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Sunday 30th November 2025

YOUR SERVICES THIS WEEK: First Sunday of Advent (Cycle of Readings Year A; Weekday Cycle Year 2)

Saturday 29th November

First Sunday of Advent

Mass: 17:00 (HC) Holy Souls +

Sunday 30th November

First Sunday of Advent

Mass: 09:00 (CTK) Bernard Fox +

Sunday 30th November

First Sunday of Advent

Mass: 10:30 (CTK) Holy Souls +

Monday 1st December

Memorial of St Alexander Briant

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Tuesday 2nd December

Weekday of Advent

Mass: 10:00 (CTK) Special Intention

Wednesday 3rd December

Memorial of St Francis Xavier

Mass: 10:00 (CTK) Special Intention

Thursday 4th December

Memorial of St Osmund

Mass: 9.15 (HC)

Friday 5th December

Weekday of Advent

Mass: 10:00 (CTK)

Saturday 6th December

Second Sunday of Advent

Mass: 17:45 (HC)

Sunday 7th December

Second Sunday of Advent

Mass: 09:00 (CTK)

Sunday 7th December

Second Sunday of Advent

Mass: 10:30 (CTK)

(CTK) = CHRIST THE KING

(HC) = HOLY CROSS

Live Stream: the Sunday 9.00am and 10.30am Masses at Christ The King are available on Live Stream for those unable to attend in person:

[Live Services – Christ The King & Holy Cross](#)

Confessions: Are available by request, before or after Mass, please ask Father Frank for a convenient time.

Holy Hour: Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament – Thursday 10.30-11.30

Please note not there will be no holy hour on Thursday 4th December

Diocesan Prayer League: Our Lady, St Mary Glastonbury, St Michael, Shepton Mallet, Our Lady Queen of the Apostles, Cheddar, St Joseph and St Teresa, Wells.

Mass Book: Year A Volume 1:

Page 82 (First Sunday of Advent)

Christ the King Church is open most days for
private prayer from **10am to 4pm**



Matthew: 24: 37-44 'Stay awake so that you may be ready.'



Advent - a time for preparation: in this or any other year, we all need something to look forward to. The word Advent comes from the Latin: "*ad ... venire*", which means "*to come to*". Advent is that special time of the year when we wait for the celebration of Christmas, the Birth of the baby Jesus in the stable at Bethlehem, and His Second coming at the end of time. The Church also celebrates its new year this weekend, on the First Sunday of Advent and in this coming Liturgical Year A, we will focus on the Gospel of St Matthew and the weekday readings from Year II.

Advent is a great time and opportunity for us to re-focus our prayer life. In our busy lives, the real meaning of Christmas may become lost in the "commercial" world which is all around us. As we begin the Advent season, let us do what we can to prepare well through prayer for the birth of Our Lord. Let us turn to God to ask for the grace to grow spiritually in God's loving care; a love that is patient and kind, gentle and ever present; a grace that brings peace and hope into all our lives. So let us stay awake and be ready, attuned to the glory and majesty that only God can bring.

"Lord Jesus, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do, seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day. We, who are anxious over many things, look forward to your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways, long for the complete joy of your kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy, seek the joy of your presence. We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking your light."

Holy Cross

Coffee after Mass - Saturday 13th December

Reading Rota

29th November – George Fowler

6th December – Maria Little

Welcome Rota

29th November – Kate Barlow

6th December – Jane Parker

Monthly Rosary

4:40pm Saturday 3rd January (No rosary in December)

Live Crib (Wotton Churches Together)

Saturday 6th December at 4pm 'The Star' in Market Street with carols from two school choirs. So that parishioners can attend the Mass at Holy Cross will start at the later time of 5:45pm.

First Holy Communion

There will be a meeting for Parents / Guardians and Children **on Sunday 7th December in the Parlour in Porch House after the 10.30 Mass at Christ the King**. If you have a child in Year 3 or above this academic year and you would like them to be included in the First Holy Communion Programme, please make a note of this date in your diary.

Repository Christmas Nativity Displays

Will be held in the Hall this Sunday 30th November and Sunday 7th December after both Masses. Advent Calendars, Cribbs, cards, children's Christmas books and other items will be on sale. These items are sold at near cost price, and all the proceeds go to the church so come and get some bargains and support Christ the King Church.

On **Sunday 30th November** there will also be a CAFOD tabletop sale in CTK hall of homemade craft items.

Foodbank

The November and December lists have been combined, in order to cover Christmas. Please note that we are asked not to buy mince pies, as they may contain alcohol. Plenty of other items will be welcome, though - the list is on the noticeboard and on the box. Thank you for all contributions.

