



# St. Michael & All Angels

CHURCH IN THE PARK | LIVING, LOVING, SERVING

**26 November 2023 : Sunday next before Advent - Christ the King**

**Welcome to our services today.** If you are a visitor and usually take communion in your own church, we hope you will share the sacrament with us. We are now using the Common cup again when sharing the wine. If you are not a communicant, please still come to the altar, but carry a book, and you will receive a blessing. Do join us for Fairtrade refreshments in Church House after the 9.00 am service and at the back of church after the 11.00 am service.

Please take this sheet home with you as a reminder of events in the coming week which you might want to join in with, or pray over.

## **COLLECTS FOR TODAY'S SERVICES**

### 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.**

### Post Communion:

**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.**

**Today's readings** with their pew bible page numbers are:

Old Testament Reading:        **Ezekiel 34: 11-16 & 20-24** (page 865)

David had been the great Shepherd-King, and the Jews longed for another King like him. Today's Gospel will pick up the thought of the King as Shepherd. We hear first from Ezekiel, preparing for a divine intervention into history, speaking of God himself as the gatherer of his flock into safety, under a worthy successor to David.

New Testament Reading:        **Ephesians 1: 15-end** (page 1173)

Paul's great hymn of prayer and praise extols the power of God at work in all the faithful, and the Lord Jesus Christ raised up as king over all things.

Gospel Reading:                    **Matthew 25: 31-end** (page 995)

Jesus speaks about the end of time, and the kingly power that will be seen in the coming of the Son of Man. He reveals what the standard of judgement will be for entry into this kingdom - either we did, or did not care for him as we find him in the needy.

**9.00 am Matins (Sung)** (BCP)

Psalms 29 & 110 (Oxford Psalter pages 65 & 219)

**11.00 am Family Communion**

**2.00 pm Pipers Corner Christingle Service**

**6.00 pm Evensong (Sung)** (BCP) (No sermon)

Psalm 93 (Oxford Psalter page 183)

2 Samuel 23: 1-7 (page 330)

Hymn 386

Matthew 28: 16-end (page 1001)

Hymns 345 & 421

**Intercessions:** In our prayers this week we remember Cerys, Rex & Mary, Janet, Freddie, Anu, Andrea, Denise, Bex, Kay & Clive, Imelda & Mike, Hugh, Charlotte, and all who care for and about them.

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

### **MONDAY 27 November**

7.30 pm Hughenden Community Singers: Church

### **TUESDAY 28 November**

11.00 am Midweek Communion: Church

### **WEDNESDAY 29 November**

7.00 pm Alpha Course: Church House

### **THURSDAY 30 November**

9.30 am Tiny Tots Group: North Room

1.00 pm Christmas Unwrapped Hughenden Primary School: Church

### **SATURDAY 2 December**

7.30 pm Sing-along for Christmas: Church. An evening of festive, upbeat music and refreshments with the Hughenden Community Singers. No tickets required.

### **Next Sunday:**

### **3 December : First Sunday of Advent**

9.00 am Choral Communion (Common Worship)

11.00 am All Age Service

6.00 pm Evensong (Sung) (BCP)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**3 December – Gift Day** Hughenden PCC have decided to have a Gift Day on Sunday 3 December, to hopefully help reduce a budgetary shortfall. We are mindful that some are in a position to be able to respond financially, and others not. Please can I ask you to prayerfully consider the following two responses: 1. Make a one-off donation to Hughenden Church; 2. Review your monthly giving. If you don't currently make a monthly offering by Standing Order, why not set one up, and gift aid it -that adds 25% on top, if you are a taxpayer? For more details about giving, including our church bank account details, see: [hughendenparishchurch.org.uk/Giving](http://hughendenparishchurch.org.uk/Giving)

**3 December – Coffee & Carols** at Hughenden Village Store & Coffee Shop with the Shop Choir at 2.00 pm. Music, hot drinks, food and a warm welcome.

**4 December – Charity Christmas Concert with Carols** featuring Top Notes choir and Salvation Army brass, in aid of Growing Hope High Wycombe. 7.15 pm at All Saints, High Wycombe. Tickets £12 adults, £8 concessions, available from [eventbrite.co.uk/e/charity-christmas-concert-with-carols-tickets-718110286197](http://eventbrite.co.uk/e/charity-christmas-concert-with-carols-tickets-718110286197)

**10 December – Christingle Service** at 3.00 pm in Church. A service that tells of the importance of Jesus Christ through the symbolism of a Christingle. In support of The Children's Society.

**27 January – Burns Night** The Social and Outreach team have planned a Burns Night for 27 January in Hughenden Village Hall. This will be a great fun evening with a bar, 3 course meal and drinks, Ceilidh Band and Scottish dancing. Tickets will be £40 a head. As well as those who will want to buy tickets, we will also need support for the food preparation, kitchen support and serving, setting up the hall and the paid bar. If you want to buy tickets, or alternatively offer much needed help, please contact Julia or Roger, email [rogerandjulia.grant@gmail.com](mailto:rogerandjulia.grant@gmail.com), telephone 07909 518985.

## GENERAL

**Dreaming of a Green Christmas?** We will be giving a tip each week to make this come true! According to a recent Biffa waste management study, the UK creates 30% more waste at Christmas which includes 227,000 miles of wrapping paper and 1bn cards that end up in the bin. To help reduce this waste we have put up the Community Christmas card board and if you would like to use this to wish a happy Christmas to your church friends please place your card on the board. Donations you may want to make in lieu of the cost would be welcomed by the Church. We also recognise that it is important to some people to send or receive a Christmas card but if we can reduce the number it will all help.  
Julia Grant, Ecochurch

**Lighthouse Santa Fun Run** St Michael & All Angels runners and walkers are joining other supporters of Lighthouse Central to raise money for the charity's work extending God's kingdom. Our team will join the annual Santa Fun Run on Sun 3 December and would really appreciate any sponsorship you can offer please. Speak to Ben Sharp to find out more or to donate - or head online to: [app.goodhub.com/santarun23](http://app.goodhub.com/santarun23)

**Mothers' Union Christmas Gifts For Women's Refuge** We are collecting special biscuits, chocolates and sweets for the refuge. A hamper will be at the back of the church, until Tuesday 5 December, for you to leave your gift (unwrapped). This hamper will be emptied frequently. Thank you if you are able to support this Christmas giving. Any queries contact Louise Stallwood - 01494 712705.

**Follow the Star** Church of England Advent Calendar with stickers. Price £3.99. Available from Church House Publishing. Put the Christ back into Christmas!  
[chpublishing.co.uk/features/follow-the-star](http://chpublishing.co.uk/features/follow-the-star)

**Help Please To Find Missing Tablecloths** For the Flower Festival in August 15 new tablecloths were very kindly made and donated for use in Church House. Since October there have only been 6 of these cloths. If you have taken any home to wash and forgotten to return them to Church House, please do so as soon as possible. I am happy to collect them from you if needed. Louise Stallwood - 01494 712705

**Please let Keith or Helen know** of any member of our church family who is unwell, in hospital, housebound, lonely or in need of support.

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