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Sunday Pewsliip

Dickleburgh, Pulham Market, Pulham
St Mary, Rushall, Starston & Thelveton

22nd November Christ the King *White*

*"Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry
and gave you food, or thirsty
and gave you something to drink?
Matthew 25 v27"*

A Message from our Rector, Sarah

This Sunday we come to the end of the ecclesiastical year with the feast of Christ the King. It is a relatively new celebration which started in around 1925, at a time in Europe after the First World War when fascism and dictatorships posed a serious threat. The festival which was inaugurated by Pope Pius XI was primarily intended to counter the claims of secularism by holding up the model of Christ, as King of the Creation, whose just and gentle rule is supreme. This, of course, is something that is always at the centre of Christian faith, but it is important though to remember this again in a special celebration at the conclusion of the Christian year.

Reflecting once again on the supreme Kingship of Christ gives hope and peace especially in these days of uncertainty about the health of our nation and the economic difficulties so many are facing. As we turn too to Advent let us keep hold of wonder and joy of Christ's Kingship who holds us all safely in His loving hands of safety.

The run up to Christmas this year will be different, but I hope and pray that you will find time for spiritual nourishment and encouragement through reflection and prayer. If you have a little extra time on your hands and want to be creative, then perhaps you may like to make an Advent spice wreath. What you need to make it is listed below.

May Christ the King enrich your lives in every way and may God bless you this week. Please do keep in touch with one another and if you would like a chat then I am always happy to hear from you.

God bless Sarah

Advent Spice Wreath **Gather**

Oranges, Apples, Large embroidery needle, Twine, Cinnamon Sticks, Whole bay leaves

Directions

Prepare the oranges and apples a day ahead. Preheat the oven to 200 degrees Fahrenheit. Slice fruit a quarter of an inch thick with a serrated knife and arrange them in a single layer on a wire rack on a baking sheet. Bake for 4 hours, turning a few times. Allow slices to sit overnight to continue the drying process.

Assemble the wreath or garland. Start by threading a large needle with twine. Tightly wrap the twine around a cinnamon stick (or drill holes in cinnamon sticks to string them), then add an orange slice and an apple slice, several, bay leaves, and another orange slice. Repeat until you reach the end of the twine. Tie up the ends, hang and enjoy!

As you breathe in the wintry scents of orange, bay leaves, and cinnamon, consider Mary's anticipation of Christ taking His first breath. Meditate on the hope Jesus embodies for all people – friends, family, enemies, co-workers, strangers – even as a helpless Babe.

Services This week **(through Zoom)**

Sunday 22nd November

0930 Holy Communion - Pulham
St Mary
1100 5 Candles Service For Christ
The King - Thelveton

Monday 23rd November

2000 Compline - Contact Sarah for details

Tuesday 24th November

1930 Pulham Market - Bible Study
Contact Jaap Biersteker (01379
608539) for details

Friday 27th November

2000 Compline - Contact Sarah for details

Access to the Sunday service **through the telephone**

If you would like to listen to the Sunday service through the telephone please ring either of the following numbers just before 09:30 on Sunday.

0203 481 5240

0131 460 1196

0203 051 2874

0203 481 5237

Then enter the details below when asked

Meeting ID: 857 8677 1773

Passcode: 396812

Sunday 22nd November

0930 Holy Communion - Pulham
St Mary - **VIA ZOOM**
1100 5 Candles Service For Christ
The King - Thelveton - **VIA ZOOM**

Zoom Book Group

We have been invited to join the Pennoyers Book Group which will meet through zoom. The first meeting is scheduled for Thursday 10th December at 4pm and propose 'Where the Crawdads Sing' by Delia Owens.

Book club zoom details

Meeting ID: 758 4090 2717

Passcode: sT7bQ6

22nd November Christ the King White

"Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? Matt 35 v27

Collect

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** (or)

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**

Post Communion

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**

Blessing

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will, that you may reign with him in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the water courses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Ephesians 1.15-end

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 95

1 O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! 2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! 3 For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. 5 The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have

formed. 6 O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! 7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would listen to his voice!

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord

Matthew 25.31-end

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you? and the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me" Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me."Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Prayers for the Week

Sunday

Our Benefice: Sarah, the Rector, Ministry Team and wardens and for each church and village community. For the Diocese of Norwich, Bishop Graham (of Norwich), Bishop Alan (of Thetford) and Bishop Jonathan (of Lynn).

Monday

Give thanks for all the medical researchers and scientists who have worked so hard in creating a safe and effective vaccine for Covid-19, giving thanks for the recent news from Pzizer and Biontech and praying that the vaccine will be administered to people carefully and safely.

Tuesday

Pray for our Benefice and each village community especially those who live on their own that they may still find companionship during this time of lock down.

Wednesday

Pray for all who are suffering through illness, those recovering from operations, those managing chronic diseases and all those suffering from Covid-19. Give them the support and care that they need and give them encouragement, peace and hope for the future. University of East Anglia: Chaplain Darren Thornton and his ecumenical colleagues.

Thursday

For the continued development of potential vaccines and treatments for Covid-19. Give thanks who all work within the NHS and ask to protect, guide, support and strengthen them.

Friday

All who are grieving or facing difficult times due to life-changing circumstances. Pray that they will find the support and help that they need in order to face the future positively. People who are unable to visit, or be visited, by family and friends

Saturday

For those who we love, our families and friends, especially those we would love to see in person but haven't been able to due to the pandemic.