

## THE RALEIGH MISSION COMMUNITY

**OUR VISION:** "To know and worship God, to show his love by reaching out into the community and welcoming all into his church."

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### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Christ the King

Rev'd Martin will be presiding at both services at St. Peter's, Reverend Margaret Scrivener is presiding at All Saints and Fr. Peter is presiding at St. Michael's

#### Thought for the day

Storm clouds are gathering all over the world as we gathered to commemorate our fallen victims of war. Russia is massing troops on its border with Ukraine, refugees are camped on the borders of Poland and Belarus and Lithuania, China looks like preparing to invade Taiwan, the Serbs in Bosnia are wanting to form their own self-governing enclave (with Russian backing) possibly provoking a resumption of the war in the Balkans and worst of all there may be a shortage of pigs in blankets this Christmas. That last phrase I wrote in jest obviously, but it is remarkable how minor irritations that are close to us often loom larger in our imaginations than huge events that seem so far away. Except that nothing in this modern world is very far away. We are so interconnected that what happens in the South China Sea, for example, will affect all manner of things almost immediately. As I commented just recently on the role of the media, it is all too easy to exist in a permanent state of fear and unrest and let things get on top of us. One of the primary roles of any religion is that it gives us a sense of perspective, a sense of our place in the world, and mechanisms for dealing with life's ups and downs. The feast of Christ the King reinforces that central idea that all of life's dangers and problems are subservient to an overarching idea of a divine order where all things will be put right, all fears, sufferings and death will be no more and goodness truth and beauty will triumph.

**We offer prayers for:** Rosie Smith, David Beagley, John Heaven, Glenys Callaghan, Peter Price, Deborah, Keith Baker, Margaret Bown, Brian Shackleton, John Hutchinson, Chris Teuten.

**Recently deceased:** Clive Dixon

**Annual Remembrance:** Cyril Savage, Paul Winterforde-Young, Peter Rewell, Dorothy Riggott, Jean Harvey, Robert Harvey

**The wine tasting that was held in the Peter Hall on Friday evening was a joy.** Louise's mum and dad were with us and we spent a very convivial evening tasting wines and spirits described by four agents who work with James Findlay. There must have been about forty different wines and spirits to taste so you had to pick and choose carefully which ones you wanted to try, but we now have our Christmas drinks sorted! About £700 for raised for St. Peter's into the bargain. Many thanks to all involved.

#### Dates for your diary

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| Solos Christmas Lunch | 28th November     | Tickets @ from the RMC Office & Christine Channon |
| Candle light Supper   | Saturday 4th Dec. | See message from Beryl Schmidt_Rieche             |
| Loaves & Fishes       | Thursday 9th Dec. | Tickets @ £10 from the RMC Office & Mary Jones.   |

**St Peters Church - Budleigh Salterton Ladies' Choir Christmas Concert will be held on Thursday 2 December starting 7pm. Refreshments available and a donation will be given to the Marie Curie charity. Tickets £8 each on the door or at the Tourist Information Centre.**



**Walk to Colaton Raleigh today (Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>) - the weather forecast says overcast changing to sunny intervals in the afternoon.** We are aiming to arrive at Colaton Raleigh at 3pm, this Sunday, how you wish to get there is entirely up to you – walk from Budleigh, East Budleigh or Otterton or simply park in Colaton Raleigh and walk to the hall where you will be met with Mince pies and Mulled wine. We look forward to seeing you, be there or be square!



**The Candlelight Supper will take place on the 4th December at 6.30 for 7p.m.** Tickets available from Beryl in church on Sundays. Telephone 487181 for any queries. There will be a three course festive meal followed by coffee and mints and the cost is £20 per ticket, cash or cheques accepted. The tables will be for eight people so if you are making up a table please let me know the names of the people you are sitting with. Wine and soft drinks will be available at reasonable prices. There will only be room for 80 maximum so first come, first served! Please advise if you have dietary requirements. The speaker will be Mrs. Sarah Bussy who will give us a short talk on Joyce Dennys. Beryl Schmidt-Rieche

**The Candlelight Supper** Would 4 gentlemen please contact me to let me know you can come to the Peter Hall on the 4th December at 3p.m. In order to set up the tables and chairs. Likewise I need two people to man the bar please and two people to man the door from 6.30 to 7p.m. Many thanks Beryl 487181

**BLISTER PACK COLLECTION @ St Peter's Church.** We are unable to recycle the large blister packs. Please don't put any more in the bins! Meanwhile you are doing wonderfully with the small ones. Many thanks. Collections are taken to Superdrug in Exmouth.



**The Children's Hospice South West** is seeking donations of good quality clothing for all ages. No appointment needed to drop off donations, just pop in and you will receive a friendly & appreciative welcome. The shop in Budleigh Salterton High street is open from 9.00 – 5.00 most days. Many many thanks.

We have been in contact with the **Food Bank** again this year and they would love Christmas treats from us. SO. There is a box at the back of the church. However no puddings, mince pies or general food. Sweets crackers sparkly things will be lovely Many thanks. We need to deliver our donations at the beginning of December.

