MERTON PRIORY
CHRIST CHURCH
HOLY TRINITY
+ ST JOHN'S +
TEAM MINISTRY

Sunday 22 November 2026
Christ the King

HT 9am Early Service at Holy Trinity

CC 10.30am Team Eucharist with Baptism of Roi Li and Admission of Children to Communion at Christ Church

We hold in our prayers Lara Brown, Evanthia Dean, Morwenna Grande, Roi Li, Aubrey Webbe and Felix Webbe as they are admitted to communion.

SJ 3-5pm Panto Rehearsals at St John's

6.30pm Confirmation Service at St Matthew's Wimbledon

We hold in our prayers Romilly Deal, Jemima Holgate, Joshua Holgate, Finley Ziwa, Kay Carter, Ben Gillard, Louise Gillard, Dovile Lawson and Oliver Heathcote-Rey as they are confirmed.

Collect for Christ the King:

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.
Amen.

If you wish to follow them, the set Bible readings for today are Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95: 1-7; Ephesians 1: 15-end; Matthew 25: 31-end

Mission Statement

Faithful to God ~ **Sharing** with those in need ~ **Caring** for one another

The Week Ahead

Morning Prayer takes place at 8.30am on Mon (St John's), Tues (Holy Trinity), Weds (St John's) and Thurs (Christ Church)

Evening Prayer takes place at 5pm on Mon (Holy Trinity), Tues (St John's), Weds (Christ Church) and Thurs (at Holy Trinity)

Monday 23 November – *Clement, bishop, martyr, c. 100*

10.45am – 1pm Mencap Café at Holy Trinity

Tuesday 24 November

9.45am T3 (Trinity, Tots & Toys) at Holy Trinity

Wednesday 25 November

10.45am – 1pm Mencap Café at Holy Trinity

4.00pm Prayer Group at Christ Church

6.00pm Meditation Group at Christ Church

Thursday 26 November

12.15pm Eucharist at Holy Trinity

Friday 27 November

Saturday 28 November

9.00am Eucharist at Christ Church

Sunday 29 November – ADVENT SUNDAY

9.00am Parish Eucharist at St John's

10.30am Parish Eucharist with Junior Church at Holy Trinity

11.00am Parish Eucharist at Christ Church

3-5pm Panto Rehearsals at Christ Church

6.00pm Advent Carols at St John's
followed by refreshments

Eco-Friendly Tip: Take an eco-action at work – like turning off your computer at the end of the working day or bringing a reusable coffee cup – and ask your colleagues to do the same. Ask if your workplace has an eco rep or committee, join it or start one!

Notices

All Over the next few weeks there is a **Team-wide Giving Campaign** across the churches. Please look out for literature and talks and keep your giving and the financial health of our churches in your prayers.
Members of **Holy Trinity** – the Giving Campaign will culminate with thanksgiving for the returned pledges on 6 December.
Christ Church received and blessed 20 pledges with the offertory last Sunday and are very thankful for everyone's generosity.

HT We are looking to recruit **some volunteers** as Parish Safeguarding Officers, Baptism Visitors and for help with admin tasks. If you may be interested, please speak to Mark or the churchwardens for more information.

All There will be **Advent Carols** on Advent Sunday (29 November) at 6pm at St John's. The service will be followed by refreshments.

All Hannah will be leading a four-week **reflective Advent study** exploring Advent and Christmas Carols. This will take place at Christ Church Vicarage on Monday evenings from 30 November - 21 December at 8pm. Please email Hannah to get the booklet. If you would be interested in participating in a day-time group, please let Hannah know and we'll see if it is possible.

HT **Prayers for Healing** will be a part of the All Age Service for the Second Sunday of Advent (Sunday 6 December) at Holy Trinity.

All We recently said goodbye to **Sister Chris** as she moved up to Hull. She was presented with a picture of Christ Church and has recently received the balance of the collection. Sister Chris writes "I am really grateful for such generosity from the congregations and the money is very much appreciated – thank you."
We also said goodbye to **Duncan and Penny Swan**. They have also sent a thank you for the gifts they received on the day and have said that they will use the balance of the collection to buy something to remind them of Merton Priory. If you'd like their new address, please contact the Parish Office via email.

All If you are applying on behalf of your child for a **Church School Foundation** place next academic year (2027), please complete our own Merton Priory questionnaire (https://www.ht-sw.org.uk/schools.htm). Once completed, you will need to take it, along with any school foundation reference forms (for nursery and primary), to a brief meeting with Mark or Hannah. Mark's available dates will be on a sign-up sheet in church, to arrange to meet with Hannah, please speak to or email her. Deadlines are end of November for Nursery and end of December for Primary.

All The next **God in the Pub** will be on Sunday 6 December at 7.30pm in the William Morris, Merton Abbey Mills (please note the different venue). The theme for discussion will be Advent and Christmas – all are welcome.

All Save the date for **Holy Trinity's Christmas Fair** which will be on Saturday 5th December from 11am – 4pm.
Please bring any donations that you have for the fair to Holy Trinity including books (fiction only please), all toys (complete), bric-a-brac (no electricals) and full bottles of wine, Also, if you can run a stall, help with set up or take down, please add your name to the list at Holy Trinity or let Libby know via the Parish Office email address.
Finally, if you are happy to have an estate agent board outside your house advertising the fair, please add your name and address to the list or contact Libby. Thank you.

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.

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