

earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. 'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be **betrayed** even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. **But not a hair of your head will perish.** By your endurance you will gain your souls.

Gospel Reader: *This is the Gospel of the Lord*
All: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

THE NICENE CREED followed by PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY HYMN # 422 Lead us heavenly Father, lead us

The service continues on Page 12 of the Service Booklet

FINAL HYMN # 767 Thou whose almighty word

SENDING OUT & POSTLUDE

The service is followed by coffee

NOTICES

1. Don't forget your Christmas cards which are on sale in the side aisle.
2. Next week, we welcome Revd. Tony MONDS who will be our Locum until 28th December
3. Our former Chaplain, Tom WILSON, has sent some beautiful calendars of Canadian churches to be sold in aid of Church funds at €10 each. They are at the back of the church. Please pay for them in the card's money tin.

***Service on Sunday 23rd November : Communion with Tony MONDS
(Christ the King; Sunday next before Advent)
Jeremiah 23:1-6; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43***

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A VERY WARM WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE THIS MORNING

Does not he to whom you
betray another... know that
you will at another time do
as much for him?

Michel DE MONTAIGNE
(1533—1592)



**Sunday 16th November 2025
Second Sunday before Advent**

Chaplain (Locum)
Warden & Secretary
Warden
Music Director & Vice-Chair
Congregational Worship Leader

Revd. Roxana **Teleman**
Peter **Owen** 07 86 05 81 12
Bérengère **Ross** 04 94 76 17 70
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Alastair **Ross** 04 94 76 17 70

COMMUNION SERVICE

NOTICES & MUSICAL PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN # 411 Judge eternal, throned in splendour

WELCOME & PRAYER OF PREPARATION

CONFESSION, KYRIE, ABSOLUTION, GLORIA

COLLECT PRAYER OF THE DAY

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF MALACHI

(4:1-2a)



See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the **sun of righteousness** shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Grace can pardon our ungodliness and
justify us with Christ's righteousness.

John BUNYAN (1628-1688)

Reader: This is the word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

A READING FROM ST. PAUL'S 2nd LETTER TO THE THESSALONIANS

(3:6-13)



Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, **do not be weary in doing what is right.**

Reader: This is the word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL HYMN # 105 Christ, whose glory fills the skies

Gospel Reader: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Gospel Reader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke

All: Glory to you, O Lord

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE

(21:5-19)

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.' They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them. 'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great