

**SERVICES IN CHURCH BUILDINGS**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

The Church will open for a brief period of private prayer from this Thursday, 10 –12noon.

All worship is now published online since the government announcements.

Details to be found on our website [www.burghillchurch.co.uk](http://www.burghillchurch.co.uk)

**A Month of Prayer**

We are being called to a month long mission of prayer. See website for details

**ONLINE BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP**

“GENESIS”

The Bible Discussion Group is restarting !  
3rd November, 7.00pm. Details to follow.

Just follow the link

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75497375840?pwd=bzB1Y29CeUpIRHo2bVQ1SEgzcZlKUT09>



**Readings**

Psalms 95.1-7

Matthew 25.31-46

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**FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

Those who are ill

Jan, Lois,

Those who have died

Shirley, John,

Cynthia, Margaret,

Ron

**The 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. Amen

## Main Reading

“Matthew 25.31-46”

“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.’ 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.”

## Homily

“Whom Do We Serve”

As a theologian, I have often been both inspired and distracted by what I have found. It is wonderful to explore certain periods, the early church, the Medieval Church and so on. However, it has always struck me that in every age and in all things we can lose our way. There is a tension between culture and Christianity, between the followers of Jesus (Christians) and the figure of Jesus himself. As I have studied in depth the intricacies of Christian practice I have often thought to myself: ‘we have come a long way from the carpenter of Nazareth’. There is a tension between our times and the person of Jesus.

Yet today is an opportunity to be invited back to wrestle with this tension and ask the question afresh: ‘How do I serve Christ today?’. The feast of Christ the King is about affirming our allegiances and reordering our priorities afresh. We can all get lost in the woods and thickets of our times but today we are invited rather to not look forward into the maze of what is coming but rather look up and see the light that shines above all things. It is in this way that we can centre ourselves in a world of uncertainty. If we fail to look towards God and the light that comes down from Him in the form of the Son then life can befog us and we can get lost in our own sense of place within the world. In the passage today Jesus tells the story of His revealing in which those of the world are revealed as either belonging to themselves or to Him. It doesn’t so much focus upon this as a day in which this will happen but rather focuses upon the fact that when we die we will face the fruits of our actions. Those who spend their time wisely serving others for Christ will be rewarded, those who only served themselves receive condemnation. The feast of Christ the King is about reminding ourselves that ultimately there is only a future in serving Christ, not ourselves.