Parish Notes and News continued

Looking ahead...

◊ **Advent Quiet Day with Br Philip Nichols CR**
Saturday, 5th December 10am – 2pm

◊ **LUMOS Christmas Music Concert –**
Saturday, 12 December

The Week Ahead

The Church is open throughout the week.
Morning Prayer is offered at **8.30am** and **Evening prayer** will be at **4.00pm** both in St Thomas' Chapel
They are usually led, but there are resources available in St Thomas' Chapel to use if a member of clergy is not present.

Monday 23 November

10.45am Funeral of Brian Randall

Tuesday 24 November

2.00 - 3.30pm Spalding Grammar School Speech Day

7.30pm **Generous Living** presentation by Colin Tomlin, Head of Generosity in the Diocesan Generous Living team
ALL WELCOME refreshments @ 7pm

Wednesday 25 November

10.00am Communion Service
10.30am Morning Coffee
6.30 - 8.45pm Choir Practice
6.30-8.00pm - Junior Choir
7.30-8.45pm - Adults
7.00 - 8.30pm Ringing practice

Friday 27 November

2.30 - 3.30pm Church cleaning

Saturday 28 November

10.00am – 4.00pm ***Christmas Market & Christmas Tree Festival***

Sunday 29 November **Advent Sunday**

10.15am **Junior Church**
10.30am **Parish Eucharist (Modern language)**
Readings: Isaiah 64.1-9
Mark 13.24-end
12.00 - 4.00pm ***Christmas Market & Christmas Tree Festival***
5.00pm **Advent Carol Service**
A service of readings and music for Advent Sunday

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22 November 2026

Christ the King

10.30am **Parish Eucharist (Modern Language) with Baptism**

Celebrant & Preacher	Fr Rob
Readings:	
Ephesians 1.15-23	Rodney Grocock
Matthew 25.31-46	Clergy
Introit	*With a Voice of Singing - Shaw*
Processional Hymn	398 Christ triumphant, ever reigning
Gradual Hymn	369 All people that on earth do dwell
Offertory Hymn	166 Crown Him with many crowns
Communion Motet	*King of Glory, King of Peace Bach (CAB.235)*
Communion Hymn	309 Let all mortal flesh keep silence
Recessional Hymn	163 All hail the power of Jesu's name

Please note that the whole service is livestreamed and then available on the Church's YouTube channel. If you would prefer not to appear when receiving Communion, then please use the station at St George's

Refreshments are served after the morning service.
The church shop will be open.
There are toilet facilities in church, please just ask!

12.30pm **Baptism** Ellie Simmons

6.30pm **Festal Evensong**

Officiant & Preacher	Fr Rob
Maccabees 2.15-29	Val Fairbanks
Matthew 28.16-end	Clergy
Opening Hymn	172 The head that once was crowned with thorns
Introit	*With a Voice of Singing - Shaw*
Responses	*Ayleward & Stone*
Psalm	93 *Double Chant – G M Garrett (King's Psalter) - Pointed*
Office Hymn	607 Thy kingdom come, O God
Canticles	*Evening Service in C - Stanford*
Anthem	*King of Glory, King of Peace Bach (CAB p.235)*
Hymn	140 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing
Final Hymn	591 The Kingdom of God is justice and joy

No collections are taken in church during services. There is a collection bowl at the back of church and a 'donation station' for cards.
If you are a UK taxpayer, please take a few moments to complete a yellow Gift Aid envelope or select this option when giving by card. This increases the value of your gift by 25%.

THANK YOU!

Please take this notice sheet home with you.

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.

Ephesians 1.15-23

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

Matthew 25.31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: '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.'

Prayer after Communion

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.

For your prayers

We hold before God all those who are ill, amongst them **Chris Thompson, Anthony Downes, Peter Fitzpatrick, Baby Alex, Michael Pallot**, **Ray Thrower, Archdeacon Gavin, Roxas Strife**, **Jānis, Sarah Parker-McGee** and **Katie Thrower**

We hold before God those who have died, amongst them **Brian Randall**

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Christmas Market and Tree Festival
Saturday, 28th and **Sunday, 29th November**

We need your help over this weekend
SIGN UP SHEETS are at the back of church
PLEASE OFFER AN HOUR OR SO OF YOUR TIME

We need your lovely baked goods for our refreshment stall. Anything is welcome, but cakes to cut go down particularly well. Please ensure all goods are labelled with ingredients and allergens

We will be having a tombola so if you have suitable prizes to donate, please deliver these to the Parish Office by **27th November**

Any questions, please speak to Sarah Chadd or Rebecca Harris

Please note there will be no coffee after the morning service on Sunday, 29th as the event will still be running.

Please do find time to visit with friends and family to support this event and purchase some Christmas presents, treat yourself to homemade cake, send a letter to Santa and watch some musical & dance performances!