

Please remember in your prayers...

Those with health concerns: Gemma Yeoman, Bill Collins, Beryl Shaw, Doreen Herridge, Margaret Stephens, Jiemei Clarke, Lucy Mills, Colin Mawdsley, Elizabeth Harris, Karen Stefan, Elaine Brennan, Christine and Michelle Frost, Ian Massey and Lowen Castaignos.

Those with anniversaries this week: a former patron Rev Canon Mike Finlay, a former organist Seth Williams, a former day school head teacher Arthur Appleton, Dr Arnie Delal, Robert Halsall, Margaret Evelyn McNulty, Rosina Inez Pike, Beatrice Walker, Constance Dodd, Harold Bate, Roland Walker, Mary Ann Williams, Margaret Evelyn Sadler, Tom Lane and John Washband

Also for all who live in Warburton View

Upcoming...

Next week: Advent Sunday 9.30

Christmas flowers

If anyone wishes to make a donation towards our Christmas flowers there is a box at the back of church.



Weekly News Sheet
Christ the King
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Today's hymns are...

325 Loving shepherd of thy sheep

Jane Elizabeth Leeson (1807-81), who wrote this hymn along with many others especially for children, converted to Roman Catholicism. Initially her works were published anonymously.

449 Soldiers of Christ arise

Charles Wesley was the most prolific hymn writer of all and thankfully the words of *Soldiers of Christ Arise* has not suffered the kind of rewrite that has seemingly consigned *Onward Christian Soldiers* to history. The words are based on St Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

309 Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour

George Hugh Bourne, son of a vicar and Eton and Oxford educated, took holy orders in 1863 when he began to write hymns. He remained a curate and was appointed head teacher of Chardstock College.

522 To God be the glory!

This is one of 8,000 hymns attributed to Frances Alstyne, nee Crosby, a relative of Bing. Despite being blind from childhood she also became an inspiration to human rights activists and was known as *Queen of the gospel Song Writers*.

Colossians 1 11-20

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May 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 ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for 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. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

¹⁸He 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. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and 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.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Luke 23 33-43

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke

Glory to you O Lord

But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. ²⁴So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. ²⁵He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

²⁶As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. ²⁸But Jesus turned to them and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For the days are surely coming when they will say, "Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed." ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us"; and to the hills, "Cover us." ³¹For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?' ³²Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³When 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