

The Parish Church of St. James, Briercliffe

Sunday 23rd November 2025

Christ the King



Hymns at Today's Eucharist

Introit 449 - Soldiers of Christ, arise

Gradual (s)68 - Meakness and majesty, manhood and deity

Offertory 296 - Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour

Communion 457 - The King of love my shepherd is

Communion 93 - Were you there when they crucified my Lord

Final 352 - Crown him with many crowns

Services at St. James' this Week

Wednesday at 9.30am. - Said Eucharist

Thursday at 6.00pm. - Family Service

Next Sunday, 30th November - Advent Sunday

9.30am. Sung Eucharist

The 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

A Reading from the Epistle to the Colossians (Ch. 1: 11-20)

Brothers and sisters: ¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, ¹²while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

This is the word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God**

Please stand and face the Gospeller to listen to:

The Gospel of St. Luke (Ch. 23: 33-43)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' ³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same

sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' ⁴²Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' ⁴³Jesus replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ**

Prayers of Intercession

The response to the intercessions is:

Leader: Lord, in your mercy **All: Hear our prayer.**



In our Parish, we pray for:

Those who are ill at this time and all those who have the care of them, including: Hilary, Justin, Michael, Raymond, Enid, Lauren, Alex

For all the recently departed, and all who mourn them, including: Kath Braithwaite and for all those whose anniversary occurs at this time, including: Bruce Cottam, Joan Degnan, Nora Green, Sylvia Sutcliffe, Nora Walsh

In our cycle of prayer, we pray for the Residents and Businesses on Oaken Bank, Rockwood Close, Chorlton Close, Malham Road, Standen Hall Drive

In our Deanery, please pray for the parishes of St James, Briercliffe and St John the Evangelist, Worsthorne

and at the end:

Merciful Father, **Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**



Prayer after 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.**

The Blessing

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will, that you may reign with him in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

NOTICES

Christingle Service — Sunday 7th December at 3.00pm.

Christingle collecting candles and envelopes
are available from the Warden's table



Carols by Candlelight

A service of carols and lessons for Christmas
Sunday 14th December at 6.00pm.

You can **donate to St James' Church**, regularly, or as a one-off, either by Direct Debit (form available), or, through the Parish Giving Scheme by scanning the QR code on the right, helping to support the ministry at St James'.

Details on the Wardens' table and on the church website.



Advance Notice. There will be a **Confirmation Service**, with Bishop Philip, at St John's Worsthorne on Tuesday 17th March at 7.00pm. If anyone is interested in being confirmed, please speak to Rev'd Michael to obtain a form.



Please join us in the vestry for **refreshments** after the 9.30am. services on Sunday and Wednesday mornings.

Our Vision Statement

Jesus calls us to follow in his footsteps, to be a prayerful, worshipping church who welcomes all to know his gracious love.

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