



# Jubilate

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Poitou-Charentes



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THIS IS THE LAST SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT



*We celebrate Christ the King*



O worship the King all-glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his power and his love:  
our shield and defender,  
the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendour  
and girded with praise.

## **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.

## **Bible Readings**

**Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24**

**Psalm 95.1-7**

**Ephesians 1.15-23**

**Matthew 25.31-46**

Jesus Christ is prophet, priest, and **KING**

**"KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS"**

Revelation 19:16

## Today is also known as “STIR-UP SUNDAY

- It has become associated with the custom of making the Christmas puddings on that day.



- The Christmas pudding is one of the essential British Christmas traditions and is said to have been introduced to Britain by Prince Albert, husband of Queen Victoria (the reality is that the meat-less version was introduced from Germany by George I in 1714).
- Most recipes for Christmas pudding require it to be **stirred** and cooked well in advance of Christmas (today!) and then reheated on Christmas Day, so the Collect of the day served as a useful reminder.

Indeed, the origin of **Stir-up Sunday** is the [Collect](#) for the Sunday before Advent in the [Book of Common Prayer](#).

**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.**

## **TOGETHER IN PRAYER**

A Prayer for each day this week

22<sup>nd</sup> Father God, Help us to come into your presence, and receive the gift of grace to be still and at peace.

23<sup>rd</sup> Lord Jesus, we thank you for the assurance of our salvation, and for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

24<sup>th</sup> Lord Jesus, help us to be willing channels of your love and goodness.

25<sup>th</sup> Lord Jesus, Help us to be grounded where you have placed us, growing in confidence and trusting in Your plans for us each day.

26<sup>th</sup> Lord Jesus, help us always to show your compassion and care to others.

27<sup>th</sup> Lord Jesus, teach us how to be good stewards of all that you have given us.

28<sup>th</sup> Father, we thank you for your word, *'For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. Plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.'* - Jeremiah 29:11.



A friend is someone who knows you as you are, understands where you have been and accepts who you have become.

**WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS**

## Christmas Cake Raffle

It's not too late to enter.

This homemade Christmas Cake is being raffled to raise funds for the Chaplaincy. Entries should be made by email to [raylegicq@hotmail.com](mailto:raylegicq@hotmail.com) and cost 2.50 Euros for one or five entries for 10.00 Euros.

It is important that all entries are paid for immediately and this can be done by giving cash to any of the following: Nicky Marshall, Pat or Allen Jenkins, Chris or Ted Hands or Ray Smith.



If in our current climate this proves difficult cheques made payable to the Chaplaincy should be sent to Ray Smith 1 rue Des Lilas, 17160 Le Gicq.

The draw will take place on December 6 and arrangements made to deliver or collect the cake in time for Christmas. The full result and details of monies raised will be published in a December issue of *Jubilate*.

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### **VIRTUAL WORSHIP + Poitou-Charentes**

Led by Rev'd Steven Abram at 10.30 on Sunday morning

<https://www.facebook.com/Virtual-Worship-Poitou-Charentes-104677654507124/>

A video of the service can be seen a little later at [www.abram.org.uk/vw](http://www.abram.org.uk/vw)

*Prayers on the day we think of Jesus Christ, King*

Christ is the King  
To whom all authority has been given  
In heaven and on earth.  
We own Him as our Lord,  
We yield Him our obedience,  
We dedicate our lives to His service.  
Come, Lord Jesus Christ, and reign in us,  
And make us the agents of your Kingdom in the world,  
To the honour of your Name.



God our 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.



Almighty God, we long for the time  
when your Kingdom shall come on earth,  
when men and nations shall acknowledge your sovereignty,  
seek your glory, and serve your good and righteous will.  
Help us not only to pray but also to work for that new day;  
May Christ be King of our lives in the here and now  
so that we can proclaim Him as King to others  
and help lead them into His kingdom.

