22nd November 2026
WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S! WE HOPE YOU ENJOY WORSHIPPING WITH US

Christ the King of All Creation

Today is the Sunday in the Church year when we celebrate Christ the King. It's the last Sunday of the Christian year – next Sunday is Advent Sunday, the beginning of the new Church year, when we wait in anticipation and hope for the coming of Jesus in power and splendour. It reminds us of the Kingship of and authority of Jesus over all creation.

Christ the King Sunday is the newest feast day in the church year. It was introduced by Pope Pius the 11th in 1925 in response to the challenge of rising nationalism and fascism in Europe, to remind Christians of who our true king is. From its beginning, Christ the King Sunday has made an unapologetically political statement.

We are all too aware of the challenges surrounding us in the world today. Nationalism, greed, poverty, hatred, violence, climate change, and war flood our newspapers and TV screens and we feel powerless to respond. We pray, and yet we sometimes despair as it seems that our prayers aren't being heard or answered. In the midst of the chaos around us we need to be reminded that Christ is our true King, even if we struggle to see it at times.

St Paul reminds us in Romans that ALL creation will be renewed and restored in the coming Kingdom when Christ's rule will be seen in all things, He writes in Romans 8:

19 For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. 20 For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. 23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? 25 But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

Today, as we give thanks for Christ's Kingship and the hope that all creation will be renewed, may we wait patiently and prayerfully for the fullness of God's kingdom, and respond to the challenge to work towards it here and now.

With my prayers and love, Anita

Dates for your Diary:

TODAY Sunday 22nd November: Church Lunch

Today we will enjoy lunch together after the service. Please let us know if you have any allergies or dietary requirements. All welcome!

Monday 23rd November: Welcome Space

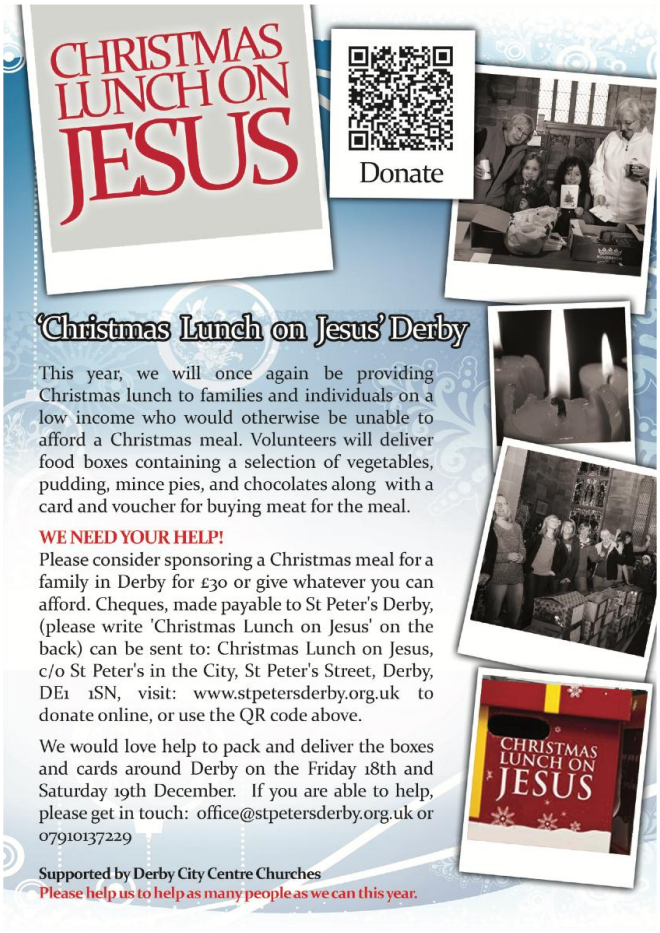
We meet from 9.30 – 12.30 in the Function Room with simple hot food, tea and coffee, and a space to chat. All welcome!

