

NEWSLETTER

Last Sunday before Advent



Spiritual Communion is premiered on You Tube each Sunday at 9.30am using the following link

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKjwHlZkSxgv0qekIw2Chw>

Do you join us for Coffee, via zoom, after the service tomorrow
the link is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89791002817>

Meeting ID: 897 9100 2817

Christmas Appeal details of which are on page 4. the closing date is Sunday November 29th

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York are inviting Christians across the nation to participate in a month of prayer during this second lockdown in England.

Throughout the month, Christians will be encouraged to pray daily for a specific area of national concern, wherever they are, culminating in a collective moment of prayer at 6pm each evening, with cathedrals and churches across the country invited to ring a bell at this time. More details can be found on their website: <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/call-prayer-nation>.

Phe is also leading evening prayer, live on facebook, and later on You tube, every night except Monday.

WEBSITE At the moment St Mary's is without a website. This is not due to a technical problem but that we are about to launch our new website. The new website will have the same address as the previous one www.bletchingleyparishchurch.org.uk and should be live at the beginning of this coming week.

NEW THIS WEEK colouring page for our youngest members, linked to the Sunday theme.

November 22nd, Last Sunday before Advent / Christ the King / Stir up Sunday

Services will continue to be premiered on You Tube at the same time as the Service is taking place in church
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Opening Verses of Scripture Proverbs 19:17
 Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and will be repaid in full.

The 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. All Amen.

First Bible Reading: Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24

Second Reading: Ephesians 1: 15-23

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: '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.'



Post Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that they bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be richly rewarded: through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen

Prayers for Sunday and the week ahead

Let us with confidence present our prayers and supplications to the throne of grace. We pray for all those in positions of power, that they may govern with wisdom and integrity, serving the needs of their people. May your reign come; Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the Church, the sign of your reign, that it may extend your welcome to people of every race and background. May your kingdom come; Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for Christians of every denomination, that together we may come to understand the royal priesthood you bestowed on us in baptism. May your dominion come; Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those whose commitment to truth brings them into conflict with earthly powers, that they may have the courage to endure. May your rule come; Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for this community of faith, that attentive to your word we may always worship in spirit and in truth. May your reign come; Lord, hear our prayer.

Loving God, you have taught us that the power of the heart is greater than the power of wealth and might. Hear us as we pray for the fulfilment of your reign. We ask this through Jesus Christ our King; to him be glory and power for ever. Amen.

We pray for the Church throughout the world, that she may be a voice for those who lack even the basic necessities of life, tirelessly serving them and calling for change. We pray for the world's leaders, that they may not hide behind their power or abuse it, but work for the good of all humanity, particularly the poor throughout the world. We pray for our local community, that we may show our love through our respect for each other and for our environment, gladly sharing what we have with those in need.

In an act of will, O God, I place myself in your presence. In an act of faith I open myself to your light. In an act of silence, O Lord, I rest in your glory. In an act of love, O Lord, I put myself in your hands. Dorothy Kerin, 1889-1963

Prayers for use during the pandemic

Lord Jesus Christ,
you taught us to love our neighbour,
and to care for those in need
as if we were caring for you.
In this time of anxiety, give us strength
to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,
and to assure the isolated
of our love, and your love,
for your name's sake.
Amen.

God of compassion,
be close to those who are ill,
afraid or in isolation.
In their loneliness, be their consolation;
in their anxiety, be their hope;
in their darkness, be their light;
through him who suffered alone on the cross, but
reigns with you in glory,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**IF YOU ARE ILL, KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS, IF YOU CAN HELP, OR KNOW SOMEONE NEEDING HELP
PLEASE TELL THE RECTOR email Pamphilon@gmail.com tel 07775 954144**

Daily Readings for the week November 23rd to November 28th

Monday, November 23,	Psalm 7; Esther 2:1-18; 2 Timothy 2:8-13
Tuesday, November 24,	Psalm 7; Esther 8:3-17; Revelation 19:1-9
Wednesday, November 25,	Psalm 7; Ezekiel 33:7-20; John 5:19-40
Thursday, November 26,	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Zechariah 13:1-9; Revelation 14:6-13
Friday, November 27,	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Zechariah 14:1-9; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-18
Saturday, November 28,	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Micah 2:1-13; Matthew 24:15-31

ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2020 UPDATE

In our appeal over the last few weeks we have finished by saying

“The congregation of St Mary's showed great generosity at harvest when about £1000 was raised for Welcare. We really hope that you will want to take this as a challenge and respond with equal (if not more) heart and really show love for our neighbours.

Please give generously”

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. You have certainly taken the challenge and obviously really want to show love to our neighbours in these very difficult times.

To date with have raised £3580 and, with gift added, the total will be £4450. Wow!!

We have identified that there 55 children from 45 families who receive free school meals at Bletchingley Village School. This information is from the school, we do not know who these children are and the school will distribute the vouchers so we will remain unaware of who is being helped.

However it is not too late to donate if you would still like to!

