



Celebrating Christ the King Weekly Update 21st November 2021

Today we celebrate Christ the King, a relatively new addition to the Anglican lectionary (the set readings for each day). Before this it was the themes of the Sundays from Easter to Ascension, which highlighted the upside down nature of the Kingdom of God. Earthly empires celebrate power, in Jesus' kingdom it is servitude that is celebrated; the kings of nations cease their rule with their final breath, the Son of God began his heavenly rule when his work on earth was done; earthly rulers are defined by their life's achievements, Jesus is worshipped for his life-giving death; The worldly kingdoms come and go, God's Kingdom is eternal. The rule of earthly kings favours the few, the Kingdom of God is for all, but too few take up God's offer of salvation. 'For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.' (Matthew 7:13,14)

Verse of the Week –

The victors in heaven sing: "Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the nations. Who will not fear you, Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed." (Revelation 15:3,4)

Collect for today!

God the 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.



Bible Reading(s)

Today's reading; Revelations 1: 4b-8 and John 18:33-37 Romans 8:28-39 and John 3:16-21 (LSM 10am service) Next week's readings; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 and Luke 21:25-36



Services in the Parish this week;

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP), Lady St Mary, Wareham

9.00am Breakfast Church, Sandford St Martin's

10.00am Praise Communion Service, Lady St Mary, Wareham

This Sunday we welcome our mission partner Ruth Guinness to the 10am service at Lady St Mary, and look forward to hearing from he

as preaches at this service.

10.30am Holy Communion, Sandford St Martin's, Sandford

10.30am Holy Communion (BCP), St Nicholas, Arne

10.30am Parish Online Service - Watch here: <https://tinyurl.com/warehamchurches>

you can listen to the service by dialing: 01202 078008 (charged at local rate)

Wednesday 24th November at 11.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – St Martin-on-the-Walls



Prayer Focus:

We give thanks to God for:

- The changes that each season brings.
- Beauty and inspiration of music
- The good things that were achieved at COP26
- All those who reflect God's glory to the world

We pray to God for:

- Nations, following COP26, that they would keep promises and agreements made, using them as a springboard for further reductions in harmful emissions etc.
- All refugees, especially those caught on the Belorussian/Polish border, may there soon be a compassionate resolution.
- An end to all racism and harmful prejudices.

Those asking for prayer:

The Reverend Robin Ferguson, Rebecca Hogg, Debby Walker, Heather Preston, Gill Ashworth, Frances Watts, Judith Nott, Libby and Matthew Richter, Lottie Bugler, Edna Farley

Those who have died recently and those who mourn:

Jane Seal, Joan Conner, Eva Biles, Jean Barnes, Peter Sibthorpe

Our Mission Prayer:

We rejoice with our mission partners Malcolm and Janet Taylor at the building of over 300 homes in the Dominican Republic, offering an improved lifestyle for those who otherwise would not be able to have a safe and comfortable place to live. Small they may be, but these simple homes are often a life saver. Please pray for Malcolm and Janet as they minister to many families in crisis, to abuse victims and to broken families They pray that: 'By modelling the character of God we want to be a facilitator where people, couples and families can see their lives transformed.' May God bless many through their ministry and provide for them.



Tuesday weekly prayer Zoom meeting

Our weekly Zoom prayer meeting will start at 7.30pm. If you would like to receive the Zoom link, please contact Debs or Stuart. All are welcome to join us to pray online.

Sunday 21st November (this evening) at 6.30pm Purbeck churches evening celebration of sung worship and pray together, with guest speaker Paul White from the Prayer House in Weymouth. At Sandford St Martin's, in the school hall. (Wrap up warm as doors will be left open for ventilation)



The Advent Wreath in Lady St Mary church

If anyone has any evergreen foliage for the Advent ring please leave in the church porch by Thursday 25th November, e.g., Holly, Ivy, and variegated foliage.