Wednesday 25th November: Spiritually Curious

'Spiritually Curious' is a gathering for people wanting to explore faith in a crazy world. It meets at St. Peter's on Wednesdays from 10 – 11.30am. All welcome!

Saturday 28th November Holistic Discipleship Course

We are running a Holistic Discipleship course, sharing insights from Scripture, Medicine, Psychology and more to aid growth, change and understanding. The course will take place from 9.30am until 1pm on 28th November, and 9th January. For more information, please speak to Lee or Anita.



Tuesday 1st December: Afternoon Tea

Sandwiches and cakes will be served in the church at 2.15pm, followed by a short service of Evening Prayer. All are very welcome – please call Margaret on 01332 239134 if you're planning to come for catering purposes. Hope to see you there!

Advent Bible Study Groups

Advent begins on 29th November. Are you interested in taking part in an Advent Bible Study Group (daytime or evening)? If so, please sign the list at the back of church. Thank you!

Praying for the Persecuted Church: Mozambique

Islamist extremist groups continue to target Christians with intense violence. Converts from Islam can face pressures from their community and family to recant their faith. Christian women who are displaced can be especially vulnerable to trafficking and deep trauma, as well as the loss of education and security. Church leaders are the targets of both extremist groups and the government, leading to churches being weakened without leadership. Because of extensive violence, many believers flee their homes and are displaced to other regions or neighbouring countries.

The departure of some protective governmental forces from regions of Mozambique is worsening the suffering experienced by believers in these areas. Please pray for our sisters and brothers in Mozambique.

Eco Idea for November 2026 (from A Rocha UK)

Make Christmas greener, one day at a time. Fun, practical, biblical and thoughtful, Olivia Warburton, who heads up her church's eco-group, offers 111 easy eco-tips to go greener at Christmas, in her book, Dreaming of a Green Christmas: Sustainability and creation care for busy people. Here's one of its tips: 'Make your own decorations from recyclable materials, such as dried orange slice ornaments, sticks of cinnamon, loo roll fairies or giant paper snowflakes. Turn scrap paper into paper chains. Foraged materials like pine cones and holly can be used for wreaths, which can then be recycled at the kerbside.' Use this eco tip or another one from our blog: arocha.org.uk/make-christmas-greener-one-day-at-atime/

Prayer Meeting

Don't forget our weekly prayer meeting every Tuesday at 11am via Zoom! Please do come along if you can. For more details, please contact Geoff.

Prayer….

Please do not hesitate to ask for prayer for any concern you have. We all face difficulties and challenges, but prayer makes a difference. In an emergency, call Lesley (07808 070958), and she will ask those on the prayer chain to pray.

Giving at St. Peter's

You can give to St. Peter's with cash (please put money in the Alms Box by the door next to the font), via our card machine, or use the QR code below to pay via your smartphone. Hover the camera on your phone over the QR code and tap on the yellow hyperlink to reach St. Peter's Give a Little Campaign giving page.

Zoom Joining Details for the 10.45 Service of Morning Praise:

On a Computer, Laptop, Smart Phone or Tablet: Click this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/450891605?pwd=czNCTTJuaUJpQ3VlOVlnUm1zS0tKQT09

Alternatively:

1. Open Zoom and select 'Join' or 'Join a Meeting'
2. Enter the Meeting ID: **450 891 605**
3. Select 'Join'
4. When prompted for the Meeting Password, enter **73837**
5. Select 'Continue' or 'Join Meeting' and you will be connected

By Phone – these are the numbers you must now use:

1. Pick any one of the numbers below (doesn't matter which), if one doesn't work, pick another: 0330 088 5830; 0131 460 1196; 0203 481 5237; 0203 481 5240; 0203 901 7895; 0208 080 6591; 0208 080 6592
2. Dial the number and when prompted for the Meeting ID press: **450 891 605#**
3. You will then be prompted for a Participant ID, just press **#**
4. Finally, you will be prompted for the Meeting Password,
5. press: **73837#**

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