

CHRIST the KING

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Feast of Christ the King of the Universe

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ. What a great Joy to celebrate the feast of our parish together. Jesus Christ is the King of the universe. AMEN.

"We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.

Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the Kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.



He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross." (Colossians 1, 12-20).

As you know, Pope Francis in his encyclical letter, *Laudato Si'*, invites everyone on the planet to reflect on the world around us and to respond to the signs of the times.

Climate change which pushes our sisters and brothers across the world deeper into poverty, is just one symptom of a much bigger problem about how we organise our common home, the earth. The Holy Father encourages us all, individually and as a community, to a change of heart; to "work with generosity and tenderness in protecting this world which God has entrusted to us" (#242) and to live simply so that others may simply live. It is "the Gospel of Creation" that encourages us to spread the Good News of our faith and inspires us to express our love for God by adopting an attitude of profound respect for ourselves, our neighbours and our beautiful sister earth.

Let's worship the Lord of the universe and let's work for the protection of his creation.

Fr Christophe Brunet, ccn

Focus of the Week



Parish Retreat in Daily Life Sunday 8th December to Friday 13th December 2019



The retreat starts on Sunday evening at 6 pm in the church. Throughout the week you will have a daily bible reading to pray with and a daily accompaniment of up to 30 minutes at a time that suits you (including evenings). The final meeting will be as a group on Friday evening at 8pm. Your commitment:

- Sunday evening meeting at 6 pm
- To pray daily with the text you will be given on Sunday and at each accompaniment
- To meet daily for accompaniment at a time that's convenient for you

Please complete the form which you will find in the entrance hall and return to the parish office before Thursday, 5th December 2019.

PARISH GROUPS

BT CLUB and CWL Trip to the Wyllyots Theatre

Thursday 28th November

Can all parishioners coming on the trip meet in the small hall and arrive no later than **12noon** as the coach will be leaving promptly. **£3** per person will be collected on the day to help pay for the transport and please bring anything you will need for the afternoon e.g. medication. We aim to arrive back at the church by 4.30/5pm. Looking forward to this Festive Sing a Long!

CWL Sunday 1st December

Annual Christmas Cake & Craft Sale

After both Masses. Delicious home-made cakes and jams, lovely hand-made gifts, great stocking fillers. Raffle of a fabulous Christmas cake. Beautiful hand-made Christmas cards too. Please do come along. All funds raised go to our nominated charities for 2019.

BT Club December Programme

Thursday afternoons 1.30 - 3.30pm

5th December Seasonal Quiz
12th December Craft Christmas
19th December Christmas Celebration
26th December Closed
2nd January Closed



Parent & Toddlers Wednesdays 9.30 – 11.30am
If anyone can spare two hours, once a fortnight it would be greatly appreciated.



Monday Prayer Group

We meet next at **8 pm on Monday 25 November** when we will be welcoming again Lin Button. Lin is the founder and principal of the Lin Button School of Prayer, a well known centre for inner healing ministry. Worship will be led by Thomas Aston.

SUNDAY TEA/COFFEE ROTA

If you are able to help on a Sunday morning and would like to join the team please contact Janaki: pjanaki@hotmail.com or the parish office.



CHRISTMAS OPEN DAY

More help needed! Please can you spare an hour or two on Christmas Day to help serve the lunch and/or wash up? If so, please complete a **blue form**.
If you have any queries please contact Frances, tel: 020 8886 3773, email: fmhalliday99@gmail.com



INVITATIONS to the Open Day are available in the entrance hall. Please take one if you would like to come or know of anyone who would be alone on Christmas day. Please complete a form and return to the parish office as soon as possible.

FACT – OPERATION ELF

We are collecting gifts for children of parents who are in prison. The gifts are then given to the children via their incarcerated loved ones. This takes place during specially organised Christmas Family Days which take place in the prison visiting halls and chapels in December. Unfortunately, due to prison security regulations **they are unable to accept: second hand items, electric or battery operated toys, toy guns, plasticine, edible items such as sweets or chocolate.** We suggest spending no more than £10-£15 on a gift. **If you would like to donate a gift please write your name next to the child on the notice board in the entrance hall.** Please ensure your **UNWRAPPED** gift has been given to the parish office **by Thursday 5th December.** **Thank you for your support.**



YOUTH MATTERS

Family Mass 1st December

Preparation for the children will be on Saturday 30th November 3-5 pm in the church.

Sacraments 2020

The next **Reconciliation and Holy Communion** will be at 9.45am followed by 11am Mass with enrolment **on 8th December** for all the children who would like to receive First Holy Communion in May.

Confirmation Session 29th November and 6th December for the children and parents.



ONE-OFF DONATIONS

We introduce Parishioners to the new ONE-OFF GIFT AID ENVELOPES. These envelopes which are blue in colour are available in the perspex wall folder in the Entrance Hall and can be used by Tax Paying Parishioners who wish to make a single donation for Mass Intentions, Poor Box, Building Fund as well as Offerings for Mass, Baptism, 1st Communion, Confirmation and Marriage etcetera. Using these envelopes will enable your Parish to increase their tax rebate at the end of the financial year. For any queries please contact the Parish Office or call Brenda Hylton on 07785550683.

Sunday 24 November 2019	FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING year C Masses: 9.00am & 11.00am Readings: 2 Samuel 5:1-3. Ps. 121:1-5. Col. 1:12-20. Lk. 23:35-43.	Thursday 28 November	Feria Mass: 11.00am Readings: Dan. 6:12-28. Ps. Dan 3:68-74. Lk. 21:20-28.
Monday 25 November	Feria Mass: 11.00am Readings: Dan. 1:1-6. 8-20. Ps. Dan 3:52-56. Lk. 21:1-4.	Friday 29 November	Feria Mass: 11.00am Readings: Dan. 7:2-14. Ps. Dan 3:75-81. Lk. 21:29-33.
Tuesday 26 November	Feria NO MASS Readings: Dan. 2:31-45. Ps. Dan 3:57-61. Lk. 21:5-11.	Saturday 30 November	ST ANDREW, Apostle, Patron of Scotland Mass: 11.00am Readings: Romans 10:9-18. Ps. 18:2-5. Mt. 4:18-22.
Wednesday 27 November	Feria Mass: 11.00am Readings: Dan. 5:1-6. 13-14. 16-17. 23-28. Ps. Dan 3:62-67. Lk. 21:12-19.	Sunday 1 December	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT year A Masses: 9.00am & 11.00am Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5. Ps. 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9. Rom. 13:11-14. Mt. 24:37-44.