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The Newsletter of **St Laurence Long Eaton**

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Christ the King (Year A)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Christ is a King on the model of the homeric kings who called themselves 'shepherds of the people' As a royal shepherd he is leading us to the Kingdom of his Father

Mass

First Reading: *Ezekiel 34: 11-12 15-17*

Responsorial Psalm 22: 1-3, 5-6

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: *I Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28*

Gospel: *Matthew 25: 31-46*

Hymns All NEH (Green):-

Introit: 443 Rejoice, the Lord is King
Gradual: 476 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim
Offertory 471 We love the place, O God
Communion 307 Sweet Sacrament divine
Recessional 208 In our day of thanksgiving one psalm let us offer
(All can be heard sung on Youtube.)

Notices

Fr David's arrival in our parishes

Fr David will be moving into the Vicarage at Long Eaton at the end of this week and will be having some time to himself to unpack and settle in. There are then certain legal requirements. Normally these would be occasions for us all to gather in celebration but this is not possible with the current Covid-19 restrictions. Fr David's collation and licensing will therefore be carried out on Zoom with restricted number but the Bishop of Derby and Bishop Jonathan will be involved. His induction as the Vicar of St Laurence's has legally to be physically in the church itself and there will be limited numbers attending. This is of course subject to any extension of restrictions imposed by the government. Although it will be a joy for Fr David to be with us we will not be able to demonstrate our normal hospitality but we would hope to be able to do that at some time in the future.

Thank you to Fr Giles

We are expecting Fr David Lawrence-March to begin his ministry in both parishes in the early part of December and members of both congregations have asked about whether there will be an opportunity for us to show our appreciation of all that Fr. Giles has done for us during the interregnum and more particularly since March 2020 when Covid meant the closing of our churches. As you know he recently became the Priest in Charge of St Anne's, Derby but has continued his involvement with us until Fr David arrives.

The Wardens feel that a monetary gift of appreciation would allow him to use the money as he chooses. The parish treasurers have agreed that all donations should be sent to Margaret Breedon . Her address is Babbington House, Babbington. Nottingham. NG16 2SS. If you would prefer to pay money directly into the Holy Trinity PCC bank account the details are: NatWest Ilkeston branch, 60 11 37 account number 05406153 - please let Margaret know how much you have given. If you are unable to do either of the above please ring Margaret on 0115 944 0020 and tell her how much you wish to give. She will collect it from you when we are back together but will take an appropriate amount from church funds in the meantime. Please can you send everything to Margaret by Friday 27th November. Please make all cheques payable to Holy Trinity PCC. **Geoff, Nicky, Simon and Jennifer**

Br Andrew Smith OPA writes:-

First Reading: *Ezekiel 34: 11-12 15-17*

We end the Church's liturgical year with a vision of the Universal King's return. Ezekiel's prophecy is God's judgment against the failed and hypocritical leaders of Israel who do not rightly "shepherd" the flock of God's people. The symbolic imagery of a Shepherd-King was typical in the literature of the ancient Near East, and is employed throughout the Old and New Testaments. God promised through His prophets that from the ancestral line of the Shepherd-King David, He would send a righteous "Branch," the Messiah, to "shepherd" His people. Ezekiel uses the same "shepherding" theme when God promised that He would come Himself to shepherd His people and this was fulfilled in the person of Jesus the Messiah, the Christ of God, the Universal King.

Second Reading: *I Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28*

St. Paul teaches that Jesus' reign as King, inaugurated in His Resurrection, will last until His Second Advent when He will return to collect His Bride, the Church, and sit as the Divine Judge. After the Last Judgment, He will take His Bride to Heaven for the Wedding Supper of the Lamb when He submits Himself and His Church to the Father.

Gospel : *Matthew 25: 31-46*

Jesus identifies Himself with the poor, oppressed, and outcast, He makes the Christian's outpouring of active Love toward those who suffer a condition for entering His eternal Kingdom. We cannot hope for an eternal reward without Loving God, and the Love of God is inextricably linked to Love, concern and service for our brothers and sisters in the family of humanity. We must remember that Jesus Christ's Second Advent does not mark the end but a new beginning for those who Love Him and are obedient to His call to Love. The smallest act of Love is never wasted!

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of the universe,
grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery,
may render your majesty service
and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and
reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Services for this Sunday and the week ahead:-

Sunday 22nd November Christ the King

Zoom Mass 10.00 am

Tuesday 24th November St Andrew Dung Lac and Companions

Zoom Mass 9.30 am

Wednesday 25th Nov

Zoom Mass 10.00 am

Thursday 26th November

Zoom Mass 7.00 pm

Friday 27th November

Zoom Mass 12.00 noon

Sunday 29th November Advent 1 (Year B)

Zoom Mass 10.00 am

Please remember in your prayers:-

Those who are sick, especially: Peter Wrathall, Bob Hulls, twins Cosima and Tiadora and their mother Leigh Anne, Syd Warren, Maria Perkins, Dawn, Grace Fouracres, Jack Grocock and Vanessa Jackson.

Those who have recently died and also those whose anniversary of death falls this week : Gwendoline Helliwell, Wilfred Romney Garnett, Elizabeth Gladys Adams, Jessie Lillie, Gillian Tye, Margaret Lineker, Kenneth Adlington (pr), Alfred Bodley and Annie Grocock

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