Sunday 22 November 2026
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.
Amen

Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24

11 For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search
for my sheep, and will seek them out. **12** As
shepherds seek out their flocks when they are
among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out
my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places
to which they have been scattered on a day of
clouds and thick darkness. **13** I will bring them
out from the peoples and gather them from the
countries, and will bring them into their own
land; and I will feed them on the mountains of
Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the
inhabited parts of the land. **14** I will feed them
with good pasture, and the mountain heights of
Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie
down in good grazing land, and they shall feed
on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. **15** I
myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I
will make them lie down, says the Lord God. **16** I
will seek the lost, and I will bring back the
strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will
strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I
will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

20 Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I
myself will judge between the fat sheep and the
lean sheep. **21** Because you pushed with flank
and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals
with your horns until you scattered them far and
wide, **22** I will save my flock, and they shall no
longer be ravaged; and I will judge between
sheep and sheep.

23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my
servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall
feed them and be their shepherd. **24** And I, the
Lord, will be their God, and my servant David
shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have
spoken.

Psalm 95.1-7

1 O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving
and be glad in him with psalms.

3 For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods.

4 In his hand are the depths of the earth
and the heights of the mountains are his also.

5 The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have moulded the dry land.

6 Come, let us worship and bow down
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

7 For he is our God;
we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Ephesians 1.15-end

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and
your love towards all the saints, and for this
reason **16** I do not cease to give thanks for you as
I remember you in my prayers. **17** I pray that the
God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,
may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation
as you come to know him, **18** so that, with the
eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know
what is the hope to which he has called you,
what are the riches of his glorious inheritance
among the saints, **19** and what is the
immeasurable greatness of his power for us who
believe, according to the working of his great
power. **20** God put this power to work in Christ
when he raised him from the dead and seated
him at his right hand in the heavenly places,
21 far above all rule and authority and power and
dominion, and above every name that is named,
not only in this age but also in the age to come.
22 And he has put all things under his feet and
has made him the head over all things for the
church, **23** which is his body, the fullness of him
who fills all in all.

Matthew 25.31-end

31 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and
all the angels with him, then he will sit on the
throne of his glory. **32** All the nations will be
gathered before him, and he will separate
people one from another as a shepherd
separates the sheep from the goats, **33** and he
will put the sheep at his right hand and the

goats at the left. **34** Then the king will say to
those at his right hand, “Come, you that are
blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom
prepared for you from the foundation of the
world; **35** for I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to
drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,
36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was
sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and
you visited me.” **37** Then the righteous will
answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you
hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave
you something to drink? **38** And when was it that
we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or
naked and gave you clothing? **39** And when was it
that we saw you sick or in prison and visited
you?” **40** And the king will answer them, “Truly I
tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of
these who are members of my family, you did it
to me.” **41** Then he will say to those at his left
hand, “You that are accursed, depart from me
into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and
his angels; **42** for I was hungry and you gave me
no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing
to drink, **43** I was a stranger and you did not
welcome me, naked and you did not give me
clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit
me.” **44** Then they also will answer, “Lord, when
was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a
stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did
not take care of you?” **45** Then he will answer
them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it
to one of the least of these, you did not do it to
me.” **46** And these will go away into eternal
punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

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