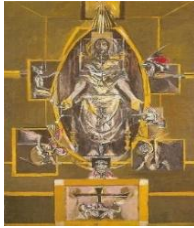


**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025**

## **Christ the King**

**St Andrew's church, Folkingham**  
South Lafford and Billingborough Group of Parishes



### **Collect**

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.

### **Jeremiah 23.1-6**

**23** Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. <sup>2</sup>Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

<sup>5</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

### **Psalm 46**

- 1 God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble;
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
and though the mountains tremble in the heart of the sea;**
- 3 Though the waters rage and swell,  
and though the mountains quake at the towering seas.
- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,**  
the holy place of the dwelling of the Most High.
- 5 God is in the midst of her;  
therefore shall she not be removed;  
God shall help her at the break of day.
- 6 The nations are in uproar and the kingdoms are shaken,  
but God utters his voice and the earth shall melt away.**
- 7 *The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.*
- 8 Come and behold the works of the Lord,  
what destruction he has wrought upon the earth.**
- 9 He makes wars to cease in all the world;  
he shatters the bow and snaps the spear  
and burns the chariots in the fire.
- 10 'Be still, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations;  
I will be exalted in the earth.'**
- 11 *The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.*

### **Colossians 1.11-20**

<sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the power of

darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup>for 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. <sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He 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. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and 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.

### **Luke 4.16-21**

<sup>16</sup>When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup>'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,

<sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

<sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

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