

Reflection for Christ the King

I wonder what abiding memories you have following the death of Queen Elizabeth II? I recall the long queues of people wishing to pay their respects and the sight of her grandchildren processing into Westminster Hall, which seemed to me to be a complicated mix of formality and family grief. Of course, this was followed by the ceremony surrounding the coronation of King Charles last May. For those who had lived through the reign of Queen Elizabeth for their whole lives, this was the first change of monarch they had experienced. For some, this resulted in a National Anthem asking God to save our gracious 'Qu – ing'!

Today's readings assure us that there will no end or transfer of authority for Jesus, who sits on his throne for all eternity. His work on earth is completed and 'to him be glory and dominion for ever' (Revelation 1.6). Whatever our views on the earthly monarchy, we know that Jesus' rule is 'an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingdom is one that shall never be destroyed' (Daniel 7. 14b). The question for us is how we should respond to this truth.

Revd Sarah



NEXT SUNDAY 1.12.2024 Advent Sunday
10.30 in the Hall

READINGS: OT Jeremiah 33: 14-16
NT 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13
GOSPEL Luke 21: 25-36



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St Thomas, Exeter

24th November 2024

Christ the King

10.30 in Church

Today

Sung Eucharist

Hymn Numbers

46 *At the name of Jesus*

309 *Lord, enthroned in heav'nly splendour*

522 *To God be the glory!*

Wednesday 27th November

10am Holy Communion (BCP)

2pm Young at Hearts

7.30pm PCC meeting in the Hall

Thursday 28th November

9.30-11am St Thomas Tots

10.30-12noon Knit & Natter. 19 Maple Rd

Details from Jenny. 01392 498725

2.30pm Safeguarding meeting by zoom

3-5pm Warm Space in the Hall *postponed*

Friday 29th November

9.30am Morning Prayer

10am Staff Meeting



Collect

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. **Amen**

Daniel 7: 9-10, 13, 14

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.

Revelation 1: 4b-8

Grace 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, and

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, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! 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.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

John 18: 33-37

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.'

Intercessions

The response to: '*The Lord is King*'

is: '*Let the people rejoice*'

Post Communion

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. **Amen**

NOTICES

TALKWORKS can help! If you are feeling stressed, anxious, are experiencing ongoing low mood, or are having difficulty sleeping,

NHS TALKWORKS is a free, confidential, talking therapies service helping you to feel better and giving you the tools and techniques to improve your mental well-being.

0300 555 3344 Give us a call and see how we can support you. www.talkworks.dpt.nhs.uk

The House Group meets fortnightly in someone's house to speak about our faith. Please speak to Ian, Helen or Mic if you would like to come and find out more.

Support for Pensions on Low Incomes

An estimated 880,000 low-income pensioner households eligible for pension credit currently fail to claim it and a deadline is approaching. The government says it is worth an average £3,900 a year, but it is also a gateway to other financial support such as winter fuel payments. If you know a pensioner on a low income, please encourage them to check if they could be eligible for pension credit. This can be done online through www.gov.uk/pension-credit:calculator or people can get advice via phone on weekdays 0800 99 1234

Warm Space will return on Thursdays, from 3pm in the Hall. Tea, coffee and biscuits and a chance to meet other people. A start date will be announced once the administration has been completed. **Also there are more spaces for people to volunteer. See Carys or Ian.** Watch this space for details.

Future dates & local info: 1 December

11.45am St James Church Book Launch—Tony Dickinson *Zeal for the Faith: An Introduction to Christian-Muslim Dialogue*; **8 December** 6pm Carol Service St Thomas Church with Grace-church; **10 December** Exwick Community Centre 7.30pm A Taste of Christmas Mummers Play and mini-panto; **14 December—5 January** Winterwood at Theatre Alibi, volunteers needed.