

Welcome to St David's on Sunday 26 November 2017

Feast of Christ the King, The Sunday Next Before Advent

President & Preacher Christopher Durrant

Readers Gabrielle Kirby, Keith Postlethwaite

Prayers Ann Watts

6pm Evening Prayer: Alison Whiting, Bill Pattinson

Hymns today: 365, 227, 453, 486



After the service today there will be a special collection for the Angel Tree. This charity raises funds to enable prisoners to send a gift to their children at home at Christmas. This is so important as it lets the children know that their parents in prison are thinking of them

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

Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24: For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. 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. 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. 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. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. 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. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Ephesians 1.15-end: I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. 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, 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, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 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, 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. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Keep in your prayers: Pat Coward; George Tout; Janet Horner; Jim Dyer; Ben Grimsey; Nikki; Christopher Heaven

We commend to the Peace of God: Beryl Tackle; John Coates

PLEASE TAKE THIS SERVICE-SHEET AWAY WITH YOU

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Matthew 25.31-end: '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. 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, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 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; 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, 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." 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? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" 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." 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; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 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." 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?" 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." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

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

NOTICES:

Following the success of last year's Community Christmas Concert we are holding another one this year at 6:30pm on 8 December. Tickets only £5, children free, and there will be refreshments and a raffle on the night. We hope to put on a varied programme. Anyone able to contribute a performance, please speak to Sam Wellbelove

Our Thursday soup evening is one of Waitrose's community charities this month. Please drop your green tokens in the soup evening box in Waitrose when you finish your shopping

YMCA Santa Abseil Saturday 9 December in Princesshay. Call 01392 410530 if you'd like to join in and raise money for the Y

Bible Study Group @ St David's: The Psalms. Each evening will address a theme - Praise, Shalom, Dissonance, Penitence, Hope, Spirituality, & Theology. THURSDAY evenings, 20:00 - 21:15, December 7, 14 at Iris' home. All welcome (speak to Iris for address and directions)

Notices: if you have notices to share, please send them to notices@stdavidschurchexeter.org.uk or give them to Helena in church

At a recent meeting for those who lead us in prayer Sunday by Sunday it was decided to draw up a list of all the organisations, groups and businesses in our parish. From this it will be possible to compile a prayer calendar naming a different group each week for prayer throughout the year. Our own organisations and groups will be included also. Please give this some thought and talk to Helen Friend, Sarah Black or Mollie Curry to offer your suggestions

Our shoe-boxes for the people of Moldova will begin their journey early this week

Silent prayer in the Lady Chapel alternate Tuesday & Thursday evenings: THIS THURSDAY 30 Nov, 12 Dec. "For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him." Psalm 62.5