



**Christ The King
22nd Nov 2020**

If you need help,
do ask and if we
can help, we will. Call Wendy Aykroyd on
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Congratulations

Sara Etheridge whose birthday is today, and Harry Etheridge whose birthday comes this week.

Prayers for healing and wholeness:

Glyn Howells, Mark Williams, Annis Tonkinson,
Barbara Lavender, Mary Pearson, Patrick Wilds, Meg
Gilbert, Edie Hudson, Angela Williams, Diane
Laverick, Jeanette Cooper, Don Wilkes, Jane
Wolverson, Janine Thompson, Billy Macauley, Pat
Connell, Oana (Wana), Zac Real, Roy and Gwen Price,
Blanche Dakin, Lindsey Link, Ken Harris, Brenda
Barber, Martin Gandy, Ann Phillips, Rita Webb.

Rest in Peace: Ian Lawson.

First Years Mind: David Whitcombe; Clive Crook;
Tony Bachelor

St Chad's readings week beginning 23rd Nov.

Mon. Luke 21:1-4 Tue. Luke 21:5-11
Wed. Luke 21:12-19 Thu. Luke 21:20-28
Fri. Luke 21:29-33 Sat. Luke 21:34-36

Covid19 – please keep in touch with people; meet
for coffee, chat, phone each other, morning prayers,
Contact us if you want to talk or need help.

Sunday worship: will not be taking place in our
churches during the November lockdown, however
you will be able to watch the Sunday on-line service
at 10.30am.

Look for us on the St Andrew's Church Shifnal
Website, on our YouTube or Facebook channels.

St Andrew's Midweek services: are cancelled
during the November lockdown.

Thank you - A huge thank you to all who have been
sending in donations through the lockdown period,
we could not continue without you!

**Private Prayer - will take place in church during
November as follows:**

St Mary's (Mon - Fri) and St Bart's (daily) open 9am -
4pm.

St Andrew's Thursdays 9am - 11am

Young Church look on YouTube for today's session.

Little Fishes on Zoom each Wednesday in term time
from code 437 708 4399 password 572758

New Mission Statement

PCC agreed this week "Reaching out together to
share God's amazing faith, hope and love"

Morning Service

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Hymn

**Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heav'n, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.***

**Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
pow'r and majesty concealing
by your humble birth: *refrain***

**Suffering servant, scorned, ill - treated,
victim crucified!
death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified: *refrain***

**Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heav'n above!
sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love: *refrain***

**So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song: *refrain***

Opening Prayer

Christ the King,
you became poor that many might become rich,
you emptied yourself of all power
that we might be empowered to choose.
You show us God's Kingdom in our midst
and invite us to kneel with you,
to humble ourselves, to serve those in need,
to find you here with us now.
As we gather in your name, fill us with your Spirit,
open our hearts to worship you,
Jesus the Servant King. **Amen.**

Reflection

There are many "false pretenders" who vie for our
allegiance, to influence us. We hold a moments
silence to think:

- Where do I give my allegiance?
- What influences my choices?
- How do I unseat false pretenders from the throne?

Prayers of Penitence

We recognize the many competing 'kings and kingdoms' that vie for our allegiance and we cast them from their thrones!

Some claim that the market is sovereign, that we are bound by the rules of competition and the survival of the fittest.

When we forget your gift of cooperation and mutual flourishing,

Lord have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Some claim that the customer is king, that we can have more and more for less and less, reducing wages, damaging the environment, polluting the earth.

When we forget human worth and that we are stewards of creation.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Some claim that might is right, that the powerful can dominate the vulnerable, using our power in the world for our own advantage and privilege.

When we forget that you knelt to wash your disciples' feet.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Christ the King, Jesus the Servant King, You came to cast down the mighty from their thrones and to raise up the humble and poor.

You love us with a perfect love you invite us to turn and follow you.

Give us grace to learn from those we have hurt, give us time for the amendment of life, give us the courage to change, as we choose you to be our King. **Amen.**

The Collect for today

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.**

Reading Ephesians 1.15–23

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. 17 I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of your

heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 20 God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. 22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 95.1–7a

1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

3 For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods.

4 In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also.

5 The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have moulded the dry land.

6 Come, let us bow down and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Glory to the father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen.

Hymn

**Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing:
my God and King!**

**The heav'ns are not too high,
his praise may thither fly;
the earth is not too low,
his praises there may grow.**

**Let all the world in every corner sing:
my God and King!**

**Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing:
my God and King!
The church with psalms must shout,
no door can keep them out;
but, above all, the heart
must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing:
my God and King!**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew **25.31–46**

Glory to you O Lord

Jesus said to his disciples:

31 '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. 32 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, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 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; 35 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, 36 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." 37 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? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" 40 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." 41 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; 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 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." 44 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?" 45 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." 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

Sermon

**Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

Prayers of Intercession.

Hymn

Heav'n shall not wait

**for the poor to lose their patience,
the scorned to smile,
the despised to find a friend:
Jesus is Lord,
he has championed the unwanted;
in him injustice confronts its timely end.**

**Heav'n shall not wait
for the rich to share their fortunes,
the proud to fall, the elite to tend the least:
Jesus is Lord; he has shown the master's
privilege – to kneel and wash servants' feet
before they feast.**

**Heav'n shall not wait for the dawn of great
ideas, thoughts of compassion
divorced from cries of pain:
Jesus is Lord; he has married word and action;
his cross and company make his purpose plain.**

**Heav'n shall not wait for our legalised
obedience, defined by statute,
to strict conventions bound:
Jesus is Lord; he has hallmarked true allegiance
– goodness appears where his grace is sought
and found.**

**Heav'n shall not wait for triumphant
hallelujahs, when earth has passed
and we reach another shore:
Jesus is Lord in our present imperfection;
his power and love are for now and then for
evermore.**

*Holy Communion - you may like to make your
own spiritual communion at home.*

The Peace

The earth is the Lord's, we are its stewards.
The earth can be green again, and we may live in
peace with our world.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
**All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, you made the world and love your creation. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour. His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death. And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

**Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with Andrew and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.
Amen.

We say the Lord's Prayer.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come;thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the
glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**
*So we take a moment to make our spiritual
communion at home and to share communion
in church.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God we thank you for your abundant love in creation, your compassionate, healing touch in our hurting, your inspiration for our venturing. Thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Final hymn

**From heaven you came helpless babe,
entered our world, your glory veiled:
not to be served but to serve,
and give Your life that we might live.
*This is our God, The Servant King,
he calls us now to follow Him'
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to The Servant King.***

**There in the garden of tears,
my heavy load he chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not My will but Yours, ' he said
*Refrain***

**Come see His hands and His feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space
to cruel nails surrendered
*Refrain***

Blessing

May God keep us in all our days.
May Christ shield us in all our ways.
May the Spirit bring us healing and peace.
May God the Holy Trinity
drive all darkness from us
and pour upon us blessing and light. **Amen**

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ Amen