



Christ the King

23rd November 2025



'I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely.' Jeremiah 23.5.

Image by Revd Jess, see Bible Art below for commentary.

The annual cycle of the Church's year now ends with the Feast of Christ the King. The year that begins with the hope of the coming Messiah ends with the proclamation of his universal sovereignty. It is also popularly known as 'stir-up Sunday' because of the words in this week's post communion prayer 'Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people.' It is the time when Christmas puddings are traditionally made. All are welcome to join us.

Collect

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;

for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.

Readings

Jeremiah 23.1-6, Psalm 46, Colossians 1.11-20
Luke 23.33-43

We will be celebrating 'Posada' at the



Church of the Good Shepherd, during the weeks leading up to Christmas.

On Advent Sunday 30th November 2025 small Nativity Sets will set off on their journey around homes in our parish where the Holy Family figures will be welcomed for two nights before being carried to another home. This will continue until Christmas.

'Posada' originates in Mexico. The word means a 'place to stay'.

If you would like to be part of the **'Posada'** celebration this year, please sign up on one of the lists at church. These will be available early to mid-November.

Click on this link to view a 3-minute video made by Canon Tony about Posada on YouTube <https://youtu.be/-1zv1pvWMds>



Sea Lights

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meets in the hall this Sunday at 10am. New

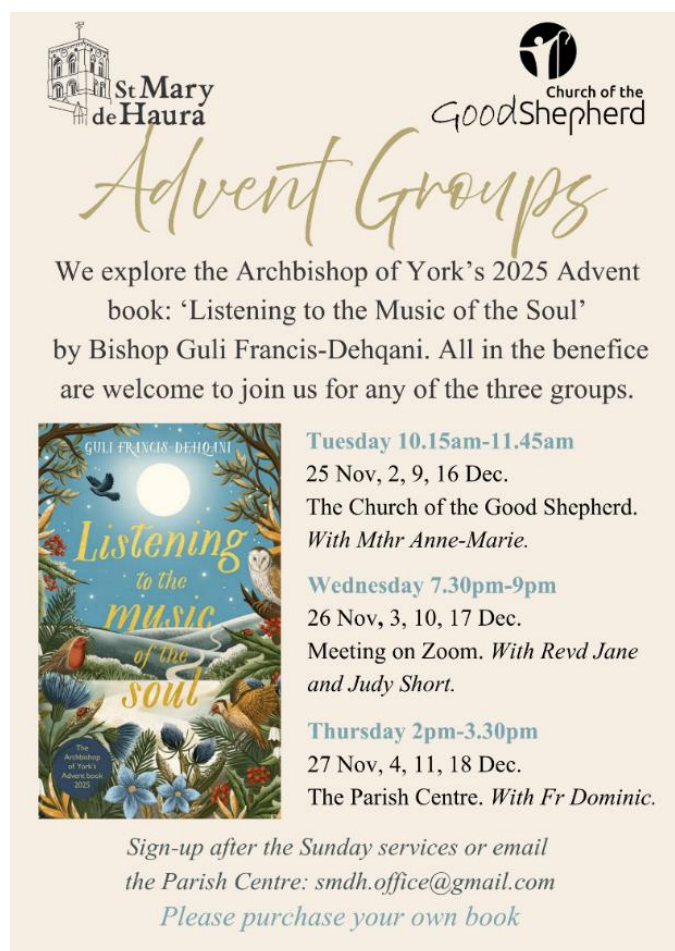
children are welcome to join the fun.

Healing Prayer is offered most Sundays after the 10am service in the side chapel.

Changes to livestream Unfortunately, we are unable to offer the livestream of the

Sunday service on 30th November due to volunteer availability. Apologies.

Advent Groups We have three groups running across the benefice, exploring a new book by Bishop Guli Francis-Deqhani *Listening to the Music of the Soul* (SPCK). If you are unable to join a group but would like to participate you can follow online resource material by [The Big Church Read](#). The material is freely available and includes weekly videos and questions for reflection. **Please purchase your own copy of the book. The Tuesday and Thursday groups are now full, but space remains on Wednesday evenings on Zoom.**



The poster for Advent Groups features the logos of St Mary de Haura and the Church of the Good Shepherd at the top. The title 'Advent Groups' is written in a large, elegant script. Below it, the text describes the exploration of the Archbishop of York's 2025 Advent book, 'Listening to the Music of the Soul' by Bishop Guli Francis-Dehqani. A small image of the book cover is shown. The schedule lists three groups: Tuesday (10.15am-11.45am), Wednesday (7.30pm-9pm), and Thursday (2pm-3.30pm), with their respective dates and facilitators. Sign-up information and a reminder to purchase the book are at the bottom.

