



## South Wye Team Ministry Newsletter

### Sunday 22nd November – Christ the King

Hello Everyone, I hope that you are keeping safe and well.

In South Wye, the figures of Covid-19 infections are currently rising steeply, and the rolling rate of cases is significantly above the national average. I'm not mentioning this in order to scare you, but just to emphasise the importance of staying safe, however restrictive we may feel the current regulations are. I was very taken by this image from Rev. Katie Leonowicz which offers a reminder that if we are keeping ourselves safe, we are keeping our neighbour safe too.

**Hands**      **Face**      **Space**      **Grace**

Jesus said "Love your neighbour as yourself." Matthew 22:39

*We know times are difficult and confusing. But be kind, be gracious and be loving with one another and yourself. Show grace to those around you to keep each other safe.*

With this week's newsletter you'll find an order of service for the online service on Sunday, children's sheets and bible study as well as the booklet for our Advent study – **Wye Christmas**. We hope that this booklet – which will be supported by videos, reflections and teaching – will enable us to follow an Advent journey together. Each week there is material for people who are established in their faith, those who are newer to the Good News, for children and adults, which can be used individually, as a household or family, or as part of an online bible study group. You are also encouraged to pick and mix the material – to do the bible study as well as some colouring or to make the craft and read the scripture as well as one of the stories. If you would like to join the online study group on a Tuesday evening, please email or 'phone David so that he can let you have the details – and if you are not online, he can tell you how you can join the group over the 'phone. Because we are looking at each topic in the week ending with each Sunday in Advent, the first study – *Why Bethlehem?* – is on Tuesday 24th. Please have a look at the booklet and let us know how you would like to use it. Don't forget to get in touch if I can help with anything,  
With every blessing,

Anne

If you would be willing to read a lesson or prayers in our online services and to send us the video, please let me know so that we can arrange a rota for the next few weeks.

Don't forget **Tuesday Morning Coffee over Zoom** – although you do have to bring your own coffee these days! Everyone is welcome! find the links on Facebook at Cosy Cuppa and a Chat or contact Jo for details

### **Visiting the Team Office**

Please 'phone or email if you possibly can, rather than visit the Parish Office. The office will not be fully staffed, but we will respond to emails and 'phone messages. If you do have to come to the office, please wear a mask.

Maintaining the safety of staff and visitors must be our priority, and for me there is also the selfish consideration that if both Sharron and Christine are required to isolate at the same time the office will have to be closed again.

Thank you for your patience and consideration with this.

Along with our 'Wye Christmas' Advent course, craft kits will be available for children or adults which will have a craft to go alongside the theme each week. If you or someone you know might like an Advent bag, please let Jo know.

### **St Martin's Food Share**

Every Monday at 10am at St Martin's Church and at 11am at the Scout Hut we have surplus food which has given to us to share with our community. Tell your neighbours and come along with a bag – and a mask! The list usually includes bread, veg, packets and tins.

*David*

### **South Wye Posada**

A posada is a travelling model of the Nativity which visits different homes during Advent before reaching Church for Christmas Day. Because of Covid restrictions, we can't have a Posada that visits people's homes this year. However our Posada will be out and about in South Wye. Every day it will visit a different location in the benefice and a photo will be posted on our Facebook pages. See if you can be the first to guess it's location!

### **Grand Draw**

Don't forget our Christmas Prize Draw. If you have sold your tickets, please return the counterfoils and cash to the office by the 14th December. If you are able to donate a prize, please give something that would fit well into a Christmas hamper and we will gather them together into hampers. The Grand Draw will be held on the 16th December and will be broadcast live on Facebook. If you are thinking 'Oh, I haven't had any tickets to sell yet' – don't panic! Just contact the office and we can ensure that some are sent to you.

