

Newsletter and Notices

Sunday 21st November 2021 Christ the King



8am Holy Communion, in Church 10am Holy Communion, in Church 12:30pm Holy Baptism

Come and enjoy fellowship and refreshments in (or outside) the WCC after the 10am service.

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

1. Come to Church All are welcome!

2. Join Zoom on your computer (not Sunday this week, only Wednesday) When signed in you can 'Join a Meeting' (ID: 846 662 9590 / Passcode: 834900).

3. Join with Audio Zoom via phone (not Sunday this week, only Wednesday)
a) Call 0131 460 1196

b) Enter Meeting ID followed by #, then enter Meeting Passcode followed by #

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 liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Psalm for today, Psalm 93

Refrain: The Lord shall reign for ever and ever.

The Lord is king and has put on glorious apparel;

the Lord has put on his glory and girded himself with strength.

He has made the whole world so sure that it cannot be moved. [R]

Your throne has been established from of old; you are from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O Lord,

the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their pounding waves. **[R]** Mightier than the thunder of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, the Lord on high is mightier.

Your testimonies are very sure;

holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever. [R]

Christ our King, you put on the apparel of our nature and raised us to your glory; reign from your royal throne above the chaos of this world, that all may see the victory you have won and trust in your salvation; for your glory's sake. Amen.

A Gospel reading for today, John 18. 33-37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

Come and share our short session for children and young people during our Sunday 10am service EVERY WEEK!

We invite children of all ages, with their adults, to come into the Lady Chapel during part of the service, and share in A Godly Play (a short visual storytelling of scriptures, with wondering questions, for all ages to share together, then various age related activities). There will be a display in the Lady Chapel most weeks, if you'd like to find out more! This week we'll be thinking about Christ the King!

You might also like to explore the links on our Children & Young People page. There's a printable sheet based on today's Gospel reading, which offers a prayer / activities to help young people get to know the person of Jesus.

Considering schools for your little ones? Come join our St Michaels' School Family! We offer all

day provision in Nursery. Do look at our <u>school website</u> and follow the link for the virtual tour to find out more about our wonderful school and our 'Outstanding' (OFSTED 2019) Early Years.



The 'Remembrance Tree' with poppies made by our young people as part of our Remembrance worship and reflections last week in Godly Play

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The church is open each day, from early morning to mid afternoon.

An opportunity to spend some comforting time in prayer, peace and reflection.

10am service on 21st November is Holy Communion for Christ the King - The service will not be Zoomcast. If you wish to access a Holy Communion by Zoom this will be available on Wednesdays 17th and 24th November. The 10am service on 28th November will be a sequence of readings, prayers, hymns and choral music for Advent Sunday.

Voices from the Persecuted Church – An estimated 340 million Christians worldwide are suffering persecution or severe discrimination and in 2020, 4,761 Christians were murdered for their faith. After the 10am service on 21st November, during coffee in the WCC, we'll have a short presentation on this topic; with examples from countries where our brothers and sisters are suffering, simply for following Jesus.

Holly Wreath making, 23rd, 29th November - 1st December, 10am-3pm in WCC -Would you like to help our Charities Support Group raise money this Advent? They're looking for volunteers to help with the production of holly wreaths. Mossing - 23rd November, help gathering holly - 28th November then wreath-making Monday 29th to Wednesday 3rd. Sign-up sheets will be on the table in the Publicity Area. Holly wreaths will be available to pre-order, instructions to follow. More information from Claire Conquest: claire.conquest62@gmail.com

Holy Communion, Wednesday 24th November, 10am - A service of Holy Communion, in church and via Derwyn's Zoom (ID: 846 662 9590 / Passcode: **834900).** You can also dial in by phone; instructions on previous page.

Tiny Tots, Wednesday 24th November, 11 for 11:15am – We're delighted to be offering a new style of worship for babies/toddlers and their parents / carers. Join us for refreshments, fellowship and a little chance for the children to play before the service too!

Prayers for our Community in Church, Saturday 27th November, 9:30am A half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

Travelling Crib, throughout Advent - Once again we are delighted that our travelling crib will be making its way around the parish during Advent; beginning with a blessing at the 10am service on 28th November. Hosting the figures for a night is a wonderful chance to share with children the anticipation of Christ's birth and fellowship with other families as the crib is passed on ... and a moment of stillness in an otherwise busy Advent. Please chat to Katharine Stanley if you'd like to know more about it and to sign up for a night.

TLC Club Tuesday 7th December, 2-4:30pm – Our first monthly gathering took place recently and was huge fun! It's an opportunity for anyone who wishes to attend to be able to join in with tea and talk, read the paper, play board games ... and then later in the afternoon we welcome families after school for a short while, to share in reading/play and enjoy a biscuit/cake/fruit snack. Do come along ... and tell your friends too!

Company at Christmas 2021 - Due to COVID-19, 'Company at Christmas' will once again be delivering food and gifts to our quests who might otherwise be alone at Christmas. We hope that in 2022 we will be able to return to an in-person event. This year there are THREE main ways you can help: Could you be a Delivery Driver? Could you be a Shopper? Could you be a Goody Baq Packer? Details are available on our website and if interested, please email companyatchristmas@gmail.com or contact Jenny Klincke (833523) or Margaret Fox (658638).

Giant Christmas Card in aid of The Children's Society - Once again our Giant Christmas Card will give everyone the chance to send Christmas greetings to their St Michael's friends and, instead of incurring postal charges, making a donation to The Children's Society. The card will be displayed in the Publicity Area on Sundays and Wednesdays from 5th December. Very many thanks for your support.

Short trip to Salisbury Flower Festival, 10th - 12th May 2022 - We still have a few places available. This is a lovely event and offers a very pleasant early summer break with friends from the Church. If you are interested, please speak to me asap for more details. Many thanks and hope to speak to you soon. Rosemary Thomson.

Autumn/Winter church opening - The Church will be locked at 3:30pm Monday -Thursday. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays may be later to accommodate visitors.

A request for refreshment helpers - It's great to see so many people sharing fellowship at coffee times again! Would you be willing to join the coffee rota to help occasionally on either Sundays or Wednesdays? If interested, please contact Claire Conquest on 07944 431873.

Would you like to receive news and information from St Michael's electronically? May we invite new or newer worshippers to think about completing a Welcome Card, and submitting your email on it if you wish.

Foodbank Reverse Advent Calendar - In the run-up to Christmas, the Foodbank is expecting a rise in demand. Would you be interested in joining their initiative, possibly as part of your Advent reflection? Details on our website or on posters in the Publicity Area in church and, if you like, you could collect your items and bring them along when you come into church.

More details of all services and events are available on the Calendar page on our website. Do follow us on Social Media too, for regular updates.

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