



Newsletter and Notices

Sunday 22nd November 2020 Christ the King



**8am Morning Prayer, Broadcast by [Zoom](#)
10am Service of the Word, Broadcast by [Zoom](#)**

You are welcome to share in our worship in the following ways:

1. Join with Zoom on your computer

When you are signed in you can 'Join a Meeting'.

Meeting ID **846 662 9590**, (Password **834900**).

2. Join with Audio Zoom via phone

a) Call **0131 460 1196**

b) Enter Meeting ID: **846 662 9590** followed by #

c) You may be asked to enter Participant ID: press #

d) Enter Meeting Password: **834900** followed by #

You will be muted automatically when you join the 'meeting' (service).

Whether or not you might like to do this, let's be aware of the prayerful communion in God's Spirit that we all share, wherever we are, whether or not we are able to talk, video-conference or communicate with one another.

A Psalm for Christ the King, Psalm 95. 1-7

Refrain: Come, let us worship and bow down.

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving and be glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods. **[R]**

In his hand are the depths of the earth and the heights of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have moulded the dry land.

Come, let us worship and bow down and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God; we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. **[R]**

In these times when it's not feasible for the Junior Church to meet we've created a few children's resources for families to share together on Sundays –

• There's a [printable sheet on our website](#) which offers a prayer and activities that will help young people get to know the person of Jesus. This week's is based on today's Gospel reading from Matthew.

• You might also like to share in this week's Godly Story, 'The story of the sheep and the goats', also from Matthew 25. 31-46. It's a fantastic visual version of the scriptures, with wondering questions for families to talk about together. Find the video on YouTube [here](#).

We've made some changes to our [Children and Young People](#) page on our website too! Do have a look and explore the links: there are lots of fun things including craft activity templates, quizzes and a video made by our Youth Group. We'll start introducing an Advent theme next week (HINT: save those cardboard tubes!)

Collect for Christ the King

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. Amen.

Gospel for Christ the King, Matthew 25. 31-46

'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.'

An anthem for today

You might like to listen to [Let all the world in every corner sing](#) (a setting of words by George Herbert and music by Vaughan Williams) sung by the Choir of King's College, Cambridge:

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and king!

The heavens are not too high, His praise may thither fly,

The earth is not too low, His praises there may grow.

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and king!

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and king!

The church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out;

But, above all, the heart must bear the longest part.

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and king!



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NHS Test and Trace App – Anyone who downloads the NHS Covid-19 app onto their phone can scan the code when they arrive at Church for prayer, and the app on their phone then remembers that they have visited the Church (data deleted after 21 days). You might prefer this option, or to complete the paper form (or do neither).

The Travelling Crib – This year we are planning a virtual journey around the parish! Please join in with this special opportunity to share the anticipation of Christ's birth and fellowship with other families. There will be special pictures of our Crib figures to download, then why not display them in your window for all to see! If you'd be happy having a couple of 10 minute Zoom session with members of the church and community, please contact Sarah Copley (sarahrussell1711@gmail.com). Katharine will host the Zoom sessions and the login details will only be available to those who sign up to share in the Crib's journey.

Participation at Advent services via Zoom or, maybe, back in Church – It's good to share the leading of our services between a range of voices. If anyone else would like to volunteer to participate in services – reading, praying, etc., do please let us know.

If you'd like the Prayer Chain to pray for some concern which is on your heart, please make your prayer request to the coordinator, Diane Pettitt: diane.pettitt@hotmail.com / 461845. Requests are strictly confidential to the Prayer Chain, who will simply pray as asked and a request won't lead to further contact or action. If a request to the Prayer Chain would help, don't hesitate to make it.

Red Bucket total and thanks – After claiming Gift Aid, the final red bucket total was £17,016.74. The Charities Support Group would like to say a huge "thank you" to all who donated. Some of the thank you letters received from our charities are now on the website, as it's more difficult to access them on the Church or WCC boards. Do follow [this link](#) to read more how the money was apportioned and to read some of the letters.

Cards for Good Causes – Unfortunately, there will be not be a Cards for Good Causes stall in the URC Church in Bishop's Stortford this year. Charity cards and gifts can be bought from the website <https://www.cardsforcharity.co.uk/>

Congregation E-Christmas Card – This year, although we can't have our usual Giant Card on display, we offer the opportunity to send Christmas greetings to friends via our website and still contribute to The Children's Society if you'd like. Instead of sending individual good wishes, email your greeting to alanandpat@lineone.net. Each week you'll be able to see everyone's greetings '[inside the card](#)' on the website and you might wish to donate your saving to the Society by clicking on the accompanying link.

Zoom prayer with June on Mondays – June is holding a support chat and prayer room each week. If you're interested in joining, please call her for more details (771756). Everything shared in the session is totally confidential, naturally.

The church is open for Personal Prayer 11am-1pm (and 4-5pm from 23/11), Monday-Sunday

Wednesday service, 25th November – On Wednesday, Derwyn will be leading a service of Prayer During the Day, incorporating a contemplative Lectio Divina. If you'd like to join in this meditative session, please join him via Zoom (Meeting ID 846 662 9590, Password 834900).

Prayers for our Community, 9:30am, Saturdays in November – We will meet via Zoom (Roger's Meeting ID: 458 034 0358, Password: 435609) each Saturday in November for a half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

Private Prayer additional times – Please note that we have extended our church opening times for individual prayer during this period of lockdown. The church will be open each day between 11am-1pm and 4-5pm. We are extremely grateful to all our steward volunteers for enabling these sessions. Please do publicise this amongst those you know: there must be many people who would value an opportunity to spend some comforting time in prayer, peace and reflection in these times. And in this time of Lockdown and during these shorter days our 4-5pm session (starting on Monday) might be an extra opportunity for our church's light to shine in the darkness. Please contact the Office if you're interested in stewarding.

A very different Company at Christmas 2020 – This year we are unable to host an event but there are ways you can help! Could you be a Christmas Day driver with goody bags / ready meals? Details are available on our website and if interested, please email companyatchristmas@gmail.com or contact Jenny Klincke (833523) or Margaret Fox (658638). As well as considering whether you can volunteer, can you recommend to Jenny any potential new guests who should be contacted, i.e. those that would otherwise be alone at home on Christmas Day?

Salvation Army appeal – "We are striving to provide families who are finding things difficult, in Bishop's Stortford and across East Herts, with toys and food to enjoy on Christmas day." Items may be taken to the Bishop's Stortford Independent offices. More details on our [website](#), plus ways of offering monetary donations, if you'd prefer.

PCC Update – Please note that draft minutes from the APCM on 25th October are available on the website [here](#), along with the results of the elections for PCC roles.

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