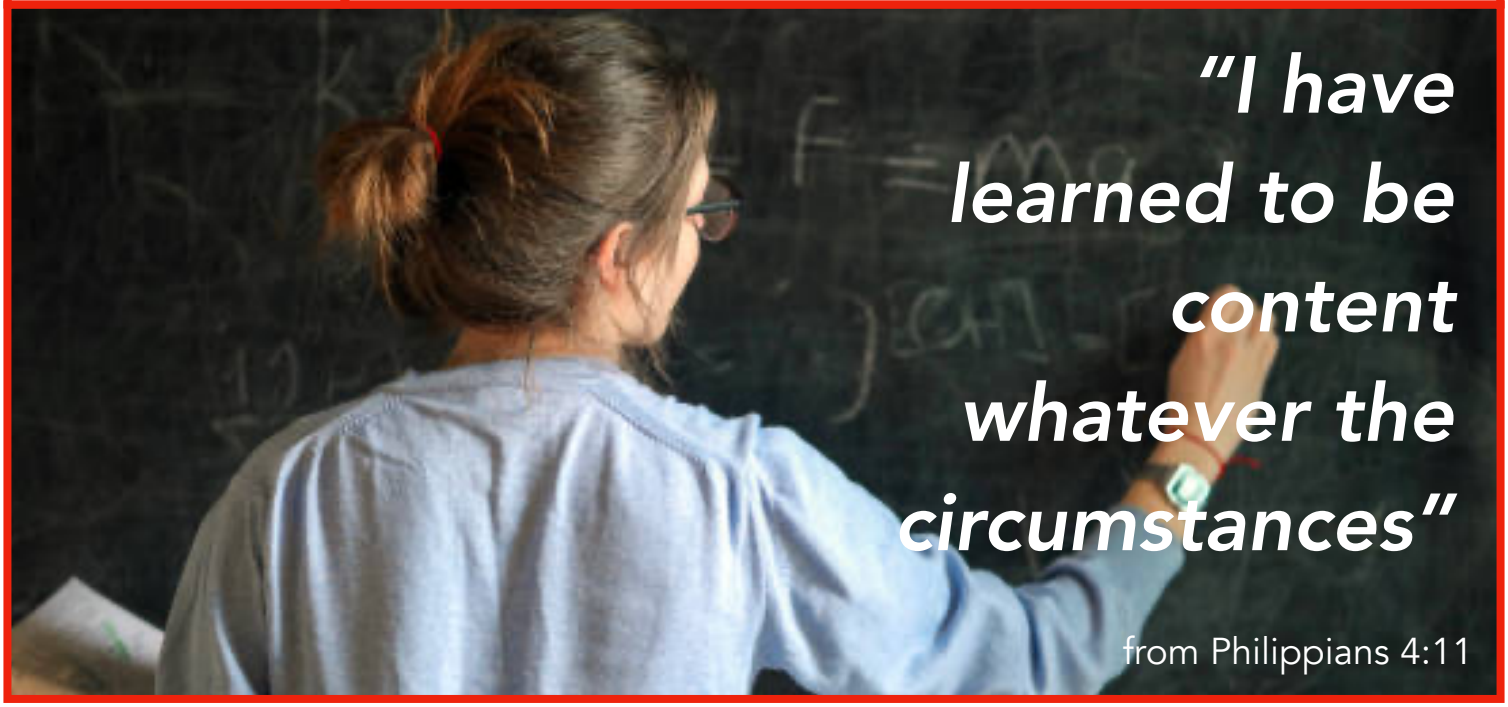
EASTLEIGH PARISH

22nd November 2026

Outlook



In our Church calendar this Sunday is known as **"The Feast of Christ the King."** We often emphasise how Jesus is our saviour, healer, friend, teacher, and more - but it's vital that we also, *"set Christ apart as Lord"* (1Peter 3:15). At Christmas we'll remember how Christ came as a baby - and how he was, *"gentle and lowly"* (Matt 11:29). But today we remind ourselves that he will return in majesty as, *"King of Kings and Lord of Lords"* (Revelation 19:16).

Today is also the day on which we'll read the very final part of the letter to the Philippians. Interestingly, this passage will raise the topics of finance and contentment - a topic each one of us may need to consider as we ask, *"is Christ truly king of **every** part of my life?"* In Philippians we see that there is a connection between knowing Christ as Lord and experiencing his contentment.



The Collect for The Feast of Christ the King

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.

