

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022

# The Weekly Link



## CHRIST THE KING

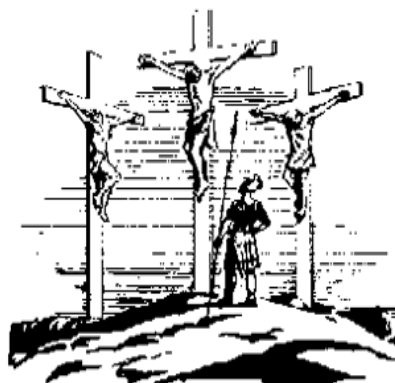
God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory

### *A reading from Colossians*

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to



reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

### *A reading from Luke's Gospel*

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!'

The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!'

But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.'

He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

## 20 Nov — Sunday

10am Sarah at Christ Church first  
11.15 Together for Communion  
*Sarah and Eve lead us in our reflection  
for Stir-Up Sunday --- the feast of Christ  
the King*

*Sunflowers After School Club  
Monday to Friday from 2.30pm*

## 21 November — Monday

10am Post-a-Prayer Club meets  
12pm Friendship Group meets  
1pm Crematorium Funeral  
7pm Deanery Synod at St  
Stephens

## 22 November — Tuesday

10am Sarah at St Barnabas School  
6.30 PCC Training with supper

## 23 November — Wednesday

9.30 Mainly Music  
12pm Midweek Communion  
5pm Pastoral Surgery  
appointments

## 25 November — Friday

10am Miriam Room in use  
1.15 Mary White's funeral at  
St Barnabas and at the Cemetery  
7pm England v USA  
World Cup match on the big screen  
for a **family friendly** evening

## 26 November — Saturday

*Sarah in Redditch today for the final  
CYD Hub event with Helen Laird*  
10am Café at St Wulstans

## 27 Nov — Sunday

11.15 Together for Advent  
*Sarah leads us in our first communion  
service of the new church year, as the  
countdown to Bethlehem starts*

## 28 November — Monday

10am Post-a-Prayer Club meets  
1230 Cluster Ministers lunch  
7pm GNfE in church for a meeting

# Special Dates for Christmas

## ✿ THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER

11am Oasis School Christmas assemblies

## ✿ MONDAY 5 DECEMBER

7pm Bishop Perowne Service at St Barnabas

## ✿ TUESDAY 6 DECEMBER

10am St Barnabas School assemblies

7pm PCC Christmas gathering

## ✿ WEDNESDAY 7 DECEMBER

11am Regency School Christmas assemblies

6.30 Brownies Christmas service at St Barnabas

## ✿ SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER

6pm Brass Band Christmas Event at St Barnabas

## ✿ TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER

10.30 Regency School Christmas assemblies

1.30 St Barnabas School Service at St Barnabas

5pm St Barnabas School Service at St Barnabas

## ✿ FRIDAY 16 DECEMBER

6.30 Carols on the Green at St Barnabas

## ✿ SUNDAY 18 DECEMBER

11.15 Celebrating the Christmas Story -- a special  
communion where we read through the entire Christmas  
story step by step as a congregation

## ✿ MONDAY 19 DECEMBER

DAILY PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS WEEK AT 10AM AND 4PM

12pm to 3pm Family Party in partnership with Sunflowers\*

## ✿ TUESDAY 20 DECEMBER

DAILY PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS WEEK AT 10AM AND 4PM

12pm to 3pm Family Fair in partnership with Sunflowers\*

## ✿ WEDNESDAY 21 DECEMBER

DAILY PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS WEEK AT 10AM AND 4PM

12pm to 3pm Family Crafts in partnership with Sunflowers\*

## ✿ THURSDAY 22 DECEMBER

DAILY PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS WEEK AT 10AM AND 4PM

11.30 Family Pantomime in partnership with Sunflowers\*

5pm Open Carols and Winter Barbecue

## ✿ FRIDAY 23 DECEMBER

DAILY PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS WEEK AT 10AM AND 4PM

11am Mainly Music Christingle Service

## ✿ SATURDAY 24 DECEMBER

4pm Midnight at Four -- our Christmas celebration!

11pm Midnight Mass at St Barnabas

## ✿ SUNDAY 25 DECEMBER

10am Joint Christmas Day Communion at St Barnabas

## ✿ SUNDAY 1 JANUARY

11.15 Joint New Year's Day Communion at St Wulstans

\* Some events in Christmas week are partnership with Sunflowers as part of the Holiday Activities and Food scheme and will be on an invitation basis to allow the maximum number of local families to be blessed