Bank details

Branch: Nat West

Account Name: BLETCHINGLEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Sort Code: 60-16-09

Account Number: 71583467

Reference Sainsbury Gift Card

Cheques should be made payable to Bletchingley PCC, please write on the back Sainsbury Gift card

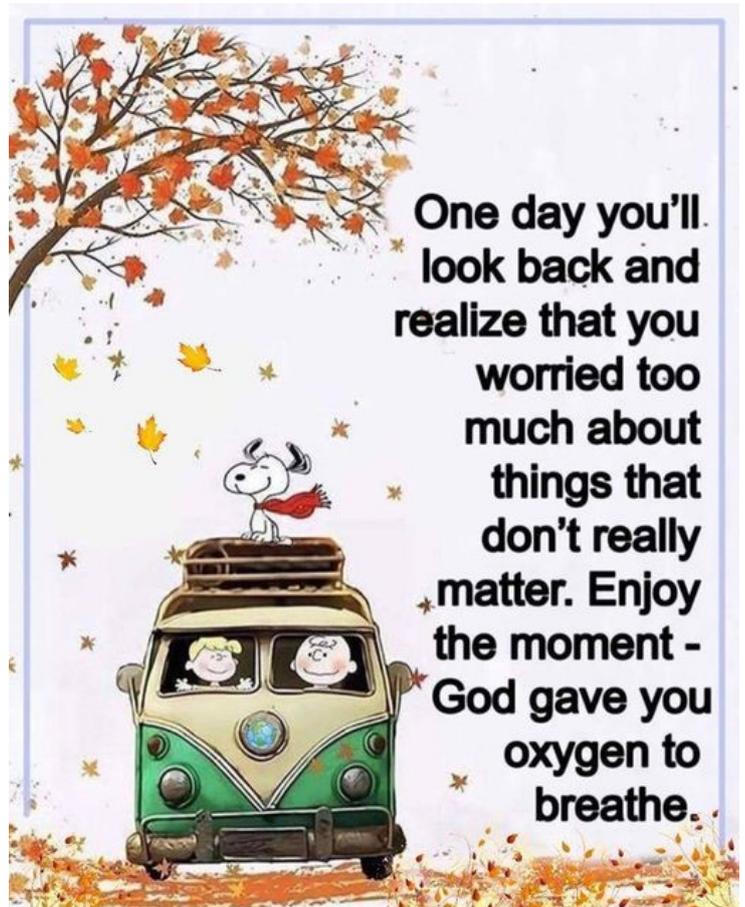
Cash should be put in an envelope and addressed as above again making it clear what the money is for.

Please deliver Cash and Cheques to the treasurer at 59 High Street, in the middle of the village opposite Lawrences

The closing date for donations is Sunday November 29th so that gift cards can be distributed during the first week of December

Lord, we pray for strong support for our Christmas fund raising campaign to bring a monetary gift to those in our village who will benefit from the gift, but also from the love of this congregation as we add Jesus' message of love and care for them. Lord, many have lost jobs and income, but for those of us whose income has been sustained during lockdown, lead us to share our comparative good fortune freely and generously. Lord help us to display faith both in words and action

Prayer written by Rob Tucker

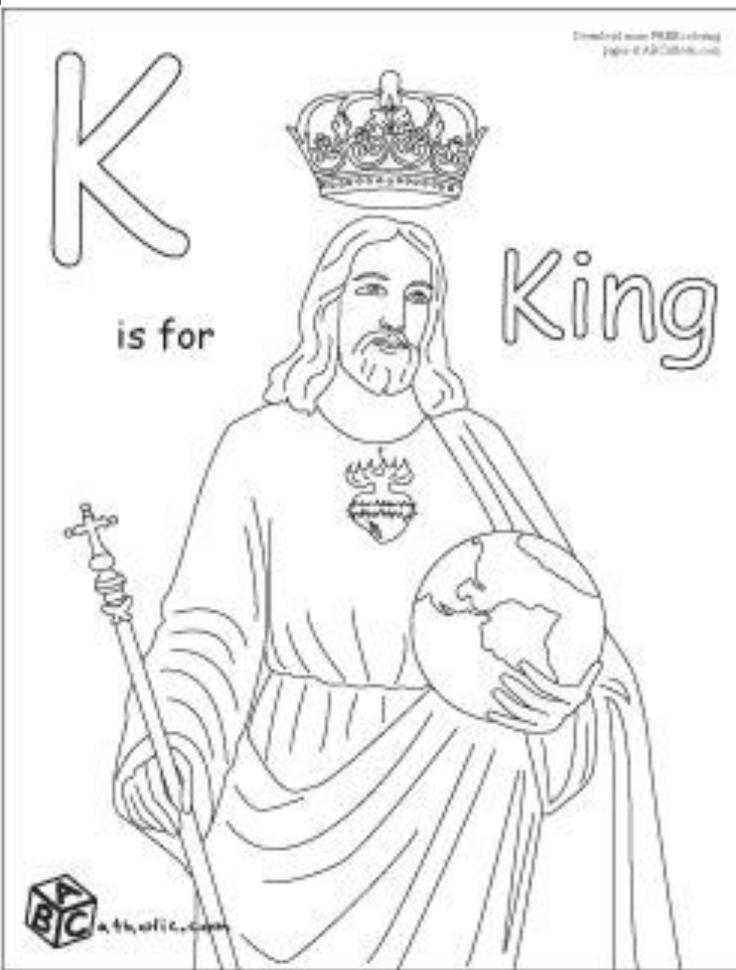


5 truths to hold in your bones

- 1. you are loved
- 2. you can do hard things
- 3. you are not alone
- 4. we need each other
- 5. follow joy

- Rev. Anna Blaedel





Colouring Page
for our young people

