

Reflection for Christ the King.

It is 97 years since Pope Pius XI promulgated the feast of Christ the King, a feast that the Anglican church embraced more recently. It is only now, after 70 years that we celebrate Christ the King with a king on the throne of the United Kingdom.

As we approach Advent the following Sunday, Christ the King reminds us of the kingship of the child whose birth we await on Christmas Day. It was a King that the Magi sought at the Epiphany, and it was a King who was crucified on the cross with the title King of the Jews written there by Pilate.

I love our East window at St Thomas as it depicts Christ the King, our servant king who died on the cross for us.

Jesus, mocked and derided, scourged and pierced, rule in my heart as King. Give me your pardoning love, that I may love others; move me with sorrow for your agony, that I may share the pain of others; guide me with your royal power, that I may govern myself in faith and obedience to your will. **AMEN**

Phil Baker



Food Fight (Food for Sundays) are looking for donations of warm clothing, such as hats, gloves, jackets and socks. They are also happy to receive individual-serving bottles/tetra packs of water or juices. Volunteers are outside Nat West bank on Sunday mornings from 11am-1pm so any donations can be dropped off there.

NEXT SUNDAY 27.11.2022 Advent Sunday

SERVICES: 10.30am in Church

READINGS: OT Isaiah 2: 1-5
NT Romans 13: 11-14
GOSPEL Matthew 24: 36-44



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St Thomas, Exeter

20th November 2022

Christ the King

10.30am in Church

Today

10.30am Sung Eucharist

Hymns for today

46 At the name of Jesus.

249 In the Cross of Christ I glory.

432 Rejoice, the Lord is king.

Wednesday 23rd November

10am Holy Communion (BCP)

2-4pm Young at Hearts

Thursday 24th November

9.30—11am St Thomas Tots

10.30am Knit & Natter. See notices.

Friday 25th November

9.30am Morning Prayer.

10am Staff Meeting.

Saturday 26th November

12.30pm Ladies Lunch at the Royal Oak.



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

Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Colossians 1: 11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have

redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Luke 23: 33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.']] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

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

For our services in Church, **mask wearing** is not now compulsory but we would still advise it while infection numbers remain high.

Knit and Natter. From now on through autumn and winter the group will meet at 19 Maple Road. Details from Jenny on 01392 498725.

Community Larder is receiving donations on Tuesdays from 10-11am. On Sundays there will also be an opportunity to bring donations to the 10.30 service.

House Group Fortnightly on Zoom. New people are always welcome; see Ian for zoom details.

As the weather gets colder we will be making a decision about where our Sunday worship should be. Would you please let the clergy and churchwardens have your **thoughts about staying in Church or moving to the Hall**. Thanks to those who have already said something.

Thursday 24th November 12.30pm **Commissioning service in Church for Luke Williams**, Head Teacher of the new St Gabriel's Church of England Primary School (previously Redhills). Do please come and support our local Church School.

Sunday 27th November **Interment of John White's ashes** in the Churchyard after the Eucharist. All welcome.

