

21st November 2021

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Christ The King

This year we come to the end of the Church's year. There have been highlights through the year. The year started with Advent, preparing for the wonderful event of Christmas, when we celebrated the beginning of the story of Jesus (of course this was not His beginning) with His birth in Bethlehem. Then the Epiphany period; the celebration of His baptism, and so to the beginning of His ministry during the Lent season. At Easter we remembered His death on the cross and celebrated His resurrection. From there to His Ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit. Then into the long period of Trinity and finally to this Sunday, when the year culminates in a crescendo, as we celebrate Jesus the King.

I'm sure as we look back over the past Christian year, as individuals, there will have been ups and downs in our Christian journey. Perhaps, as we look back and assess it, the phrase that comes to mind might be: "Could do better" - (remember those old school reports?!). Today living the Christian life and seeking to bring the Good News of Jesus to those around us is not always easy. We might even feel quite downhearted at our feeble efforts, and it might be true that our own efforts haven't amounted to very much. BUT, let us not forget whose side we are on. The One we serve is Jesus: Christ the King, King of kings and Lord of lords, who reigns over all things. The world as a whole may not recognise Him; however, the true situation is this: "God has exalted him to the highest place and given him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on the earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2: 9-11).

David

Messy Church Needs You!



We're delighted with the way that our Messy Church has been going since it's re-launch in October, in its new time slot of 3.30pm on the first Tuesday of the month. It has been lovely to see many more children and families and lots of new faces. We now really need to expand our catering team, so that it doesn't fall to the same people each month and we can have a number of alternating teams. Can you whip up a simple spag bol, or rustle up some chicken nuggets? If so, we could use your culinary skills! If you can help, or would like to find out more, please talk to Julia Farrant (639582) or Ali Doulton (01948 780168).

Christmas Choir Practice

Next rehearsal is on Thursday 25th November at 7.30pm in church. This will only include gentlemen and altos with sopranos joining from 2nd December.



Advent Carol Service

All are welcome to an Advent Carol Service at St Swithun's Cheswardine on Sunday 28th November at 6.00pm. If you would like to join the 'scratch choir' for this service, there will be a rehearsal at 4.30pm that afternoon and tea and cake will be served between the rehearsal and the service to keep you going!



Regular Services

Sunday 9.00am BCP Communion Service (CHURCH)

Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion (CHURCH)

This service is also available on Zoom

Zoom link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85337124930?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85337124930?pwd=NfdMTzRMR2JXbXRoSctVRS9PSkZXdz09)

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Meeting ID: 853 3712 4930 Password: 867888

Readings : Revelation 1.4b-8 John 18.33-37

Wednesday Morning Prayer 9.00am ZOOM

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Meeting ID: 899 4327 8704 Password: 730701

Thursday 10.00am Holy Communion (CHURCH)

You can also join our Zoom services on your landline using any of the following numbers, with the meeting IDs and passwords above: 0203 481 5237 / 0203 481 5240

0131 460 1196 / 0203 051 2874

Advent Complines on Zoom

Wednesday evenings 7.00pm for 4 weeks during Advent, beginning on 1st December.

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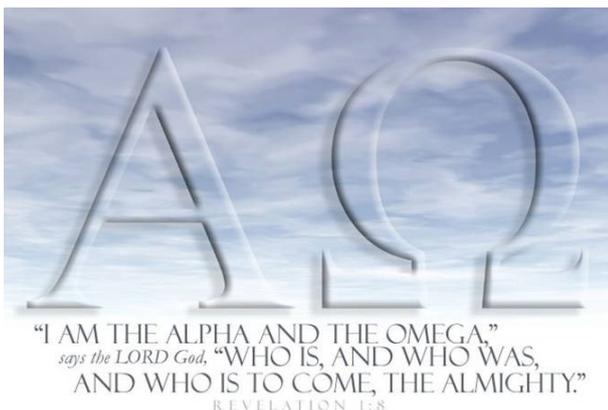
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Meeting ID: 881 2781 5715 Passcode: 236230

or dial in on 0131 460 1196

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Please pray for...



Alfie Davies and Saoirse Murphy being christened this weekend. Helen Sweet's son-in-law, Alan.

Norman Law, son of Margaret Law, recovering from surgery. David & Rosemary Platt's new grandson

who has been taken ill. Please also pray for Barry Salter, Jean Arbon and David Jones.

Foodbank Items Needed



Stock Items urgently required

Carrier Bags; Sponge Puddings/Slab Cakes; Tinned Spaghetti; Jam; Eggs; Washing Powder/Tabs/Liquid; Washing up Liquid; Wet Dog Food

If you need to contact the Foodbank please call **01630 654007** (not the number in the current church directory).



Be a Santa to a Senior

Home Instead Senior Care have a Christmas campaign to distribute gifts to seniors who will be alone this Christmas. To find out how to donate gifts and/or identify an elderly person to pass a gift on to, please see the posters in church or contact Siobhan Davis, Community Engagement Manager at community.telford@homeinstead.co.uk or 07903 175997.

Music Recital

An evening of song with Harry Fradley (piano) and George Fradley (singer), will be held at St Mary's on Saturday 4th December at 7.00pm. Refreshments will be available during the interval with proceeds and donations going to Christians Against Poverty in Market Drayton. Tickets are available from BroSys computer shop in town or via this link <https://jkartists.co.uk/aneveningofsong-t-mmlery/>

Staying in Touch

The office is now open Mon-Fri 11.00am—1.00pm.

Helen will be in the office from 9.00am.

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We will continue to post information to our website and Facebook page:

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