

NOTICES

Cherwell Valley Church



Also, during lockdown.....

SUNDAYS:
ZOOM & RECORDED SERVICES

TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS
(Recorded) **MORNING PRAYER**

WEDNESDAYS
COFFEE MORNING *(Zoom)*

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Ardley with Fewcott
St Mary
Fritwell
St Olave
Heyford Park
The Chapel
Lower Heyford & Caulcott
St Mary
Somerton
St James
Souldern
ABVM

NOVEMBER 22
CHRIST THE KING

Hello everyone,

We find ourselves in an uncertain world. It seems we don't know from day to day or month to month how we can behave around each other. Our natural state as human beings is to be in relationship with each other, just as God is represented by the Holy Trinity. Not being able to meet is not just abnormal, it's unnatural. In these uncertain times we can be certain however, that 25th December will come around again but how we can celebrate the birth of the Christ child is anyone's guess!

Just as we're trying to plan for Christmas with two scenarios in our family lives, so we are doing for our church life in the Cherwell Valley Benefice. Until we know how we will be able to meet together as a church we cannot make any definite plans. It will be a case of watch this space! It will also be a celebration of what we can do, rather than what we can't. This newsletter will be listing the different, church-led activities taking place in our communities as we head towards Christmas – and there are lots! Details of services will be released when we know them. During Advent there will be various things popping up in your email inbox to encourage you through this time of preparedness.

In the meantime, this Sunday is Christ the King Sunday which celebrates Christ as Lord of the universe. It comes at the very end of the Churches' liturgical year – next week is the first Sunday of Advent. Just as Advent makes us ready for the coming of Christ, so Christ the King Sunday gives us a glimpse into a world where Jesus reigns supreme and it compels us to think about our own eternal life.

God bless.

Revd Helen

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Cherwell Valley Benefice
Morning Service 22nd November 2020

CHRIST THE KING

Greeting

Let us worship God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

All We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Welcome & Notices

Opening Prayer

All Lord, direct our thoughts, and teach us to pray.

**Lift up our hearts to worship you in spirit and in truth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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**

Confession

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins.

For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives;

Father, forgive us:

All save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you;

Father, forgive us:

All save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do and think and say;

Father, forgive us:

All save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you

by temptations in the world about us;

Father, forgive us:

All save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son;

Father, forgive us:

All save us and help us.

The minister declares God's forgiveness.

May almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners, bring you his pardon and peace, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Reading . Ephesians 1.15–23

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I 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, ¹⁸so 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, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God 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, ²¹far 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. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Matthew 25.31–46

31 '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. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then 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; ³⁵for 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, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." ³⁷Then 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? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" ⁴⁰And 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." ⁴¹Then 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; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I 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." ⁴⁴Then 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?" ⁴⁵Then 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." ⁴⁶And 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

Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our
human nature, died for us and rose again?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the
world?

All We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

**All This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy

All hear our prayer.

Merciful Father,

**All accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

All Our Father, who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our trespasses

As we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

The power and the glory,

For ever and ever.

Amen

Let us bless the Lord:

All thanks be to God.

Blessing, honour and glory be yours,

here and everywhere,

now and for ever. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

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PRIVATE PRAYER & QUIET TIME

Fritwell—Mon 11am-12am; Fri by appointment
tel: 01869 345396

Somerton—Sun 9am-11am

Souldern—Sun 10am-2pm

**Ardley, Upper Heyford, Lower Heyford & Heyford
Park Chapel**—will remain closed for the time being

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