St John the Evangelist Highbridge

We want to be a people of courage, sharing God's love across our community.

22nd November 2026

Christ the King

Music in today's service:

329 Make way, make way
327 Majesty, worship his majesty
335 Meekness and majesty
126 Father, we love you
309 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour

Welcome to Church Today

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.

Post 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.

Bible Reading: Ephesians 1: 15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. 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, 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, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 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, 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. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Bible Reading: Matthew 25: 31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: '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. 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, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 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; 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, 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." 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? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" 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."

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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; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 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." 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?" 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." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

In our prayers….

To include somebody on this prayer list please let Liz in the office know by 8am on Thursday, making sure the person you wish to be included wants their name in print.



Marriage: *Couples preparing for marriage and those recently married*

Baptisms: *We pray for all parents and godparents*

Those in need of our prayers:
Rachel Holmes, Maxine Hill, Marilyn Lloyd, Christine Cooper, Valerie Crawford, Dot Anderson, Margaret Wall, Veronika Bacsur.

Those at home, in care or with long term conditions:
Olive Dicks, Christine Marston, Victoria Yasenko, Louise Orledge, Margaret Westcott.



For those who have died:
We pray for those who have recently died and their loved ones who grieve their loss.
Michael Mansfield

Those whose anniversary falls this week:
Revd Tony Webb

In our community:

Loving God,
We pray for an openness to the presence of Jesus in the community of Highbridge, and for the courage to share our faith with all who need his love. Amen



In our world:

Heavenly Father,
We pray for the world and its people, that we receive the peace that comes from above and that we may find Christ's way of freedom and life. Amen

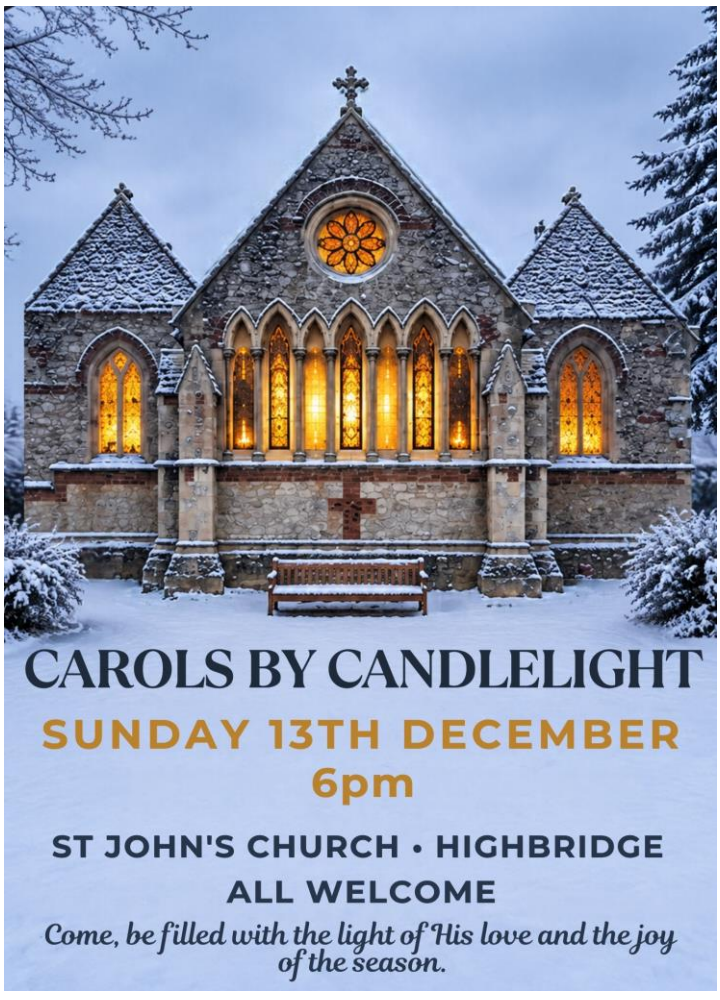
Monthly Evening Service

The next monthly evening service is on
Sunday 6th December 6pm.
This is a short service lead by Revd Paul Holmes focusing on prayer and the word.
All welcome

Knitted Christmas Gifts

A huge thank you to everyone that has been knitting for us this year. Please can all the knitted gifts be handed into the parish office or contact the office to arrange collection by 6th December. Thank you.





Christmas fair

Saturday 5th December 1-3pm

We are planning lots of stalls and craft activities, if you are able to help man a stall please speak to Shirley.

Any donations of bottles, raffle prizes and little gift items (ie smelly sets, mugs, candles etc) you might have at home not used they will be greatly appreciated, please can they be given to Shirley or Liz by Sunday 29th November.

Any donations of cakes for the cake stall will be appreciated on the morning of the fair.

Churchfield School at Christmas

We are delighted that Churchfield school will be using the church for all their Christmas Services and Nativity plays this year so this is a fantastic opportunity to welcome and engage with all the children, staff, parents and local community.

It would be great if we could offer tea/coffee/biscuits to parents/careers after the services but we will need some help please.

Dates/times needed:

Mon 14th Dec 10am Tues 15th Dec 1.30pm

If you can help, please speak to Liz in church or contact the parish office. Thank you



Supporting St John's:

St John's is funded almost entirely by voluntary giving. We don't generally take collections during services, but ask for a donation as you leave. This is part of our worship and our offering to God. We have a contactless card reader and a plate for cash by the door.

Those who view St John's as their church generally give regularly by standing order (even if they don't come every week). To give a one-off or a regular gift, you can point your phone camera at the QR code below to be taken to our secure giving page.

For bank transfers please use the following:

NAME: PCC St John's Church, Highbridge
SORT CODE: 60-04-12
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 56098251

If you are a UK tax payer, did you know we can reclaim the tax on any donations that you make, whether regular or one off? For further details on how to do this please see our treasurer, Debbie.

Contact us:

For general enquiries and wedding or baptism bookings, in the first instance please contact the church parish office.

Office opening times are: (Term time only)
Tuesday 9.30am -1.30pm
Wednesday 9.30am – 11.30am
Thursday 9.30am – 1.30pm



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Calendar: November 2026

Sunday 22nd Christ the King
10am Communion Service

Wed 25th 9.30am Communion Service in the church hall and live streamed to Facebook
10.15am Coffee morning in the church hall

Sunday 29th 1st Sunday of Advent
10am Communion Service

DECEMBER

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Sat 5th 1.00pm Christmas Fair

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