



Christ the King



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Welcome!

*We are delighted to see you, especially if this is your first visit.
Please do join us for refreshments at 10.30am in the Pine Room.*

Sunday 24 November

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Pine
9.30am	Prayzone	Hall
10.30am	<i>Coffee</i>	Pine
11am	Morning Worship	Hall
5.30pm	Prayer Meeting	Lounge

During the Week

Mon	9.15am Alpha Course	Ark
Tues	9am – 11.30am Open House Toddlers group	Lounge
	12.30pm Matts Knits	Lounge
Wed	9.00am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>	Lounge
	10-12noon Open Church Coffee Morning – all welcome	Lounge
	7.30pm St Matt's Cats	Pine
Thurs	1.45pm Funeral of Pat George-Amuah	Hall
Fri	6.30pm Youth Club	

Sunday 1 December

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Pine
9.30am	Breakfastzone	Hall
10.30am	<i>Coffee</i>	Pine
11am	Holy Communion	Hall
3pm	Light up a Life service with Rowcroft <i>followed by refreshments</i>	Hall

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

Thanks go to... St Matt's
Cats and their
preparation for the carol
service ☺

Readings

Colossians 1: 9-20

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹ 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 ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation;

¹⁶ for in him all things were created
in heaven and on earth,
things visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers —
all things have been created through him and for him.

¹⁷ He himself is before all things,
and in him all things hold together.

¹⁸ 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.

¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
²⁰ 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

³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals – one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.' And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One.'

³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.'

³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: 'Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!'

⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. 'Don't you fear God,' he said, 'since you are under the same sentence?' ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.'

⁴² Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.'

⁴³ Jesus answered him, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.'

For our prayers and praise this week	
Sun	Pray for today's services. May we all remember that we are on <i>Holy Ground and worshipping a Holy God, and then go out to serve Him.</i>
Mon	Except the Lord build the house, they that labour do so in vain. Pray for those still working to finish the Reordering by 14 th December.
Tues	Pray for our country as there is the General Election coming up. Pray for honesty, politeness and generous language.
Wed	Pray for all who are ill or face problems in their lives. May they seek God's help at this time of need.
Thurs	Pray for the families and friends of those who are bereaved.
Fri	Remember before God all our Church leaders nationally, in the Diocese and our Church Staff.
Sat	Christmas Men's Breakfast for ladies too! Pray for John and Marjorie Broadhead - the speakers. May what they say be a blessing to others.
Sun	We pray for all who mourn at this time, especially those at Rowcroft . So pray for the ' Light up a Life ' Rowcroft Service this afternoon.

What's on and News



Celebration Weekend...

for the re-opening of the church

Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 December (daytime & evening)

Activities during the day on Saturday – stalls, crafts, inflatables, entertainment, refreshments followed by a Barn Dance in the evening, and carol service with Bishop Nick on Sunday evening. We'd love for as many people as possible to come.

Pick up a leaflet today! 😊



Celebration Helpers How can you help? Could you be a furniture remover for the weekend? Or help with something else? We need people to: **set up stalls, clear away tables, set up for the barn dance, clear away and set up the church ready for the Sunday services. We also need helpers with the catering and manning inflatables.** And have you signed up for lunch on Sunday 15th December yet? Please sign up today or see Sylvia for more information. Thank you. It will be fun! 😊



Barn Dance tickets are now on sale! Get yours today (or from the office during the week). Saturday 14 December at 6.30pm.



Friends' Lunch Do join us at the Friends' ever popular Christmas lunch, at the Headland Hotel on 1st December. Bookings are now being taken at £18.50 for two courses or £22 for three. All profits to the Wellspring Fund. Not to be missed!



Posada 2019 - the journey begins on 1st December. Crib figures travel house to house as we offer hospitality and friendship. **Please join in** - sign up in the hall. New folk particularly welcome. (Or contact Ruth on 01803 293119/jrmp@btinternet.com)



Christmas Men's Breakfast for Ladies too! New date... the 'Christmas Special' will be held on 7 December. Please see Alan Taylor to buy your ticket today.

Light up a Life Rowcroft Service Sunday 1 December at 3pm. A special service to remember loved ones who have died in the last year or so.

Bible Notes If you wish to renew, change or stop your bible notes for 2020 please email or speak to Suzy Young as soon as possible as they have to be ordered by the end of November. Thank you

Sad news Pat George-Amuah's funeral will be at St Matthias at 1.45pm on Thursday 28 November. The family have requested we wear colourful clothing. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends.



Carol singing around the residential homes week commencing 16th December. Please join us – all very welcome whatever your standard of singing! Sign-up sheet in the hall.

Wellspring Update 😊 Good news! We're still on track for the bulk of the inside of the work to be completed by the end of November. With the very wet weather and some other supply issues, it's likely that the outside work will continue for a couple more weeks beyond that. Further good news is that we've received a £25,000 grant from the Beatrice Laing Trust. This means that we have raised in excess of £800K! However to complete the project in the light of additional work that has been needed, we estimate we still need a further £38K. If you would still like to give to the Project or assist with further grant applications, please contact Tony Barratt, PCC treasurer. 😊