

10am Experience and Explore: Christ the King and  
Safeguarding Sunday



Welcome

Grace and peace to you from God.

**May he fill you with truth and joy.**

**Hymn 160 - Make Way, make way for Christ the King**

*Please sit*

As we enter prayer now, we pause to be still; to breathe slowly, to re-centre our scattered senses upon the presence of God.

**Prayer of Approach**

Father God, open our eyes, stir our hearts, and teach us how  
'To act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly'  
with You this day. **Amen.**

*(Micah 6:8)*

Let us join with the ancient praise of all God's people in the words of Psalm 46:

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.  
**Therefore we should not fear, though the earth should change,**  
Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;  
**though its waters roar and foam.**  
Come, behold the works of the LORD;  
**He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth;**  
He breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;

**He burns the shield with fire.**

'Be still, and know that I am God!

**I am exalted among the nations,**

I am exalted in all the earth.'

*Psalm 46: 1-3, 8-10*

### **Words of Penitence and Forgiveness**

*A moment of silence to reflect on the past week, the things we have done or not done, and the ways in which we have offended God and hurt those around us...*

Jesus said, 'Before you offer your gift, go and be reconciled.' As brothers and sisters in God's family, we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

(Matthew 5:24)

**In your mercy,**

**Bring new life where we are worn and tired**

**Bring new love where we are hard hearted**

**Bring forgiveness where we have wounded and we feel hurt**

**Bring the joy and freedom of your Spirit where we are the prisoners of ourselves.**

To all and to each where regret is real, God pronounces pardon and grants us the opportunity to begin again.

The LORD God forgive you,  
restore the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in you a willing spirit.  
In the name of Christ, who died for us.  
**Amen.**

**Collect**

**Bible Reading    Luke 23: 33-43**

**Hymn 489    From heaven you came, helpless babe**

## **Exploration of the theme: Christ the King (Luke 23: 33-43)**

**Talk (John Pettigrew) – from the lectern, please stay seated**

**North Chapel - Refreshments**

**Reflect on Safeguarding in the Chancel** - a space to think and reflect on how to keep each other safe. Watch an animation, ask Sheila any questions. Worksheets for children.

**South Chapel** – Design your own jigsaw and/or make a holding Cross...

*After about 20 minutes we come back together to share what we have learned and made.*

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

We offer one another a sign of peace and afterwards sing **845, *The peace of the earth be with you***

Prayer for ourselves and others, concluding with...

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven**

**hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom come,**

**Your will be done**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread,**

**and forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever.**

**Amen**

**Affirmation of faith**

**We stand and say together:**

**We believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist.**

**We believe and trust in God the Son who took our human nature, died for us and rose again.**

**We believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world.**

**We believe in one God:**

**Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Birthdays! If you have recently had a birthday, let us know so that we can celebrate together.**

**Happy Birthday to you,**

**Happy Birthday to you,**

**God bless you and keep you,**

**another year through.**

**May the light of Christ shine out in your life, wherever you may be, all through the coming year. Amen**

**Hymn 728 [Meekness and Majesty](#)**

## The Blessing

From where we are to where you need us

**Jesus, lead on**

From the security of what we know to the adventure of what you will reveal

**Jesus, lead on**

Because good things have been prepared for those who love God

**Jesus, lead on**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

***Thank you for joining us today.***