



MITCHAM PARISH CHURCH

St Peter & St Paul

SUNDAY 21st NOVEMBER

THE FESTIVAL OF CHRIST THE KING

10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST

followed by final week of Mothers' Union Craft Sale

TUESDAY 23rd NOVEMBER

10.00am MIDWEEK EUCHARIST

followed by 'Open Church' until 12 noon

7.30pm HOLY HABITS Bible Study

- see the separate notice for the Zoom code

EVERY FRIDAY at 6.00pm on-line 'Live on Facebook' - then on YouTube:

THE EUCHARIST for the coming Sunday

SATURDAY 27th NOVEMBER

12.45pm Mothers' Union Prayer Vigil

SUNDAY 28th NOVEMBER

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST

*followed by **Coffee & Mental Health Conversation:***

"The impact of Covid on our mental health"

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YouTube: *It is regretted that the YouTube channel has been suspended currently – watch this space for its restoration.*

SUNDAY'S READINGS



A reading from the book of Revelation.

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Revelation 1.4b–8

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John*

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

John 18.33b–37



FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Our prayer-partner Parish:
**St Katherine's Church,
Kingsdale in Matabeleland,
Zimbabwe**

*For all affected by Covid-19
and for all medical & care staff
and keyworkers.*

Those who are sick or in need:

Sylvia Jackson, Pauline Barrell,
Baby George Kingston, Eira Boot,
Samuel Lawrence, Jessie Willoughby,
Margaret Hudson, Albertha Hylton,
Elaine Boorer, Mo Banks, Eric Banks,
Martin Chisholm, Maureen Smith,
Karen Pugh, Betty Smith,
Dorothy Cummant-Wood
**- and those mentioned in our
Intercessions Book**

The Departed:

- those who have recently died:

Robert Brumby, Keith Rose,
Rose Barker, David Amess,

*- and those whose Year's Mind
falls within this coming week.*

**✠ Rest eternal, grant them,
O Lord;
and let light perpetual
shine upon them.**

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.
Amen.

Sacraments of the Church

(Confession, Baptism, Marriage, Anointing)

are, where appropriate, administered by the
Clergy, and can be made available
in consultation with them.

*Please notify the Clergy
if you, or someone you know,
is not well - and please keep the Clergy
up-dated on people's progress.*

A PRAYER FOR THESE CHALLENGING TIMES

Lord, we thank you for your great gifts
of wisdom and ingenuity.
Help us to place them wholly
at your service
in the quest for technologies
to protect the world you created,
and all the creatures that live in it.
Amen.

Advent Reading 2021:

This year we are using the Church of England booklet
"Reflections for Advent"
which covers 29th November to 24th December.

Written by the Archbishop of York and the Bishop of
Chelmsford, it will guide us through to the great
Festival of Christmas, focussing on Matthew's Gospel.

Copies are available in Church @ £4.00 per copy

Rev'd Jackie writes.....

Today marks the last Sunday of the Church's year. Next week we will be starting the season of Advent, when we prepare for the birth of Christ the King in our world on Christmas Day, and his birth in our hearts. Undoubtedly, Christ is the King, sovereign of all, who is and who was, and who is to come.

Our Gospel reading this morning tells how Christ who is the ruler of the realm of the Spirit, defends himself before a ruler of this world, namely, Pilate. Jesus was asked by Pilate, seemingly to find grounds for an accusation, and with an air of scorn and contempt: *Are you the King of the Jews?*

Jesus explained in what sense he was a king. His Kingdom is not of this world. It is a kingdom within human beings, set up in their hearts and consciences. Its weapons are spiritual. Its subjects, though they are in the world, yet are not of the world. Though a King, he took upon himself the form of a servant. He came to bear witness to the truth. He rules in the minds of humans by the power of the truth. He came to witness for the God who made the world and to witness against sin that rules in the world.

Christ the King told his disciples, and by them has told us, that in himself God and human beings meet and are brought together. Therefore, if like the disciples we continue to follow and obey him, we will never be out of the way. Unlike any earthly King, Christ is the way, the truth and the life.

To him be praise and honour and glory! Christ the King!

Amen.

BIRTHDAYS

We wish a very happy birthday to all whose day falls this week.

TINI BRODIE

***May the Lord bless
and keep you!***

Happy Birthday to you!

Is your birthday coming up soon?

***Do let the Parish Office know
by email if you
don't think you are on the List!***



CHURCH FLOWERS

The flowers in church are sponsored by
PAM DONOVAN
in memory of her parents.

The flowers we place in church each week may be sponsored in memory of a loved one, in thanksgiving, or for any other reason.

To sponsor flowers, please speak to

Lin Matthews
Tel. 020 8646 3390

Holy Habits Bible Study: THIS Tuesday: 23rd November

You are all invited to join Fr David on Zoom as we continue our study of Matthew's Gospel in preparation for Advent.

This meeting, preparing for Advent tide, will be looking at **Matthew's Gospel: Chapters 5 – 11***

Due to the Vicar's error, the overview this week is across seven chapters – sorry!

Fr David is inviting you to:

Mitcham Parish Church Tuesday Evening Zoom Meeting

Time: **7:30pm** for an hour or so

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87035271607>

Meeting ID: **870 3527 1607** - there is NO passcode!

THE MOTHERS' UNION:

ACTION AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

DON'T FORGET: *On-line: Thursday 25 November, 7.30-9.00pm, Zoom, free*

On the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, Southwark Diocese Mothers' Union will lead a thoughtful and informative evening about one of their most active causes, campaigning throughout the world for an end to gender-based violence. This event marks the start of 16 days of activism culminating in International Human Rights Day. The session is for both men and women, whether or not they are already members of Mothers' Union.

To book your place, e-mail: ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org

DON'T FORGET: *In Church: Saturday 27th November 12.45pm – 1.15pm*

This year Mothers' Union campaign theme will be "***No more 1 in 3***" to call for an end to sexual and gender-based violence experienced by 1 in 3 women around the world.

Mothers Union members, clergy, friends, neighbours are invited to take part in this campaign and gather at the Mitcham Parish Church to participate in the "Wave of Prayer" on ***Saturday 27th November*** to raise their voice and pray for an end to this scourge.

Please be in Church by 12.45pm. We will end by 1.15pm after the prayers.