

PEW NEWS

Sunday 23 November 2025

Christ the King

WELCOME

Please stay for refreshments after the 10.30am service. At this service there are activities and learning for primary school aged children in the Den. The President will call them forward when it is time to join the group.

NOTICES

It's cold!

We are very sorry that it is so cold in church. Our boilers are currently out of action and we are waiting for a part to come in. We will get them back up and running as soon as possible. There are blankets available at the back of church to help make you more comfortable.

Lantern Making Workshop

Thanks so much to everyone who joined the workshop yesterday to create lanterns for the procession this Saturday. They all look wonderful. Thanks also to Daryl and to all who organised the refreshments and the fun.

North Camp Late Night Opening this Thursday 27 November

The North Camp churches are joining together to provide **Carol Singers** for this event. No rehearsals – just show up and bring Christmas cheer to our community. There is also an opportunity to help with the provision of craft workshops during the evening. Please see Angharad for details.

Church Open

Church is open on Friday mornings from 10.30am to 12 noon. This week is Crafty Coffee – an opportunity to bring your handicrafts and work alongside others or just have a coffee and chat. All Welcome. See you there.

Readings for next Sunday 30 November - First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2.1-5; Romans 13.11-end; Matthew 24.36-44

FESTIVAL OF LIGHT

A week-long celebration bringing together light, creativity, reflection and community.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Prepare the church

Saturday 29 November 10am to 1pm

Help prepare the church. Even 30 minutes will be appreciated.

Join the Lantern Procession

Saturday 29 November 6.30pm

Meet at St Mark's School and

help carry the light through the parish finishing at church.

Enjoy the displays or welcome visitors

Church will be open at the following times:

Sunday 30 November - after Parish Communion until 2.30pm

Monday 1 December - 4pm to 6pm

Tuesday 2 December - 4pm to 7.30pm

Wednesday 3 December - 4pm to 7pm

Thursday 4 December - 4pm to 7.30pm

Friday 5 December - 10am to 1pm and 4pm to 6pm

Visit the Christmas Fayre

Saturday 6 December from 11am to 3pm

We'll be joined by St Mark's School this year. There will be plenty of activities, stalls and refreshments for all the family.

Catch the seasonal spirit and enjoy a concert

Wednesday 3 December 7pm

The Cecilia Singers

Saturday 6 December 6pm

Hampshire and Surrey Hills Male Voice Choir

Let's light up the community together this Advent!

All volunteers welcome. See Daryl for more information.

TODAY'S COLLECTS AND READINGS

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

Old Testament Jeremiah 23.1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The Righteous Branch of David The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.

New Testament Colossians 1.11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of

darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. The Supremacy of Christ. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Gospel Luke 23.33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

Post Communion Collect

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