St Mary de Haura Church of the Good Shepherd

Advent Groups

We explore the Archbishop of York's 2025 Advent book: 'Listening to the Music of the Soul' by Bishop Guli Francis-Dehqani. All in the benefice are welcome to join us for any of the three groups.

Tuesday 10.15am-11.45am
25 Nov, 2, 9, 16 Dec.
The Church of the Good Shepherd.
With Mthr Anne-Marie.

Wednesday 7.30pm-9pm
26 Nov, 3, 10, 17 Dec.
Meeting on Zoom. With Revd Jane and Judy Short.

Thursday 2pm-3.30pm
27 Nov, 4, 11, 18 Dec.
The Parish Centre. With Fr Dominic.

Sign-up after the Sunday services or email the Parish Centre: smdh.office@gmail.com
Please purchase your own book

Bible Art (see image at top of newsletter)
Jeremiah 23.1-6 I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely...and this is the name by which he will be called 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

There was a sentence in this passage which I really wished to illustrate 'nor shall any be missing, says the Lord; but I could not think of any way of illustrating that, and at this time of the year when we celebrate Christ the King, it seemed more appropriate to paint the first hints of the events which we shall be anticipating during this coming Advent. King David is thought to have lived about 3000 years ago, and Jeremiah about 2,600 years ago ... and these words, these hints as to God's plans, are coming to us through all those years, and all those scribes and languages for us to think about and dwell upon. There's a wonder in that isn't there? **Revd Jess**

Christmas Fayre There are sign-up sheets for volunteers, and boxes will be at the back of the church for donations of books and toys, raffle prizes and chocolates. Raffle tickets on sale this Sunday.



The poster for the Christmas Fayre has a festive design with gold tinsel at the top and a teddy bear with gifts at the bottom. The text is written in a mix of fonts, with 'Free Christmas Fayre' in large, stylized letters. It includes details about the date, time, and activities, as well as the location and church logo.

Free Christmas Fayre & beautiful singing from Cheryl Hopley

Saturday November 29
11am-3pm

* Cakes * Crafts * Grand Raffle * Refreshments *
* Christmas Cards * Books * Hotdogs *
* Chocolate Tombola * Santa's Grotto *

At the Church of the Good Shepherd
Kings Walk, Shoreham Beach,
BN43 5LF

Church of the Good Shepherd

Christmas Services

Friday 12th December 6.30pm

Family Christingle

at the *Swiss Cottage pub lakeside*

Sunday 14th December 6pm

Carol Service

Sunday 21st December 6pm

Quiet Christmas

Christmas Eve 4pm

Children's Crib Service

Christmas Eve 9pm

Bethlehem Midnight Mass

Christmas Day 10am

Family Communion



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Good Shepherd

Kings Walk, Shoreham Beach

Advent Labyrinth Walk

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Sunday 30th November

drop-in between 4pm to 6pm

A contemplative candlelit walk, a spiritual practice to prepare for Christmas.

With live immersive music from pianist, composer and singer Penny Loosemore.

Free event - donations welcome for the development charity Embrace the Middle East



At St Mary de Haura

 CHRISTMAS at
St Mary de Haura

Christmas Tree Festival

Start Christmas in Shoreham

Live Music,
Refreshments,
Raffle,
Vote for your favourite tree

5th-7th December 2025

Friday 12pm-5pm
Saturday 10am-5pm
Sunday 12pm-5pm

All proceeds to the Friends of St Mary's
St Mary de Haura, Church Street Shoreham-by-Sea BN43 5DQ

Bungalow Town

The Great Storms

An illustrated history talk
by Howard Porter and Neil De-Ville

Tuesday 25th November 7pm

Church of the Good Shepherd,
Kings Walk, Shoreham Beach.

Entrance £3 on the door

And finally... We blessed a basket of



beautifully hand knitted hats and scarves for our mission partner the Mission to Seafarers last Sunday. Thanks to our dedicated holy knitters.

I work half-time and the days I am usually available are Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday morning. I wish you all a blessed week, Revd Jane

Services this week

Sunday 23rd November

8am – Holy Communion with Revd Jane.

10am – Parish Communion with Fr Dominic.

This service will be live streamed onto our Facebook and You Tube channel.

You Tube page [CLICK HERE](#)

Church Facebook page [CLICK HERE](#)

Please note that we don't stream our all-age service on the first Sunday of the month.

Tuesday 25th November

9.30am – Holy Communion with Revd Peter.

Wednesday 26th November

6pm – Celtic Evening Prayer on

Zoom [CLICK HERE](#) Meeting ID: 868 1252 3106 Passcode: 960274

Friday 28th November

8am – Meditation with Morning Prayer A benefice service at St Mary de Haura

Saturday 29th November

8am – Morning Meditation

– in the Good Shepherd and also on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81286470381>

Meeting ID: 812 8647 0381



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