

ARCH Group's aim: *"To show our love for God and You"*

Weekly Notices

24th November 2024

Christ the King

King of Glory



King of Peace

Today's Collect

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.

Today's Post Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Next Week's Services:

Sunday 1st December 2024: Advent Sunday

9.30 am	Harvington	Morning Service
11.00 am	Church Lench	Holy Communion+
5.00 pm	Rous Lench VH	Advent Praise/Reflection

Advent Praise Service

Sunday 1st December, 5.00 pm in Rous Lench Village Hall

A reflective and informal service to mark the season of Advent. The gathering will open with tea and cake (please bring cake!) and will include prayer, readings reflection and worship.

The focus is on a painting by Tom Genders which makes one pause.

The service includes the lighting of candles bringing hope into the world.

Richard Thorniley

For Prayer

Lord Jesus, we worship you as king. We picture you on the cross, dying for us, so that we might be forgiven. And we humbly bow in gratitude. Lord Jesus, we worship you as king. We picture you in heaven, reigning as king over all the world. And we humbly bow before you in praise.

May your kingdom come: **On earth as in heaven.**

King Jesus, you alone are the king of the world. You alone have the power and authority. You alone are the creator of all that is good. We bring before you our earthly rulers, national and local. Give them wisdom, we pray, so that they govern with integrity. Guide them into your truth so that they rule with servant hearts. Steer them towards your heart of peace so that conflicts cease. We bring the whole world to you now, asking that every knee will bow and every tongue confess that you are king.

May your kingdom come: **On earth as in heaven.**

King Jesus, may your kingdom come in our places of work, our schools, our hospitals, our homes. Help us to be kingdom bringers as we go to these places this week. As we go into a new week, help us to be more aware of you and more able to listen to your prompting so that wherever we go, we take you with us.

May your kingdom come: **On earth as in heaven.**

King Jesus, may your kingdom come in our places of pain. We know that suffering and sorrow are not part of your plan and yet you willingly suffered for us to bring us back to your heart of love. We remember all those we know who are suffering today: maybe they are ill, anxious, lonely, sad, in pain, confused, listening to bad news... be especially close to them we pray. We ask that you bring your healing and wholeness into every situation. Surround them with your comforting arms. Touch their lives with your peace.

May your kingdom come: **On earth as in heaven.**

King Jesus, we lift our homes to you. Be king of our homes, we pray. May they be places of kindness, love and joy. We remember each member of our family. Lord, sometimes it's easy to be nice and loving to the people we live with and love, but sometimes it's really hard. Forgive us for the hard times and encourage us in the easy times. Show us how to do that one extra thing this week that will make family life and conversation with friends just that bit better for everyone.

May your kingdom come: **On earth as in heaven.**

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For Prayer (continued)

King Jesus, we also pray for those whose home life is painful or unhappy. We ask that places of safety can be found where people who suffer can find peace. We also remember those who have to leave their homes because of war, famine or other trauma. Lord, may they find their home in you. Lord, we ask that your kingdom of goodness and compassion comes to all.

May your kingdom come: **On earth as in heaven.**

King Jesus, you rose again and now you rule and reign forever. We rejoice that you invite us to become part of your kingdom. Send us out from here as transformed, ready to bring your kingdom to everyone we meet this week. Go before us into every situation. Rule and reign in all our places of difficulty. Rule and reign in all our places of joy. Rule and reign in our moments of busyness and our times of rest. Lord, you are king, and we worship you.

May your kingdom come: **On earth as in heaven. Amen.**

This Week's First Reading: *Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14*

⁹As 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. ¹⁰A 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. ¹³As 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. ¹⁴To 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.

This Week's Psalm: *Psalm 93:1-6*

- 1 The Lord is king and has put on glorious apparel; the Lord has put on his glory and girded himself with strength.
- 2 He has made the whole world so sure that it cannot be moved.
- 3 Your throne has been established from of old; you are from everlasting.
- 4 The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their pounding waves.
- 5 Mightier than the thunder of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, the Lord on high is mightier.
- 6 Your testimonies are very sure; holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever.

This Week's Second Reading: *Revelation 1:4b-8*

⁴Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. ⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

This Week's Gospel Reading: *John 18:33-37*

³³Pilate asked Jesus, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' ³⁴Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' ³⁵Pilate 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?' ³⁶Jesus 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.' ³⁷Pilate 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.'

Next Week's First Reading: *Jeremiah 33:14-16*

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

Next Week's Psalm: *Psalms 25:1-9*

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame, but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated.
- 3 Make me to know your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you have I hoped all the day long.

Psalm 25:1-9 continued

- 5 Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions, but think on me in your goodness, O Lord, according to your steadfast love.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.
- 8 He will guide the humble in doing right and teach his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Next Week's Second Reading: *1 Thessalonians 3:9-13*

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Next Week's Gospel Reading: *Luke 21:25-36*

Jesus said to his disciples: ²⁵'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Luke 21:25-36 continued

²⁹Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, ³⁵and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'