycliffe.org.uk/).

## Notices

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**Board Games, Jigsaws and Tea at Dray Court:** TODAY, 4.00-5.30pm. Do join us at Dray Court for fun and tea! If you'd be happy to make some cakes for this occasion or can bring some games/puzzles, please let Beverly know. It would be great to support the residents of Dray Court at this dark time of year. *NB: this is hosted by the Tea Time church congregation and there will be no service at 4pm in church today.*

**Guildford Food Bank:** During November we will be collecting items for the Guildford Food Bank. In December they are expecting to support over 400 client households, which is double the number they saw in December 2022! Please bring your donations to the box provided in church. The items they need this time are: sharing boxes of chocolates or sweets, bags or boxes of sharing savoury snacks, gift toiletries, tinned meat, tinned fish, laundry detergent, dried flavoured noodles, toothpaste. Thank you!

**Orchard volunteer morning:** Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>, 10.30am to 1pm. Come and join the team in the orchard. If wood chip is available we will be putting this down on the paths. Further info from Sue and Steve Jones.

**Advent Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> November:** We'll be lighting our advent candles, beginning the journey towards Christmas.

**Carol Singing with the Guides:** Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 6.30pm gathering at the hall. As always, we'll be joining the Guides in visiting Dray Court and other friends in the parish.

**Decorating our Christmas Tree:** After the Christingle Café-style Altogether Worship service on 7<sup>th</sup> December, we'll be decorating the Christmas tree! Join the fun by staying after to add the baubles and tinsel and to enjoy a mince pie.

### **Advent & Christmas Services:**

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| 🌲 Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> :     | 10am | <i>Christingle at Café Style Altogether Worship</i> |
|                                | 4pm  | <i>Christingle at Tea-time Church</i>               |
| 🌲 Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> :    | 6pm  | <i>Nine Lessons &amp; Carols</i>                    |
| 🌲 Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> :    | 10am | <i>Morning Worship &amp; Nativity</i>               |
| 🌲 Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> : | 4pm  | <i>Crib Service</i>                                 |
| 🌲 Christmas Day:               | 8am  | <i>BCP Communion</i>                                |
|                                | 10am | <i>All-Age Communion</i>                            |

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## Diary for the Coming Week

**Morning prayer Mon, Tues and Weds 9.15am in the Reading Room and on Zoom. Thurs Holy Communion at 9.30am in the Reading Room.**

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| Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>   | Finance Vision Group, Reading Room, 10.00am<br>Women's Bible Study Group, 16 West Meads, 12.30pm<br>Onslow Infants pre-Christmas visit, Church, 1.30pm<br>Barnabas Group, 26 Manor Way, 4.00pm |
| Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>  | Men's Wellbeing Social, Vicarage, 7.30pm                                                                                                                                                       |
| Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> | Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am,<br>Choir Rehearsal, 8.00pm                                                                                                                               |
| Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>   | Baby & Toddler Group, Church, 10.00am<br>Queen Eleonor's Carol Service, Guildford Cathedral, 10.30am<br>Friday Group, 43 Poltimore Road, 3.00pm                                                |
| Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>   | Orchard Volunteer Morning, 10.30am-1.00pm                                                                                                                                                      |
| Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>   | <i>Advent Sunday</i><br>Church Family Communion with Children's Church, 10.00am<br>Tea-time Church, Reading Room, 4.00pm                                                                       |

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## Daily Readings for the coming week

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| Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>   | Ps. 96, Isaiah 14:3-20, Matthew 9:18-34     |
| Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>  | Ps. 97, Isaiah 17, Matthew 9:35-10:15       |
| Weds 26 <sup>th</sup>  | Ps. 112, Isaiah 19, Matthew 10:16-33        |
| Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> | Ps. 125, Isaiah 21:1-12, Matthew 10:34-11:1 |
| Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>   | Ps. 139, Isaiah 22:1-14, Matthew 11:2-19    |
| Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>   | Ps. 145, Isaiah 24, Matthew 11:20-end       |

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## Service Readings for Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November: Advent Sunday

Isaiah 2:1-5, Romans 13:11-14 and Matthew 24:36-44

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