

NOTICES / DIARY DATES

Event	Date and time	Venue
Bereavement Service	Sunday 20 th November (3:00 pm)	St. John's Church
Advent Carol Service (on Advent Sunday)	Sunday 27 th November (3:00 pm)	St. John's Church
Christingle Service	Sunday 4 th December (3:00 pm)	St. John's Church
Christmas Tree Festival (Details to Follow)	9 th to 11 th December	St. John's Church
"Christmas with G & T" A Christmas Concert featuring Gary Bland and Tom Wakeley (alias Gavin Mole). Tickets £10 (£5 children) – includes light refreshments.	Saturday 10 th December (7:00 pm)	St. John's Church
Annual Toy Service (During the Main Parish Eucharist Service)	Sunday 11 th December (10:00 am)	St. John's Church
Service of Nine Lessons & Carols by Candlelight	Sunday 18 th December (3:00 pm)	St. John's Church
Crib Service	Christmas Eve (3:00 pm)	St. John's Church
Midnight Mass of the Nativity	Christmas Eve (11:15 pm)	St. John's Church
Parish Communion with Carols	Christmas Day (10:00 am)	St. John's Church

ONE CAN TRUST

One Can Trust are trying to create bags that enable families to make a nutritious meal. Soup is not needed, but all donations for the food cupboard are welcome. Sources of protein e.g., tinned meat, tinned fish, lentils etc. In addition, items such as tinned tomatoes and cook-in sauces will enable people where possible to prepare meals of their choice. We are being told that donations to the Trust have been down recently, but demand remains high. Any offerings that you can donate will be welcomed (we have a donations box outside the Church Porch). Thank you.

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PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, LACEY GREEN



Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

Week Commencing
SUNDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2022
CHRIST THE KING
SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT

WELCOME TO TODAY'S WORSHIP

You are warmly welcomed to St. John's Church, particularly if you are new to our congregation or are a visitor.

WORSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

Wearing masks in church is now optional except for the Lady chapel where we request that masks are still worn in this part of the Church. Please continue to maintain social distancing where possible and sanitise your hands. We are continuing to offer, for those who wish it, hosts intincted by the Celebrant at all Communion Services. Reintroduction of the Common Cup will be considered again at a later time. The Lady Chapel area will continue to be set aside as a mandatory social distancing area for those who feel they need to socially distance themselves from others and where masks will be worn. Please respect this. Where possible, we will be serving coffee after the 10:00 am Service on Sundays.

We have now received the card reader so we will shortly be able to take cashless offerings during services / donations. Linked to this we also have a QR code for members of the congregation to donate via their Smartphone, which can be used as of now. You will need a QR reader App to use this. Thank you for however you choose to make your offering.



Weekly Services:

SUNDAY

8:00 am In-church Said BCP Communion Service (1st & 3rd Sun)

10:00 am In-church Parish Communion Service with Hymns

TUESDAY

9:30 am In-church Said Parish Communion Service

FOCUS ON... CHRIST THE KING

The Festival of Christ the King effectively brings the Liturgical year to an end - to a fitting climax - as we look to Advent Sunday next week and the beginning of a new year for the Liturgy of the Church. We move from Year C to Year A. The image of Christ the King is a concept at the heart of the Christian tradition, and finds expression in so many of our hymns, and in countless stained-glass windows, and in the rich history and tradition of Christian art. The classic image of Christ the King celebrates the death, the resurrection, and the ascension of Jesus. Death gives way to life, goodness triumphs over evil, light overcomes darkness, sorrow gives way to joy. In classical New Testament theology, the complete and final revelation of the Kingship of Christ will be at the Last Day, when he returns "and all the angels with him... [to] sit on his throne of glory". As followers and servants of Christ, we are all of us called to share in the glory and the Kingship of Christ. The First Epistle of Peter calls us "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people". That is a high calling to live up to. And the Gospels tell us that we fulfill our calling – and are judged in our calling – by our willingness to serve Christ in the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick and those in prison. But that is really only part of the whole picture. Because Jesus not only calls us to help those who are in need, which many people do irrespective of whether or not they are Christian believers, he also gives this commitment to the service of others a much wider dimension. He says, in fact, that his Kingship is to be seen in those in need, made manifest in those who most need our care and support, those, who we are called to serve for the sake of Christ our Lord and King. And so it is that, we are told, that in caring for them, which is a very worthy end in itself, we are also giving glory to him; Jesus Christ, the Suffering Servant, the chosen Messiah, the Lord of Lords, the King of Glory.

Canon Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR CHRIST THE KING

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, Amen.



READINGS FOR CHRIST THE KING

Jeremiah Ch. 23 VV. 1 – 6
Colossians Ch. 1 VV. 11 – 20

Luke Ch. 23 VV. 33 – 43

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER



As we near the start of Advent, as we prepare for the coming of your Holy Son - Dear Lord, our planet needs your healing power, compassion and mercy. Please inspire all peoples to learn how best to save our planet- your great Creation. Spare us from any virus, disease or illness. Inspire our Scientists to discover the vaccines that will conquer such invasions in our health. Thank you for the freedom to worship and trust in You, our Heavenly Father. In the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour, Amen.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us evermore. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER FOR CHRIST THE KING

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

This Week you are Asked to Pray for:

- Those in the parish and further afield who are sick or in need that they receive peace and healing, including: Mary Mines, Helena Oecken, Ian Wilson, Sally Zeybek, Marcus Barthropp, Gary Webb, Lila King, Rita Probert, Rev Nancy Wallace and Roger Hussey. Also, Margaret Karstens of Kuruman.
- The recently departed including Gordon Gray and George Locke. May their souls rest in peace. We pray for Margaret and her family and the family of George together with their friends at this difficult time.
- Kelly Safaris Silva and her family who are currently in need at this time.
- We pray for our new Prime Minister and the Government that they will lead wisely and fairly for all.
- We pray for countries where there have been natural disasters, for their peoples and for the various aid organisations bringing relief.
- We pray for Peace in the Ukraine. That there will be a rapid end to the fighting and the suffering for its People.
- All parts of the world affected by the Coronavirus (Covid-19), those who are ill with the virus and those caring for them. Particularly praying for countries where infection rates are very high and the hospitals are struggling to cope.
- For the country of South Africa, for the people of Cape Town and Diocese of Kimberly and Kuruman including our linked parish of St. Mary's Kuruman.