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Christ the King

Welcome!

We are delighted to see you, especially if this is your first visit.

Please do join us for refreshments at 10.30am today.

Today	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Prayzone
10.30am	<i>Coffee in the Hall</i>
11.00am	Morning Worship
3pm	'Light up a Life' service
5.30pm	Prayer Meeting
During the Week	
Tues	9am Morning Prayer <i>in church</i>
	9-11.30am Open House Parents and Toddlers <i>in the Lounge</i>
	12.30pm Matt's Knits <i>(Note change of day)</i> <i>in the Lounge</i>
	5.30-7pm Christmas Choir rehearsal <i>in the church</i>
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
	7.30pm Matt's Cats
Fri	12 noon Funeral of Jim Pickard
	6.30pm TGIF
2 December Advent Sunday	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Breakfastzone
10.30am	<i>Coffee in the Hall</i>
11am	Holy Communion (CW)

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. Amen

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Readings

Revelation 1: 4b-8

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father – to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

⁷ ‘Look, he is coming with the clouds,’

and ‘every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him’;

and all peoples on earth ‘will mourn because of him.’

So shall it 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.’

John 18: 33-37

³³ Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, ‘Are you the king of the Jews?’

³⁴ ‘Is that your own idea,’ Jesus asked, ‘or did others talk to you about me?’

³⁵ ‘Am I a Jew?’ Pilate replied. ‘Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?’

³⁶ Jesus said, ‘My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.’

³⁷ ‘You are a king, then!’ said Pilate.

For our prayers and praise this week

Sun	Please pray for our services today, especially the “ Light up a Life ” when people will be coming to remember loved ones who have died recently. Pray that they may find real comfort. Pray for the work and staff of Rowcroft Hospice .
Mon	Please pray for any who use the Blue Light Prayer phone , and pray for the team who are committed to praying for them.
Tues	Pray for the peace of our world , for the leaders of the nations, for Teresa May that she may make right decisions and for Kevin Foster our own MP.
Wed	Pray for our Committees who are dealing with the Wellspring Project .
Thurs	Pray for all we know who are ill, housebound, or bereaved . Pray for those awaiting hospital treatment and for all who work for the NHS .
Fri	Pray for all on our Staff Team and all who assist in worship . Ask God to guide them as they prepare for Christmas.

Sat	Please pray for Street Pastors and Prayers as the cold weather will hit people out late at night. Thank God for and ask His protection for the Police and Ambulance workers .
Sun	Praise God that we can worship anywhere and anytime - so we ask Him to speak to us today. Pray for many parts of the world where people cannot worship or do so in secret. Pray that they may have wisdom and courage.

What's on and news

- **Quiz Night 7 Dec** The young people are holding a fundraising evening for Mugisha - their sponsored child. It is from 6-8:30pm and tickets are £10 per family or £2.50 each. It will be a family quiz evening and the tickets cover tea and coffee and a piece of cake but there will be opportunities to buy other non alcoholic drinks. Tickets sold on the door but there is a sign up sheet in the hall so we have a rough idea of numbers.

Please come and support them and thank you.



- **Kitchen Table Project:** an opportunity to chat with other mums and dads about how we can build faith in our children. A fun, informal session where we can share ideas and learn from each other. **9th Dec**, Pine Room, 9.30am
- **Men's Breakfast – Christmas Special** – Ladies are invited too! 8 December at 9am at English Riviera Centre. Guest speakers are Sylvia and Tony Barratt. To reserve your seat (and seating will be limited) contact Charlie on 07917 005406 or c.allansen@btinternet.com. There may be a crèche available – further details to follow. £8.50 for a full English breakfast or £4 for coffee, tea only. Book now to get your seat!

- **Bible Notes** If you wish to cancel or change your bible notes for 2019, please see Suzy Young or call on 614658 by the end of November.
- **Do you like ironing?** Is there anyone who loves ironing and would be happy to take on the ironing of the altar cloths? Please contact Sylvia if you can help. Thank you.
- **TOWNS Winter night shelter Feb-Mar 2019** For more info or to volunteer speak to Malcolm or Avril Ford or email malcolmford47@gmail.com
- **Do you know who keeps the church tidy and gets it ready for Sunday?** We may not know ...but we all appreciate the important job they do for us all. Thank you.
- **Welcomers** requested for the Schools Christmas services. Please sign up on the noticeboard at the back of church if you would like to help.
- **Part time** cleaner required for the Pre-School 3.30-4.30pm Monday to Friday in term time. Please contact Liz for more information on 07812 941029.

- Blue Light Prayer Phone (07579 030681) for life-threatening or potentially life-changing emergencies – pick up a leaflet from the back of church.
- **New magazine now out** – please pick up your copy today. £1 voluntary donation towards printing costs.



Posada Hosts needed for our two nativity sets as they travel the parish and beyond this advent. In 2017 lots of folk joined in and they also popped up in the shops, our schools and the Post Office. Be part of the journey and sign up today! See Ruth Beckett for more info. (jrmp@btinternet.com)

Christmas



- **2 Dec** Friends Christmas Lunch at the Headland Hotel. Book early to avoid disappointment ☺
- **6 Dec** **Chat@St.Matts Christmas Tea** We are holding this in the hall on Thursday, 6 December at 2.30pm. If you do not normally come to Chat@St.Matts you are more than welcome to come to our Christmas Tea. Please sign the board at the back of church to help us with numbers.
- **Christmas Choir** Would you like to help lead the singing at the carol service here on 23rd December? Rehearsals 5.30–7 pm on **27/11, 4 & 11/12**. Sign up on the sheet in church or see Lindsay Glazebrook for further details.
- **Shop here for Christmas!** Starting Sun 18 Nov for 4 consecutive Sundays, a Christmas Gifts 'pop-up shop' will be open in the Hall. This is a trial venture with Choice Words Christian Bookshop, organised by Dave and Val Burch. Come along and see the selection of lovely gifts for yourself, including Advent calendars, Nativity sets, angel figurines, children's books, seasonal coasters and candles, Nativity baubles for your Christmas tree, jewellery, bookmarks and more. All gifts at reasonable prices - cash or cheque payments only - with profits to the Wellspring Project.
- **Christmas Services dates and times** – leaflets available today.
- **Helpers requested to deliver Christmas leaflets** and posters to local shops and hotels. And could anyone deliver some leaflets to your own street? Please see Pere if you can help and look out for sign up sheet next week.
- **Christmas Gift?** Inspirational and encouraging. Please sign-up if you would like copies of the illustrated *Faith, Family & Fun* Poetry Booklet produced by Merrilyn & Nina. ALL proceeds are to raise funds for the church reordering.

