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Christ the King

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On the final Sunday of the Church year we celebrate Jesus Christ's unique role as ruler over the entire world. He did not become king by conquering other nations, nor by popular acclaim. No, he became king by willingly suffering and dying for our sins and leading us to eternal glory with God. He gave us a glimpse of the kingdom during his earthly life, but we know that he continues to reveal himself in the poor, the weak, and the marginalized; in the Church as we gather in his name; and in the Eucharist we receive and consume each Sunday.

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK



Buntingford

Sunday 24th November	**Christ the King**	9.15am People of the Parish
Tuesday 26th November		7.30pm
Sunday 1st December	**The First Sunday of Advent**	9.15am People of the Parish

Puckeridge

Sunday 24th November	**Christ the King**	11.00am People of the Parish
Thursday 28th November		12.30pm
Sunday 1st December	**The First Sunday of Advent**	11.00am People of the Parish

Prayer Intentions. At this time of the year we are asked to pray for: Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; The Harvest; The Fruits of Human Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and their Families.

For those who are ill: Colin Horgan
For those who have died recently: Marilyn Haughton,

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for last week's offertory collection, which came to £73.81 at Puckeridge; Sick and Retired Priests Collection £50.01; and at Buntingford **£69.80;** Sick & Retired Priests Collection £116.42, **and for your regular standing orders.**

Second Collection – Sick and Retired Priests' Fund Thank you for so generously supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund collection last weekend. Our priests give us years of dedicated service and it is only right that, together, we ensure they live out their days with dignity and the care they need. If you didn't get the chance to donate, it's not too late. Envelopes are still available at the back of the church, you can give online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. You can become a Patron by setting up a regular donation by completing section 4 on the envelope form. Thank you again. Please keep our sick and retired priests in your prayers.

Refreshments after Mass. There will be refreshments after the 9.15am Mass this Sunday morning as usual. We look forward to seeing you there. You are especially welcome if you are visiting this parish this weekend.

Puckeridge. The 11.00 Mass is now being celebrated at Puckeridge each week. If you are attending Mass at Puckeridge regularly, please sign up today for one of the ways in which you can help in the parish. The School Car Park will be available for Parishioners to use between 10.30 and 1.00pm each Sunday. **The gates will close automatically at 1.00pm.**

Assisted Dying. This week is your last chance to contact Chris Hinchcliff, MP, to urge him to vote against the bill to legalise assisted dying which will be voted on in Parliament on Friday 29th November.
There are postcards available at the entrance to the Church for you to take away and send to our MP. All you have to do is write his name on the righthand side, your name and address on the left, and put a stamp on it!
The Catholic Bishops' of England and Wales have issued a joint statement about Assisted Suicide, entitled 'Be Compassionate'. Copies are available at the entrance to the Church.

Lights of Life. Churches Together will have a stall at the annual Christmas lights event on Friday 29 November. We need volunteers from our parish to take turns running the stall. Please sign up on the list in the porch.

Mince Pies. Thank you to all those who brought a pack of mince pies for us to offer at the Churches Together stall we are running at Lights of Love.

Advent. To mark the start of Advent, please join us at the morning of reflection, followed by a shared lunch, in Benson Hall from 10.00 – 12 noon on Saturday 30th November. Sign up in the porch if you would like to join us.

Christmas Tree Festival. We plan to enter the Christmas Tree Festival at Aspenden Church on the weekend of 14th/15th December. Please speak to Deacon Paul if you would like to help to decorate our tree.

Holy Hour. Each Friday between 5.00 and 6.00pm St Richard's in Buntingford will be open for a time of quiet prayer and adoration. Please feel free to join us for the whole hour or to pop in for just a few minutes.

Mass Intentions. If you would like a Mass Offered, please write the details on an envelope along with your Offering, and hand it in at the Sacristy after Mass. Deacon Paul will arrange a suitable date for you.

Parishioners Details Forms. If you have not done so already, please take one light green form per household from the porch to complete and hand it in to Deacon Paul next week.

World Gifts Christmas Catalogue By buying World Gifts, you can make a world of difference to families fleeing conflict, farmers battling the climate crisis and a community protecting the Amazon. World Gifts is a present that keeps giving. Three easy ways to buy your World Gift: cafod.org.uk/worldgifts or scan the QR Code in the Catalogue; 0808 14 000 14 Monday – Friday, 9.30am – 5.30pm; freepost order form attached to the catalogue. The World Gifts Christmas Catalogue is available at the entrance to the Church. Thank you!

Scam Emails. We have been warned by the Diocese that there are scam emails targeting parishioners. They impersonate the parish Priest, often using a similar email name. They typically request the recipient to purchase Amazon or other gift cards as gifts for the priest. **Never purchase gift cards for the parish priest based on an email request. Double check any suspicious email by phoning the Parish Office on the number given at the top of the Newsletter. Never share personal or financial information in response to unsolicited emails.**

An Advent Calendar with a difference. The Caritas Advent Giving Calendar is available at the entrance to the Church. Instead of giving you a piece of Chocolate each day, it makes a suggestion of something that you could give to the Food Bank. Please take a copy, or go to the link
https://caritaswestminster.org.uk/food-security/#advent-giving-calendar

