South Wye Benefice Newsletter

Christ the King

22nd November 2026

Please welcome Rev. Jackie Nevill, who is leading the service at St. Martin's

South Wye Services and Events week beginning 22nd November

Sunday 22nd	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Martin's followed by parish breakfast
Tuesday 24th	1pm	Bible Study in the Narthex
	2pm	Tuesday Coffee in the Narthex
	5pm	Twilight Plus Service at St. Martin's

For our Prayers

Those who are ill or in need of your prayers, including:

Brenda Baylis	Maureen Gerard	Kieran	Dawn & Phil A
Pam KW	Duncan KW	Pat D	Sue Ranyard
Julie	Kath		

Those who have died and those who mourn their loss:

James..	Tina..	Yang Zhi Yu

We were very sad to hear of the death of Rev. Richard Birt. Rev. Birt's funeral is to be private, but a Book of Condolence will be opened for him at St. Francis Xavier's Church, Broad Street, from 14th November- 1st December.

Collect for Christ the King

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.

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.

Readings for Christ the King

Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24
God the True Shepherd
11 For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. 12 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. 13 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. 14 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. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make
them lie down, says the Lord God. 16 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.
20 Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean
sheep. 21 Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your
horns until you scattered them far and wide, 22 I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be
ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.
23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them
and be their shepherd. 24 And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince
among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Psalm 95: 1-7
A Call to Worship and Obedience
1 O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
3 For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
4 In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
5 The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
6 O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.
O that today you would listen to his voice!

Ephesians 1: 15- end
Paul's Prayer

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

Matthew 25: 31-end

The Judgement of the Nations

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