# CHRIST THE KING

## St Paul's Ashgrove, 22 November 2026

**HYMNS:** TiS 474; TiS 256; *As provided;* SPBH 29

**SENTENCE FOR THE DAY** *Psalm 100.1*
O shout to the Lord in triumph all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his face with songs of joy.

| READINGS | THIS WEEK<br>*Christ the King* | NEXT WEEK<br>*Advent 1* |
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| **FIRST READING** | Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24 | Isaiah 64.1-9 |
| **PSALM** | Ps 100 | Ps 80.1-7, 17-19 |
| **SECOND READING** | Ephesians 1.15-23 | 1 Corinthians 1.1-9 |
| **GOSPEL** | Matthew 25.31-46 | Mark 13.24-37 |

We acknowledge the custodians of the land where we gather today - the Jagera and Turrbal people.

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF 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. For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** *100*
**1** O shout to the Lord in triumph, all the earth:
**serve the Lord with gladness,**
**and come before his face with songs of joy.**
**2** Know that the Lord he is God:
**it is he who has made us and we are his;**
**we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

[3] Come into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise:
**give thanks to him, and bless his holy name.**
[4] For the Lord is good, his loving mercy is for ever:
**his faithfulness throughout all generations.**

**A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS** *1.15-23*

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward 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.

**CHRIST BE WITH US**

*HYFRYDOL 8.7.8.7 D ("Alleluia, Sing to Jesus")*

1. Christ be with us, Christ behind us,
Christ before us — all around!
Christ in busy, noisy cities,
Christ where hardly rings a sound.
Jesus, you're our Lord and Savior;
On your love we can depend.
Help us see your presence clearly
In each stranger and each friend.

2. Christ in lines of people fleeing,
Praying that a war will cease;
Christ in battered women's shelters,
Looking for a place of peace.
Christ with people sick or dying,
Loved ones trying hard to cope
In this world of so much suffering,
Christ, you give your people hope.

3. Christ with children who must struggle,
Working hard for daily food;
Christ in classrooms, learning, growing,
Asking questions, seeking good;
Christ in diners, waiting tables;
Christ in homes where children play
In this world of people working,
Christ, you work through us today.

4. Christ with all who keep on struggling,
Helping others to be free;
Christ with churches working, searching
For a greater unity;
Christ, in bread and wine, be with us,
Giving strength for each new day
In this world of daily crosses,
Be our joyful, living Way.

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**COMMUNION**

Please come forward to receive the bread and wine. Gluten free wafers are available (please ask).

*For the safety of all in the community we ask you to:*

- *NOT intinct (dip the bread in the wine)*
- *Take wine only if you are free from symptoms and free of anxiety about drinking from the common cup.*

# INTRODUCING OUR NEW PRIEST

Rev'd Richard Butler will be commissioned as Priest in Charge on Sunday afternoon, 29 November 2026 at 3:00pm. His first service will be at St Paul's at 8:30am on 6 December 2026. Richard is currently the Assistant Curate in the Parish of Warwick. Our thanks go to Sarah, David, and Gill for their careful and prayerful recruitment efforts on our behalf.

**Prayer for Rev'd Richard**

God our Shepherd,
We thank you for calling Richard to serve in this Parish as Priest-in-Charge.
Uphold Richard and John as they prepare to relocate,
and prepare us to receive and welcome them.
Equip and strengthen Richard for his ministry and leadership in the years ahead,
that together we can build a flourishing, faithful community,
and bring forth the fruit of your Spirit in all we do.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Please remember to wear your name tags. We have several new faces who would love some help remembering names. If you need a name tag, please leave a message in the "Notices" box or tell a "Welcomer".

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Please leave donations (non-perishable) with Natalie in the parish office
Wednesdays & Fridays 9.30 to 1.30pm. Thank you!

📣 **2027 Lectionaries have arrived**! For those who usually purchase a copy, please see Natalie in the parish office. $16.50 each

📣 Parvin and her son are settling into their new home. Thank you everyone!

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| 29 Nov | **COMMISSIONING SERVICE** of Rev'd Richard Butler – Sunday, 3:00pm at St Paul's. Please bring a plate for afternoon tea 🕯️ |
| 30 Nov | **BOOKCLUB** meets again! The final meeting for 2026 will take place in a restaurant. More details soon. November's novel *is Mrs Harris Goes to Paris* by Paul Gallico. |
| 05 Dec | **THE WESTSIDE ORCHESTRA** – Saturday, 5:00pm. Celebration! Tickets available via Humanitix. Please see the posters for the QR code. |
| 06 Dec | **SUNDAY SERVICE** – Sunday, 8:30am. Rev'd Richard Butler's first service at St Paul's. All welcome! |

**JUBILEE TERRACE PLAYGROUP** – Weekly on a Friday from 9:30-11:30am during school terms. $4 per week to cover cost. Registered Playgroup with Play Matters.

**BIBLE STUDY AND MORNING PRAYER** – Prayer at 9:30am and Bible Study at 10:00am during school terms. Currently reading Hebrews. Everyone welcome!

**THRIFT SHOP** – Open Wednesdays and Saturdays 9:00am-1:00pm. New volunteers are always welcome. Donations of clothing and kitchenware (no electrical goods, furniture baby carriers or knives, please) are gratefully received.

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for the people in Iran, and all in the Middle East, for those in Nepal and Tibet, and those in Australia concerned for their family and friends living there. We give our thanks for the life of Marilyn, and pray for Fiona and family. Please pray for Jack and Kathy, Tony P, Vanessa, Macey, Bill; Matthew (and mother, Sue), Rob and Andrea, Georgia, Sue J, and Maureen. Please pray for our friends at LAMB and surrounds, and for the country of Bangladesh.

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