

Notices

Welcome to everyone to worship today. A collection is taken during the service, but you also make a donation using the contactless machine at the back of the church.

Refreshments will be served in the hall after the service.

Organist today welcome to Alex Coutts.

No Thursday eucharist this week.

Prayer for today's Feast of Christ the King

Christ, our Savior and our King,
renew in me allegiance to Your Kingship.

I pray for the grace to place You above the powers of this world in all things.

O Prince of Peace, may Your reign be complete in my life and in the life of the world. Christ, my King, please answer these petitions if they be in accordance with Your Holy Will. Amen.

Next Sunday, November 23rd at 11am
First Sunday of Advent

Readings: Isaiah 2.1-5; Romans 13.11-end; Matthew 24.36-44

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St. Francis of Assisi, Isleworth

Christ the King

Sunday November 23rd, 2025



‘Christ is the King, O friends rejoice’ we sing today as our opening words of the Mass. Why rejoice? Why would we want a king? Does that mean God rules with absolute power as a tyrant or is some kind of constitutional monarch, which does not make sense. There are plenty of kings in the Old Testament, and most of them are a rum lot. To understand how Christ is king we need to look at his Person and his work; who he is and what he does. We see that supremely on the cross: ‘Today you will be with me in paradise.’

For your prayers

Praise of Christ as King

For Bishop Sarah of London, next year to be Archbishop of Canterbury; and Bishop Emma of Kensington.

For The King and for all in authority in this land; for the rulers of this world to know their place before God

For Ukraine; for places where there is civil war; for the Holy Land; for continuing conflict in so many parts of the world

For those facing poverty, starvation and destitution

For the sick and suffering, for those in hospital, in different forms of care or supported at home; for hospital and health care services

For the departed, and for those who mourn; in remembrance of any whom we have known, and see no longer