THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 22nd November
Family Worship - 9.15am
Holy Communion - 11.15am

Tuesday 24th November
Bell Ringing Practice - 7.30pm

Wednesday 25th November
Places of Welcome, 10am - 11.30am
Open Church, 10am - 12pm

Thursday 26th November
Ark Tots and Toddlers - 9.30am - 11am

Sunday 29th November
United Service - 10.30am
Follow the Star - 5pm

Bible Readings:

Ephesians 1: 15–end
page 1173 in Pew Bible

Matthew 25: 31-end
page 995 in Pew Bible

Collect

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



ST LAURENCE CHURCH

Sunday 22nd November
Christ the King

Here, everyone is welcome, valued, and loved by God and each other as we explore faith and prayer together

WELCOME TO ST LAURENCE CHURCH

Whether this be your first time or hundredth time at St Laurence, you are very welcome.
We hope that in this time of worship you encounter and know the peace and love of God. If you would like further information about the worship, life and ministry of St Laurence or anything else, any member of our congregation will be happy to chat with you.



Preparing for Advent and Christmas - Can You Help?

As we prepare for Advent and Christmas, there is lots happening at St Laurence, and we need your help to make it all possible. There are plenty of opportunities to get involved, including:

- **Advent Service** – helping with refreshments
- **Christmas Tree** – setting up and decorating
- **Ark Christmas Lunch** – setting up, serving, kitchen help and clearing away
- **ISingPop Christmas** – crafts and hospitality,
- **Christingle Preparation** – coordinating and making Christingles
- **Carols and Christingle Service** – welcoming and serving refreshments
- **Christmas Day Community Lunch** – decorating tables, preparing vegetables and tidying away afterwards
- **Christmas Eve Nativity Play** – taking part in the play

Whether you can offer a little time or a lot, every contribution makes a difference and helps us welcome our community throughout this special season.
Please look at the sign-up sheets in church and add your name next to the activities you can help with.

Christmas Day Community Lunch – Book Your Place!

Christmas Day might still feel a little way off, but preparations are already well underway for our Christmas Day Community Lunch in The Ark.

Last year more than 100 people joined us for a wonderful day of food, friendship and celebration, and this year we are looking forward to welcoming everyone once again.

Bookings are now open, and there is no charge to attend.

Our Christmas Lunch is for everyone. Perhaps you will be on your own this Christmas, cooking Christmas dinner feels difficult, or you would simply enjoy sharing the day with others. Individuals, couples and families are all very welcome, there is a place at the table for you.

Please also help us spread the word. Is there someone in your street, family, workplace or community who might enjoy joining us? Sometimes a personal invitation is all it takes. Please tell them about the lunch and encourage them to book.

Could you volunteer?
It takes a wonderful team of volunteers to make Christmas Day happen, both in the days beforehand and on Christmas Day itself. Whether you can offer a few hours or more, we would love to hear from you.

Our volunteer meeting will be on Monday 30th November at 7pm in The Ark. Come along and find out how you can be involved.

Book. Share. Volunteer.
Together, we can make sure that this Christmas, there is a warm welcome and a place at the table for everyone.

For bookings, volunteering or further information, please contact the Church Office.



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Alvechuurch Baptist Church
There will be an Ecumenical service at 10.00am on Saturday 28th November at Alvechurch Baptist Church. It will be led by the ex-community of St Mary's, and will be themed around deceased relatives and friends. All welcome.

Alvechurch Lights switch-on with Churches Together
The switch-on is at 16:00 on Saturday 28th November in the village square. As in previous years, the Baptist church will be open and providing refreshments.
We could use help setting up tables and chairs from around 15:00, and running a craft stall and activity once people move over to the church after the switch-on.

If you can help, please contact Revd Martin (allnix@btinternet.com). 07788872738)