Advent Sunday - Next week we start the season of Advent and to celebrate this we be holding the Service of Light in Lady St Mary church, starting at 6pm. This is a very atmospheric service with the service starting in near darkness and then gaining in light as hymns and anthems are sung and Bible passages read. This year the theme is 'Prepare the Way of the Lord' and follows the way in which the coming of Jesus was foretold in the Old Testament and reached its fulfilment with John the Baptist. A warm welcome is extended to all. (And do invite your friends).

Dates for you Diary

SATURDAY 27th November 10am-12 noon CHRISTMAS FAYRE - PARISH HALL A great chance to buy Christmas gifts and crafts. Tea and Coffee and Cakes, plus more!

FRIDAY 3rd DECEMBER 6pm JUST CAROLS ON CHURCH GREEN All of your favourite Carols for all the family and the whole of the Community to enjoy and to get into the Festive Spirit.

SATURDAY 11TH DECEMBER 7 pm AT LADY ST MARY CHURCH THE WORLEWIND BAND. Back by popular demand! An evening of Festive Music. Tickets £12

For more details and to book your tickets, please contact the Parish office: Monday, Wednesday, or Friday from 9.00am to 1.00pm or Telephone: 01929 550905 or by email

parish.office@warehamchurches.org.uk



Christmas craft afternoon

Come and make decorations for LSM Christmas tree, Saturday 27th November, 2pm - 4.30pm in the Church Hall. All are welcome, young, and old alike, feel free to invite your friends too. The decorations will be blessed in the Christingle service on Sunday 5th December. We need more helpers to run the craft tables. If you can help or would like more information, please contact: Linda Everett Tel 07810022280 email l.everett1@icloud.com Mary Appleton Tel 01929 552110 email c.mappleton@talktalk.net

CHRISTMAS TRAIDCRAFT STALL

There will be a Traidcraft Stall in the Parish Hall on Saturdays Nov 20th, 27th and Dec 4th 10am – 12 noon selling Christmas cards and small gifts as well as the usual food products.



Advent devotional book from Church bookstall - 'Radiant Dawn' by Tom Parsons has 25 readings from Luke's Gospel for December. Highly recommended. Bargain price of £1 (RRP £3.99) because we were able to purchase in bulk. 50 copies already sold! Jeannette Guinness.

'GREEN TIP' by Helen Williams



RSPB Arne have an area of heathland that was previously a pine plantation, and the pines are trying to return. So, this year, for a local Christmas tree with a positive environmental effect, why not go to their Pull a Pine event on the 4th and 5th of December? More details on their website or at <https://corfecastle.co.uk/events/pull-a-pine-at-rspb-arne/> You do not actually have to pull your own.



Canzonetta Concert – Sunday 12th December at 3pm

A popular Dorset ladies' vocal ensemble is coming to Lady St Mary's for the first time to give their annual concert of festive music and carols. They sing a delightful selection of well known and not so well known music in close harmony. Their soloists this year are Emma Estridge (flute) and William Bishop (organ). It will be a delightful concert to herald the arrival of Father Christmas in town! Free admission. Retiring collection for the Priory church of Lady St Mary.

Readings for Daily Morning Prayer:

*Indicates Festival

| | Psalm (s) | Old Testament | New Testament |
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| Monday 22nd November | 92, 96 | Isaiah 14:3-20 | Matthew 9:18-34 |
| Tuesday 23rd November | 97 , 98, 100 | Isaiah 17 | Matthew 9:35-10:15 |
| Wednesday 24th November | 110, 111, 112 | Isaiah 19 | Matthew 10:16-33 |
| Thursday 25th November | 125 , 126, 127 | Isaiah 21:1-12 | Matthew 10:34-11:1 |
| Friday 26th November | 139 | Isaiah 22:1-14 | Matthew 11:2-19 |
| Saturday 27th November | 145 47 | Isaiah 41:21-42:9 | Revelation 11: |

Parish Office

*The Parish Office is open on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9am – 1pm. At all other times enquiries and queries can be made by email and they will be dealt with as soon as possible.

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***Please note that due to the Parish Administrator being on Annual Leave the Parish Office will close from Wednesday 24th November and will reopen on Wednesday 1st December 2021. If you need to speak to someone urgently during this time, please call either our Team Rector, Team Vicar or Assistant Curate, details can be found below.**

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