

Dear friends,

I have recorded a YouTube reflection on the readings of the day for the feast of Christ the King. If you'd like to watch it, you can do so by clicking on this link; <https://youtu.be/HPdWLxo6KOA>

Alternatively, if you'd prefer to read it you can do so on my Blog by clicking here; <https://revmartinjacques.blogspot.com/2020/11/christ-king.html>



Be still and know that I am God

Helping those in greatest need

At Christmas we help a lot of families less fortunate than ourselves and this year, for obvious reasons the need is even greater. The families are primarily identified by Steve Hitchcock, the headmaster of St. Peter's school (he is in a great position to know these things obviously). The vouchers we distribute are funded by the good people of the Raleigh Mission Community from part or all of their winter fuel allowance (those who are financially able to) which they kindly contribute to the church for just this reason. The distribution of the vouchers has started early this year and we are funding them in the hope that the money will come in as in past years. Because the office is closed, please push any cheques or cash under the door and Fran will collect them when

she visits the office or alternatively there is a “RMC Donate Winter fuel for hardship” button on the home page of our website (Just keep scrolling down the homepage) and you can give in blocks of £50 from £50 - £300.

Filmed Advent service

Hot footing it from a burial of ashes I joined our film crew and volunteer readers to film our Advent service for the website and other social media. Stephen has already finished recording all the music, and now it is down to our wonderful team of Tony and Lucinda to put it all together and it should be ready by next week just before Advent Sunday. It was a great laugh with so many things going wrong – thanks to all our volunteers - but we got it all done eventually!

Just saying...

It does you good when you get lovely affirmation and two new members (former Methodists) contacted us via our website to ask how they could help in our church and went on to say how much they loved being at St. Peter's because our worship showed real reverence. This kind of comment is good for all of us because it affirms who we are and what we do. We all need a bit of encouragement from time to time.

The lighter side!

Some gently irreverent comedy again from Bill Bailey – The Lord or reason? – and his imagining God as an old buffer in a high-backed chair in a gentleman's club. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zi-tf77wcmY>

The Prayer for Today is written by poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge (1772 – 1834) and reflects his poetic flair.

**God's child in Christ adopted, - Christ my all,-
What the earth boasts were not lost cheaply, rather
Than forfeit that blest name by which I call
The Holy one, the Almighty God, my Father?
Father! In Christ we live, and Christ in thee –
Eternal thou and everlasting we.
The heir of heaven, henceforth I fear not death:
In Christ I live! In Christ I draw the breath
Of the true life! – Let, then, earth, sea, and sky**

**Make war against me! On my front I show
Their mighty master's sea. In vain they try
To end my life, that can but end its woe. –
Is that a deathbed where a Christian lies? –
Yes! But not his – 'tis death itself that dies**

Love and peace,
Martin

Please note my new email address is vicar@rmcommunity.co.uk