# Readings for Sunday 22nd November (Christ the King)

## **Ephesians 1:15-23**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

## **Matthew 25:31-46**

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

# For our Prayers

**Those whose baptisms and weddings have been postponed this month:**

**Those who are ill or in need of your prayers, including:**

Glenys H	Gaynor C	Ann W	Carol	Lee	Roger	Dot G	Emma
Marcia R	Oliver	Chrissie	Hana	Joe D	Nick D	Brenda B	
Immie B	Bob	Harry	Viv	Tom M	Helen	Barbara W	
Andrea	Marie						

**Those who have died and those who mourn their loss:**

Mary..	Robert..	Malcolm..	William..	Betty..	Vera.	Bryan.
Roger.	Beryl	Eileen	Mary Ann	Neville		

**Anglican Communion:** The Church of Bermuda (Extra-Provincial).

**Porvoo.** England: St Edmundsbury & Ipswich; Scotland: Aberdeen & Orkney.

**Hereford** Communication at every level of church life; the Communications staff of our diocese, and all who have produced on-line worship and training through the present crisis.

Pray for the Mothers' Union within our Diocese, for members of Bishop's Council

**South Wye** Please pray for our community as we face rapidly increasing rates of C-19 infection, especially for those who are isolated or frightened or ill.

**This Week** Pray that the Black Lives Matter movement may continue to impact on hate and prejudice throughout our world; pray for all who are abused, excluded or exploited by others because of race or faith. Today is normally St Cecilia's Day: pray for church and community choirs and musicians, many silenced by the pandemic. In the week that celebrates Isaac Watts, give thanks for the writers of hymns and worship songs.. White Ribbon Day prompts prayer for all who live in the shadow of domestic violence, and for the work of of refuges and counsellors. Carers' Rights Day falls this week: pray for those who care as family and friends, often feeling unsupported and unheard. At Thanksgiving, pray for the government and people of the United States, and for a time of healing and reconciliation.

**A prayer for the nation:**

Lord Jesus Christ, in these dark and difficult days, we turn our hearts to you.

In ages past, you have delivered our nation from disaster.

Do it again, we pray.

Give wisdom beyond human wisdom to our leaders,

Give strength beyond human strength to the NHS and all our frontline workers.

Give comfort beyond human comfort to the elderly and all who grieve.

Lord Jesus Christ, in these dark and difficult days,

turn your face towards us, have mercy upon us, and heal our land, we pray.

Amen.

## Services online and on TV and Radio

### South Wye Services

Through the Week:

8am and 8pm daily Morning and Night Prayer on St Martin's Facebook.

### Midweek Reflection:

10am Thursday on St Martin's Facebook Page – "My Perspective"

### Sunday 22nd November;

Telephone service: To listen to an audio version of the Communion service, call 01432 806066 after noon on Sunday – the service will be available for the whole week. This will cost you the same per minute as a local 'phone call. There is a message and then some silence before the service starts – don't panic, if you have heard the message then the service will start before long.

You can also watch a video of the 9:00am service on Sunday live on St Martin's Facebook page, or from noon on St. Peter's Facebook, St. Martin's Facebook and St. Martin's YouTube channel.

### Diocese of Hereford

Diocese of Hereford Facebook:

Sunday Service 10am.

Diocese Freephone Prayerline:

Dial 0800 304 7052 to hear a prayer.

### Church of England

National Weekly Service Facebook at 9:00am.

### TV and Radio on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November;

BBC H&W	8am	Sunday Worship.
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Radio 4	8:10am	Sunday Worship
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BBC 1	1:15pm	Songs of Praise.
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### Prayer for the day:

The Church of England website has audio and text of the Prayer for the Day.

Daily Hope Phone Line 0800 804 8044 - a free national phone line offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England.

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**Sunday is Christ the King** – this Agnus Day cartoon is a comment on the Gospel reading whilst the poem reflects on the monarchy of Christ.



### **Christ the King (Luke 23:32-43)**

Scoffers at the Skull Place  
Pouring scorn  
On Christ the King.  
Criminals and soldiers mock  
As the shock of the nails  
Pierce and penetrate  
The hope of a people,  
On the whole,  
Far away,  
A people who don't know about distance.

But one far-off one  
Comes close,  
Reaches for the kingdom  
As he shares  
The cross crisis,  
As he cries  
In self-recognition,  
In God-recognition,  
In longing,  
In hanging  
In the company of the King,

“Jesus, remember me,  
Please,  
If you will,  
Remember me.”

And Jesus said, “Today...”  
*By Daphne Kitching*