



St Margaret's Church

Together we aim to: Worship God, Proclaim Jesus, Grow in the Spirit and Serve the World

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23rd November 2025

CHRIST THE KING: ascended and at the right hand of the Father

Luke 24.50-53



Ephesians 1.15-23

This Sunday marks the end of the church year. We celebrate "Christ the King". Jesus revealed Himself as the Christ or Messiah (God's anointed one) but He never referred to himself as "King". 1 Timothy 6.15 says Jesus/God is the "*blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords*". Revelation 17.14 calls Jesus the "*Lord of lords and King of kings*", and this is repeated in Revelation 19.16. This title has been used to describe a grand ruler in the Middle East, as recently as the early 20th Century. It applied to a Pharaoh or a monarch who held a higher position than any other kings in a region.

The Nicene Creed does not say that Jesus is "King" but declares that ***He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father*** and ***His kingdom will have no end***. So it is very much implied that Jesus is "King" but never explicitly said.

In this Creed, Jesus is placed at the right hand of the Father. This is a common biblical metaphor for a position of honour, power, and authority. Sitting at the right hand of God signifies that Jesus has been given ultimate authority, with all other powers subject to Him. From the Bible it would seem that Ephesians 1. 20 is the source of this phrase used in the Creed: "*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.*" The phrase is also used to affirm that Jesus has equal status with the Father in the Godhead and is the heir of all things.

Being "seated" in heaven, does not mean that Jesus is kicking back and taking it easy. The implication is that His mission on earth is completed, but there is still more to do. In Romans 8.34 Jesus, who died and was raised, is at the right hand of God and now intercedes for us. From His exalted seat, Jesus is active and intercedes on behalf of believers. He is working to finally bring in His eternal kingdom.

Fundamentally, Jesus being at the right hand of the Father and King of Kings means that there is no higher authority. His reign over all things is absolute and eternal. God raised Him from the dead and placed Him over all things, "*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 one to come. And He put all things under His feet and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all*" (Ephesians 1. 21-22).

All this means for us that we can have confidence in Jesus. He is our Saviour and friend who is seated at the right hand of God in glory. One day we will see Him there, but for now we live for Jesus and work to see His Kingdom come in our homes, work places, in Burnage and beyond.



Bible Verse for 2025: *Philippians 4.4*

Rejoice in the LORD always. I will say again : Rejoice!

This week- Sunday 23rd November 2025:

Family Communion: Matt will be speaking on the theme: **Christ the King: 'He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father...'**

CW Communion at 3pm.

Next Week 30th November 2025:

Advent Sunday Healing Service: at 10.30am. Matt will be speaking on the theme: **'He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead...'**

Bud winter warmer: 30th November, 3pm-6pm. If you can help make or serve refreshments, see Matt. We will also be putting on a version of Experience Christmas for families and other activities in church. Again, helpers needed for this.

November 23rd – 29th, Please Pray for:

- People living in Daneholme Road & Foxwood Gardens.
- God to speak clearly at Prayer Ministry Team meeting on Monday as they wait.
- Creative Prayer on Tuesday looking at the link between worship & rest.
- Useful meeting of the Burnage Residents group on Thursday.
- Tangible outpouring of Holy Spirit at Healing Service next Sunday (30th).
- Welcoming hospitality by church members at Bud Winter Warmer next Sunday.
- New parents & carers at ABC to value the opportunity to come on Fridays..
- Becks (Project Manager) & Helen (Project Worker) at Foodbank & store collections.
- Christian men targeted by extremists trying to disrupt families & churches.
- All to come to church expecting God to meet with them & speak to them.

Looking Ahead:

Church History Book: If you've not yet bought the latest church history book 'Continuing History 2000-2025' or you're looking for Christmas presents, there are still copies available at £5 each. See Susan Whittaker.

Advent Prayer Book: Try something different and pray everyday with A-Z through Advent, focussed on the Middle East and Sat 7. Booklets were just over £1 if you want to make a donation.

Christmas Toy Exchange: at St Mark's Church Levenshulme M19 3hp. Saturday 6th December, 10.30am to 12.30pm. If you have any old quality toys to donate, please bring them to Church, latest 4th December.

Prayer meetings at St Margaret's: Monday: 7.00 -7.45pm: on ZOOM / Thursday at 7.30-8.15am in Errwood Room.



Burnage Tesco, Burnage Library
(when open) and Asda Reddish

WINTER SHOPPING LIST: Please concentrate on Festive Treats, Long life juice, Cordial, Long life milk, Spaghetti hoops, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Sweet Corn/Peas, Tinned cold meat, Jam/Chocolate spread, Tea/Coffee/Hot chocolate, Shampoo, Deodorant, Razors, Nappies, Baby wipes