CAFOD

Tickets are now available for the Christmas raffle, in support of CAFOD's Advent appeal. The main prize is a fairtrade hamper. Tickets £1, in the hall after both Masses.

Advent and Christmas Services

Advent Penitential Service – Tuesday 9th December at 7.00pm in CTK Church (with the opportunity for individual confessions).

Christmas Eve (Wed 24th Dec) – First Mass of Christmas at 19.30pm in CTK Church, preceded by Carols at 19.00hrs.

Christmas Day (Thu 25th December) – Mass at 10.00am in Holy Cross Church.

Christmas Day (Thu 25th December) – "Quiet" Mass at 9.00am and Mass with "Living Crib" at 10.30am at CTK Church

St Stephen "Boxing Day" (Fri 26th December) – Mass at 10.00am in CTK Church

We are very grateful to Canon Michael Fitzpatrick who will celebrate the Christmas Day Mass at Holy Cross. There will be a practice for the "Living Crib" following the 10:30am Mass on Sunday 21st December. If your child is interested in acting or reading, please let Deacon Lawrence or the parish office know.



Upcoming SDS Jubilee

On 8 December 2025, the Salvatorians in the United Kingdom will joyfully inaugurate the Jubilee Year commemorating 125 years of

Salvatorian presence in the United Kingdom and Eire. In this same celebration, Salvatorian College will mark the centenary of its foundation, a remarkable milestone in its mission of Catholic education.

We warmly invite all parishioners to join us in giving thanks to Almighty God for these blessings, and for the enduring charism and prophetic vision of Blessed Francis Jordan, who personally sowed the seeds of the Salvatorian mission on our shores.

May the Lord continue to guide, inspire and bless us all as we enter this historic year of grace.

Prayers

Please remember in your prayers all our Parishioners who are ill, in hospital or housebound particularly Carrie Sidoli, Peter Bradshaw, Tony Gaynor, Michael Bishop, Mary McCoy.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary (Maureen) Fawcett who died recently we also pray for Mary's family at this sad time. Mary's funeral service will take place at CTK on Friday 5th December at 12:30 followed by cremation at Westerleigh. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Anniversaries

We remember those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace Maureen Shepherd, Adrian Kelly, Harry Haworth, Evelyn Conner, Shelagh Tuite-Dalton, Frank Phillips, Patrick McNally, Rose McMahon Joseph O'Farrell, Rosie Turner, Margaret Boyd, Bolrslaw Zimmer, Eileen Phillips

Christ the King Forthcoming Dates

Quiz Night 19:30 Wednesday 3rd December

Music Night 19:00 Sunday 30th November

Friday Music Night 19:30 Friday 5th December

As winter approaches music night on a Sunday will now start at the earlier time of 19:00 and finish at 21:00

CTK Readers, Offertory and Music

Date	9.00 Reader	10.30		Collector	Music
		Reader 1	Reader 2		
30th Nov	C Hurford	A Clarke	B Clarke	C & D Clarke	Folk Group
7th Dec	G Hunter	A Collins	M Wallis	J & H Lewis	Choir

Christ the King Church Cleaning Rota

Mon 1st & 8th Dec L Godding & S Evans

Mon 15th & 22nd Dec Maria Scott & Delia Rees

CTK Weekend Coffee Rota

Sunday 30th November: M Scott

Sunday 7th December Delia Rees & Gill Brooks

Special Ministers (CTK) Rota

30th Nov: 9:00 T Fernandez/S Evans 10:30 M Scott/D Nicholls

7th Dec: 9:00 M O'Leary/N McCarthy 10:30 J Wallis/R Hetherton

Thursday 4th December (CTK Church)

We welcome the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School to CTK Church on the morning of Thu 4th December. They will be performing "Once Upon A Time" for local primary schools, including CTK.

CTK Children's Liturgy ("Little Church")

Children's Liturgy ("Little Church") will take place this Sunday 30th November during the 10:30am Mass.

Forthcoming Christmas Concerts (CTK)

NotaBene: "The Night Before Christmas" – Saturday 6th December at 7.00pm in CTK Church.

Songbirds Women's Choir: Christmas Concert & Singalong - Saturday 13th December at 2.30pm & 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. All welcome – please see the Noticeboards for further details.



CTK Weekend - Many thanks to all who participated and helped out in any way with the celebrations that took place last weekend. It was great to see so many people at all Masses and at the entertainment events which took place for our Young and "Young at Heart" parishioners alike. We are blessed with having two churches that provide a warm and welcoming place to all. Long may this continue. Special thanks to "Vital Signs", our childrens' entertainer and Sue and all the Team.