Philippians 4:10-23

10 I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at
last you renewed your concern for me.
Indeed, you were concerned, but you
had no opportunity to show it. 11 I am
not saying this because I am in need,
for I have learned to be content
whatever the circumstances. 12 I know
what it is to be in need, and I know
what it is to have plenty. I have learned
the secret of being content in any and
every situation, whether well fed or
hungry, whether living in plenty or in
want. 13 I can do all this through him
who gives me strength. 14 Yet it was
good of you to share in my troubles.
15 Moreover, as you Philippians know,
in the early days of your acquaintance
with the gospel, when I set out from
Macedonia, not one church shared
with me in the matter of giving and
receiving, except you only; 16 for even
when I was in Thessalonica, you sent
me aid more than once when I was in
need. 17 Not that I desire your gifts;
what I desire is that more be credited
to your account. 18 I have received full
payment and have more than enough.
I am amply supplied, now that I have
received from Epaphroditus the gifts
you sent. They are a fragrant offering,
an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to
God. 19 And my God will meet all your
needs according to the riches of his
glory in Christ Jesus.
20 To our God and Father be glory for
ever and ever. Amen.
21 Greet all God's people in Christ
Jesus. The brothers and sisters who
are with me send greetings. 22 All
God's people here send you greetings,
especially those who belong to
Caesar's household.
23 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
be with your spirit. Amen.

Matthew 6:19-21, 25-27

19 *[Jesus said]* 'Do not store up for
yourselves treasures on earth, where
moths and vermin destroy, and where
thieves break in and steal. 20 But store
up for yourselves treasures in heaven,
where moths and vermin do not
destroy, and where thieves do not
break in and steal. 21 For where your
treasure is, there your heart will be
also.

25 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry
about your life, what you will eat or
drink; or about your body, what you
will wear. Is not life more than food,
and the body more than clothes?
26 Look at the birds of the air; they do
not sow or reap or store away in barns,
and yet your heavenly Father feeds
them. Are you not much more
valuable than they? 27 Can any one of
you by worrying add a single hour to
your life?

Julie Shea



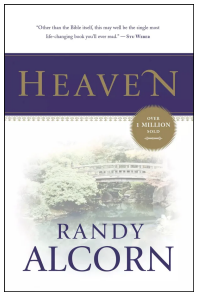
Julie's funeral will take place at 12:45pm on Monday 30th November in All Saints'. Please keep her brother Richard, sisters Karen & Debbie, and mum in your prayers. Pray too for the funeral itself, and that Julie's friends would find hope in Christ at this sad time.

Advent Reading

As we approach Advent, we'd like to recommend 2 quite different books:



- We've bought 100 copies of "Silent Night" by JM Stiles, and you can buy one from us for just **£2.00** (RRP is £3.99). It contains several short chapters to help prepare our hearts for the Christmas season.



- On Sundays in Advent we're going to think about what the Bible teaches about life after death. There is an excellent book by R Alcorn called "Heaven" which does a great job of diving deep into this most vital of topics. You can buy a copy here. Or you may prefer to purchase the equally excellent (but much shorter!) "Heaven for Kids" by the same author.

When You Pray at Home, please pray for:

- All our church members who can no longer join us in All Saints' owing to their age/illness/frailty. Pray that they know, *'Christ in them, the hope of glory'* (see Colossians 1:27);
- The many special events for Advent/Christmas, incl. numerous visits to care homes & Nightingale School. Pray that many guests would come to events and take to heart the Gospel message, and;
- The work of our 2 wonderful wardens, Dot & Keith. Give thanks for them and pray many others would serve with joy in the life of EPC.

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Advent & Christmas Dates



- **Pray** for God's blessing on all our plans;
- **Invite** friends/family/neighbours where appropriate;
- Offer to **serve** where you can, and;
- Put them in your **diary** now!

☆ Biblical Insights into the Christmas Story
- 6:15pm Sunday 6th December *(see separate leaflet)*

☆ Christingle for Uniform Groups (Scouts, etc.)
- 7:00pm Wednesday 9th December

☆ Carols on the Green (OUTSIDE St Francis')
- 6:30pm Saturday 19th December

☆ Christmas, Carols, and, Cake
- 4:00pm Sunday 20th December

☆ Stay & Play Nativity
- 10:30am Tuesday 22nd December

☆ Launchpad & Friends Christmas Special - with lunch
- 11:00am Wednesday 23rd December

☆ Christingle Services
- 4:30pm & 6:00pm Christmas Eve

☆ Midnight Communion
- 11:15pm Christmas Eve

☆ Communion for Christmas Day
- 10:30am Christmas Day