

St. John's Anglican Church, St. Raphaël

A congregation of the Church of England's Diocese in Europe
and a Member of the World-Wide Anglican Communion

**St John's is an inclusive Congregation & welcomes
everyone to worship and take Communion with us.**

**A VERY WARM WELCOME
TO OUR SERVICE THIS MORNING!**



**Sunday 26 November, 2023
Reign of Christ / Christ the King Sunday**

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welcome person at the back of the church before the Service begins.**

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nos vidéos./ Our services are videoed and posted on the internet. You may
appear in our videos.**

NOTICES & ORGAN PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN # 21 All People That On Earth Do Dwell

WELCOME & PRAYER OF PREPARATION

CONFESSION, KYRIE, ABSOLUTION & GLORIA

COLLECT PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King, grant that the peoples of the earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Introduction to the Reading

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EZEKIEL (4:11-16, 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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Introduction to the Reading

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS (1:15-23)

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward 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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Introduction to the Gospel

HYMN # 766 Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne (Omit V.3)

Gospel Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Gospel Reader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to.....

All: Glory to you O Lord.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO SAINT

MATTHEW (25:31-46)

Jesus said, "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."

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

MUSICAL INTERLUDE OR CHOIR ANTHEM

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY HYMN # 386 Jesus Is King

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Communion Prayer)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE COMMUNION OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

PRIESTLY BLESSING

FINAL HYMN # 638 Rejoice The Lord Is King

SENDING OUT & POSTLUDE

NOTICES

For all our readers and Worship Leaders, next Sunday we begin **Year B** of the Church's 3 year cycle of Readings.

We are planning on holding our annual **Christmas Day Lunch at the Van der Valk Hotel in St Aygulf** following our Service. The cost is €49/person. Wine will be provided by donations from congregation members. There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church.

We will be **decorating the Church** for the Lessons and Carols Service and the Christmas Season on **Saturday 16 December at 10 am**. Many hands make light work!

Paola Solidarités - we are changing the way we support this organisation that assists the homeless. **Instead of giving goods**, in the future please give the equivalent in cash to our Treasurer, Martin, who will then send it to Paola as an additional amount to the church's normal twice yearly gift. We will prepare special envelopes for this. If you put your name on the envelope Martin can then include this in the total on your annual form for the French tax office to claim your exemption.

St John's is hosting the local **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ecumenical service** this year on **Sunday 21 January at 3 pm**. If you would like to be involved with the planning of this service, please attend the meetings at St John's on 13 December and 10 January, both beginning at 6 pm. A reasonable knowledge of French is needed.

Upcoming dates: Saturday Dec 16 – Decorating the Church for Christmas 10 am
Sunday Dec 17 – said Morning Service (with Hymns)
Sunday Dec 17 – Lessons & Carols Service 6 pm
Sunday Dec 24 – said Morning Service (with Hymns)
Monday Dec 25 – Christmas Day Service & Luncheon
Sunday Dec 31 – said Morning Service (with Hymns)

Readings for Sunday 3 December (1st Sunday of Advent): ISAIAH 64:1-9; 1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9; MARK 13:24-37