

The United Benefice of Henley-on-Thames with Remenham
THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN
Registered Charity

November 25th 2018

Christ The King

Welcome to this ancient Parish Church. If you are a visitor or a new member of the congregation, you will find the order of service in the booklets. The hymns are not announced - they can be found on this sheet. The crèche is available throughout the service for toddlers and parents; Junior Church also takes place in the Chantry House after the Gospel reading. Tea & coffee are served in the Chantry House after the service: please join us and make yourself known.

Entrance Hymn: 345 Christ is the King, O friends rejoice!

The Opening Prayer

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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10,13-14 *Judgement before the Ancient One*

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

The Responsorial Psalm Psalm 93

R/ The Lord is King, with majesty enrobed.

The Lord is King, with majesty enrobed;
the Lord has robed himself with might,
he has girded himself with power. **R/**

The world you made firm, not to be moved;
your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are. **R/**

Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time. **R/**

The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

V/ Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Gospel Reading: 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.'

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Offertory Hymn: 352 Crown him with many crowns

The Anthem: I give to you a new Commandment, *Nardone*

I give to you a new commandment, a new commandment I give to you that you love one another, as I have loved you.

Ubi caritas est vera, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

Where charity is true, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice and be glad in him. Let us fear and love the living God. And from a sincere heart let us love one another.

Amen.

The Final Hymn: 443 Rejoice, the Lord is King

The Organ Voluntary: Nun Danket, *Karg-Elert*

Today's Sung Eucharist:

Sidesmen	Athley Cowling and Pauline Lester
Lesson	Louis Bell
Intercessions	Alan Tang
Servers	Sheila Croton and Norman Topsom
Acolytes	Sue Hockley and Tania Tindall
Chalice	Stuart Crippen and Carol Brook-Partridge
Coffee	Jenny Lloyd and Jan Rowland

Please replace the kneelers on your pew before leaving. Thanks!

This Week

Mon 26 Feria	Funeral of Joan Kuipers 11.00am (SN)
Tues 27 Feria	Funeral of Janet Salvage 12.30pm (SM)
Wed 28 Feria	
Thurs 29 Feria	Eucharist (CW Trd) 10am (SM) Choir Practice 7.15pm (SM)
Fri 30 S Andrew	Praying Together 9.30am (CH) Advent Bible Study 10.15am (CH) Eucharist 12noon (SM)
Sat 1 Charles de Foucauld	Children's Christmas Workshop 10am-12.30pm (CH) St Mary's Gift Day (see notices)

Morning Prayer will be said at 9am and Evening Prayer usually at 5pm at St Mary's on weekdays

Sunday December 2 ~ The First Sunday of Advent

8.00am Eucharist (SM)
8.35am Parish Breakfast (CH)
9.30am Sung Eucharist (SM)
11.15am Sung Matins (BCP) (SN)
6.30pm Advent Candlelit Carol Service (SM)

Please pray for

The Church:

The Lusitanian Church - (Portugal) The Rt Revd Jorge Pina Cabral

Our Bishops:

*Bishop Alan confirming at St Andrew's, High Wycombe,
Bishop Andrew confirming in Caversham*

The sick:

Nicola, Neil, Helen, Stella, Maria, John Ogden, Jennifer,

The departed: *Janet Salvage, Joan Kuipers*

Those whose year's minds falls this week:

Mary Wright, Alan Hopkins (25), Hugh Eddison, Roger Eddison (26),

Rev David Finlay (27), Christopher Griffin (30), Richard Lewis (1)

Notices for the week beginning 25 November

Saturday 1 December is Gift Day. Fr Jeremy will sit near the door of the church from 10am to 5pm, with a stack of gift aid envelopes and standing order forms, giving people the chance to make one-off donations or to move onto giving by standing order. It will also be an opportunity to have a conversation with Fr Jeremy, which isn't always easy on Sunday morning because of time pressures. Any donation is welcome, no matter how small. Fuller information will be provided in the December parish magazine. This year's Advent Bible Study will begin on Friday 30 November at 10.15, meeting in the Chantry House, and continuing on Fridays 7, 14 and 21 December. These sessions will give us an opportunity to get to know Luke's gospel in more depth, with a particular focus on the gospels for the Sundays of Advent. All are welcome.

There will be a fun morning of Christmas activities with the telling of the Nativity story for children on Saturday 1 December from 10am to 12.30pm in the Chantry House. Please call the parish office if you would like to come.

Advent and Christmas are a wonderful opportunity to invite friends and family who do not usually come to church to share in celebrating the season. Our Advent candlelit carol service is next Sunday at 6.30pm, our Christmas candlelit carol service is on Sunday 16 December at 6.30pm and our Christingle service is on Christmas Eve at 3.00pm.

The Henley Food Bank Box can be found by the crèche. Please bring donations on Sunday mornings - toiletry items, tinned veg, tinned fruit, savoury biscuits, tinned meat, long lasting milk, cereal, crisps, biscuits, squash, pasta sauce. A Christmas list is on the noticeboard at the back of church.

'Carols with a Heart for Henley' at the Town Hall, on Wednesday December 5 at 7pm.

Traditional carols led by Henley School of Music Jazz Band and Choirs from Trinity, Badgemore, Sacred Heart and Valley Road Schools. Krish Kandiah of 'Home for Good' will be speaking on 'Can Hospitality Change the World?' All welcome. Come early for free mulled wine and mince pies. Before the carol service the Living Advent Calendar performers will be at Shaun Dickens Restaurant nr Hobbs from 6.15pm. Please contact the parish office if you could support 'Home For Good' Fostering & Adoption & MCT Charity by shaking a bucket or offering raffle prizes. The audience will then be encouraged to make their way to the Town Hall for a hearty carol sing. Do invite your friends to these wonderful family friendly events.

Amnesty International Reading are delighted to host an evening of 'Music, Mulled Wine & Mince Pies', Friday 14 December at 7.30pm in The Chantry House. This year's programme will include Walton's 'Facade' Suite and works from Mozart to Debussy. Presented by Syrinx (flute, oboe, clarinet, horn, bassoon and piano). Tickets include refreshments during the interval, £14 (£8 unwaged) available from amnesty.reading@gmail.com tel. 077 40423894 or online at <https://billetto.co.uk/en/e/music-mulled-wine-mince-pies-tickets-310934>

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Fr Jeremy is always happy to talk to parishioners about any subject, please call the parish office to make an appointment. Saturday is his day off and Friday is his study day. Fr Jeremy would appreciate being spared calls on these days except in an emergency.