DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Today

There will be an Outside Giving retiring collection to continue the aid for St. Agnes Orphanage Gokwe in Zimbabwe following the fire that destroyed a lot of their buildings. Please support this very worthy cause if you can.

Monday November 23rd 10.30am The group meeting on Zoom to look at the George Herbert poem 'Bitter-sweet – *Ah my deare angrie Lord'* To receive a Zoom joining code, see Chris Butt.

Wednesday
10.00am **Morning Prayer** with **Mother Laura**

NEXT WEEK ~ NOVEMBER 29th 2026 ~ ADVENT
8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Communion
6.30pm Advent Carols followed by refreshments in the hall.



Mull and Mince
Kate and Mat invite everyone to pop into the vicarage between 4 and 6pm on **Sunday 29 November** for a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie to celebrate the beginning of Advent (a good way to get warmed up for the beautiful Advent carol service in church at 6.30pm). Refreshments will also be available in the hall after the service.

As part of **Churches Together in Harborne** we are undertaking a collection of pre-loved men's & women's clothes for **Birmingham City Mission** to distribute to the homeless. If you wish to donate socks/tights, they need to be brand new. Otherwise, pre-loved coats, jumpers, shirts, trousers etc can be placed in the boxes at the back of church. Final day of collection: **Sun 29th November '26**.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

We want our churches to be places of welcome and safety. Please could you take a few moments to complete a short survey about how welcome and safe you feel at your church? Scan the code opposite on your phone to start or type the web address below into your browser.
https://www.cognitoforms.com/Cofebirmingham/ParishSafeguardingSurvey2026

Gift-Aiding



A reminder: if you use one of the yellow giving envelopes, please ensure, to secure the gift aid, that the envelope is filled in and signed. For Tower donations, please write the amount you have donated on the front of the envelope so that we can log it! Thank you.

RIP
Richard Hardwick **Kevin McCarthy**

WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S CHURCH

To Newcomers: We are especially glad to see you. By way Introduction please fill in a ***welcome slip*** **at the back of the church** *and return it to a Sidesperson or contact the Parish Office on 681 1940.*

Please take this notice sheet home.
www.stpeterharborne.org.uk
Email: parishoffice@stpeterharborne.org.uk

If you and your young children or babies need a breakout space in the service, the Side Chapel is available unless the Boulders group is using it (usually between the Collect and the Peace). It is free throughout the All Age service on the first Sunday of the month. If you use it, you will still be part of the service as there is an audio connection from the church.

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22nd 2026
CHRIST THE KING

At communion we eat the bread and drink the wine separately; we do not dip (intinct) the wafer in the wine. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please let the clergy or churchwardens know before the service.

8.00am ~ HOLY COMMUNION
Green Prayer Book

9.30am ~ PARISH COMMUNION
Common Worship ~ HA & M
Setting ~ Rizza (p18 & 19 of the service booklet)

Organ Voluntary: Passacaglia ~ *William Walton*
First Hymn: 227
Gradual Hymn: 232
Offertory Hymn: 223
Sermon: Revd. Pete Brayshaw
Anthem: Lift up your heads ~ *William Mathias*
Communion Hymn: 466
Final Hymn: 612
Organ Recessional: March ~ *William Walton*

6.30pm
FULL CHORAL EVENSONG
Green Prayer Book ~ NEH

Hymn: 433
Responses: *Ayleward*
Psalm: 93
Canticles: Sumsion in A
OT Lesson: 2 Samuel 23.1-7
NT Lesson: Matthew 28.16-20
Anthem: O Clap your hands ~ *Ralph Vaughan Williams*
Homily: Revd. Canon Kate Stowe
Final Hymn: 336
Organ Voluntary: Crown Imperial ~ *William Walton*

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22nd 2026
CHRIST THE KING

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.

First Reading
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. 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. 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. 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. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. 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. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Gospel 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.'

Post Communion Prayer
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.

Christmas Postcards

Postcards and leaflets advertising our **Christmas services** and **Tower of Strength Giving Day** (see below) have been printed and are available at the back of church. **Please pick up a large handful of each** and distribute them around local streets. Please write your name and the street(s) you are delivering to on the list at the back of church to try and ensur

