

## Welcome to our services today

Sunday 24 November 2024  
Christ the King



### SAID EUCHARIST, 8am

### PARISH COMMUNION, 9.15am

Followed by refreshments and chat in the Hall.

For part of this service during term time, young people are invited to join our age-appropriate activities led by our youth team:

Groups for ages up to Year 5 meets in the Hall.

Years 5 to 7 in the Parish Room with Years 8 and above in the Cellar (access is through the Parish Room).

We also have various resources and activity bags in the Children's Chapel available for younger children.

Hymns: 563, (*omit vs 5*) 372, 311, 466

Congregational Setting: Archer

Choir Music: Caesar - Missa Brevis Cappella Regalis  
Bairstow - I sat down under his shadow

Readings: Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14; Revelation 1: 4b-8; John 18: 33-37

This week we pray for all who live and work in Handside Close and Meadow Green.

*Next Sunday's readings: Jeremiah 33: 14-16;  
1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13; Luke 21: 25-36*

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## Services & Diary Dates: this week

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| Mon 25 Nov  | Memorial Service and Interment of Ashes Service - Kay Pearson, 12noon   |
| Tue 26 Nov  | Said Eucharist, 7.30pm  |
| Wed 27 Nov  | ToddleTime playgroup, 10am<br>Said Eucharist, 10.30am<br>Coffee for All, 10.30am<br>Prayer Group (online via Zoom), 8pm |
| Thur 28 Nov | Thursday Lunches, 12 noon   |
| Fri 29 Nov  | Choir practice, 7pm   |
| Sun 1 Dec   | Said Eucharist, 8am<br>Parish Communion, 9.15am<br>Advent Carol Service, 6pm  |

## Services & Diary Dates: further ahead

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| Sat 7 & Sun 8 Dec | Christmas Tree Festival, 12-5pm   |
| Sun 15 Dec        | Family Nativity Service, 9.15am   |
| Sat 21 Dec        | Family Carols Service, 4pm<br>'O Antiphon Sequence' Reflection for Advent, 7.30pm ( <i>short service of music and prayers</i> ) |
| Sun 22 Dec        | Nine Lessons & Carols Service, 6pm  |
| Tue 24 Dec        | Christingle / Crib Service, 5pm<br>Midnight Mass, 11pm  |
| Wed 25 Dec        | Christmas Day Service, 10am   |

## Our church thrives through volunteers - can you help?

See foyer noticeboard for details and sign-up sheets.

- Christmas Tree Festival stall helpers
- Raffle (hamper type items) and Tombola donations
- Homemade whole cakes, cupcakes, traybakes or biscuits (see flyer enclosed for details)
- Handmade arts and crafts
- Wrapped sweets, lollies or choc coins (for 'grotto' gift bags)
- The Giving Tree - (Non-food) Wrapped gifts with tags in aid of The Foodbank. Long-life foodstuff is always welcomed
- Dolly mixture (soft type) sweets for the Christingles

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**Collect**

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14**

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire.

A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened.

As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him.

To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

**Revelation 1: 4b-8**

Grace to you and peace from God who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his

throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

'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**

Pilate asked Jesus, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?'

Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?'

Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.'

Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

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