**Not forgetting** on an ongoing basis the Foodbank requests - If you are still able to donate we are in need of and would really appreciate the following items please: Long life milk, long life fruit juice, bottled fruit squash, jars of pasta sauce, tinned vegetables and tomatoes, tinned rice pudding, tinned fruit, packet custard, packet instant potato mash, noodles, rice, packet pasta in sauce and we are also short of cleaning products. Many many thanks for your continues & ongoing support.

**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.

**First Reading: Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14**

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne;  
his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames,  
and its wheels were burning fire.

A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence.

A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.

The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven.

And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

**The “Son of man” which simply means a human being in Hebrew idiom was Jesus’ favourite term for referring to himself. It was not a phrase chosen at random however. It refers back to this passage in Daniel when God – the ancient of days – anoints his earthly King and bestows on him an everlasting Kingdom**

### **Second Reading: Revelation 1: 4-8.**

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

‘I am the Alpha and the Omega’, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

**The imagery in Revelation also draws heavily on the imagery in Daniel. “The clouds of heaven” always reference the divine presence and his eternal kingship. To be pronounced Lord and King, a title which was extended to the Christ, would have reverberated in the hearts of the original readers because if written during the reign of Domitian he required people to address him as “our Lord and our God”, so a direct challenge to Rome. The eternal Kingship of “he who is” is made clear in the evocative description of God being beyond historical time as “The Alpha and the Omega”.**

### **Gospel Reading: John 18: 33-37**

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, ‘Are you the King of the Jews?’ Jesus answered, ‘Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?’ Pilate replied, ‘I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me.

What have you done?’ Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.’ Pilate asked him, ‘So you are a king?’ Jesus answered, ‘You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.’

**When Jesus is brought before Pilate, he acknowledges, if obliquely his identity as a King by answering the direct question with “You say that I am”. Pilate’s understanding of what makes a King and Jesus assuming the kingship described in Daniel and John are vastly different and not be confused.**

**The prayer for today is by George Appleton:** Grant us to look with your eyes of compassion O merciful God, at the long trail of mankind. The wars, the hungry millions, the countless refugees, the natural disasters, the cruel and needless deaths, men’s inhumanity to one another, the heartbreak and hopelessness of so many lives. Hasten the coming of the Messianic age when the nations shall be at

peace and men shall live free from fear and free from want, and there shall be no more pain or tears, in the security of your will, the assurance of your love, the coming of your kingdom, O God of righteousness, O Lord of compassion.

### St Peter's Budleigh Salterton

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| Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov | Holy Communion  | 8.00  |
|                             | Holy Communion Hymns 583, 33 340, 777<br>Setting Mass of St Thomas Anthem: In loud exalted strains-<br>Horatio Parker. Voluntary: Allegro Assai from Sonata 4 –<br>Alexandre Guilmant | 10.00 |
| Wed. 24th                   | Holy Communion  | 9.30  |
| Sunday 28th                 | Holy Communion  | 8.00  |
|                             | Holy Communion  | 10.00 |
|                             | Advent Carol Service  | 18.00 |



**CMS** – The closing collection at St Peter's Church on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November will be for the Church Mission Society. Please give generously if you can.

Please also note that collection bags will be in use from 28<sup>th</sup> Nov in St Peters.

### All Saints, East Budleigh

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| Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov | Holy Communion | 9.30 |
| Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>    | Morning Prayer | 9.30 |
| Sunday 28th                 | Holy Communion | 9.30 |

### St Michaels, Otterton

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| Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> November | Holy Communion | 11.00 |
| Thursday 25th                    | Morning Prayer | 9.30  |
| Sunday 28th.                     | Holy Communion | 11.00 |

**Winter Fuel allowances** Luke 3 verse 11 'John replied, "If you have two coats, give one to the poor. If you have food, share it with those who are hungry' As part of our mission and outreach in the Raleigh Mission Community, we have over the last six winters, collected in un-needed winter fuel allowances, and redistributed them to individuals & families within our local area who are in need of help to pay their winter heating bills. Names are sourced through the schools and through the health visitors and social service teams. Over the last eight years over £12k has been redistributed in this way. If you would like to take part in the scheme this winter, we would welcome any contribution you feel able to make, as and when you receive your fuel allowance. If you know of any individuals or families who would benefit this winter, please, with their permission, give their contact details to Fran Mills who administers this scheme on our behalf. Please make any cheques payable to St Peter's PCC, and hand to Fran, or alternatively use the 'Winter Fuel Just Giving button' on the RMC website. We, in turn, give a church cheque to those in need thus maintaining anonymity on both sides. Finally a huge thank you to those who have given so generously over the last six winters.



**RMC Christmas Greetings: One again in an effort to save the planet and support the Exmouth Foodbank I am inviting you to place a Christmas Greeting in the RMC pewsheets starting the first Sunday in**

**December instead of sending Christmas cards to your Friends in the RMC. To do this there are forms at the back of each church for you to complete and return to the RMC Office in St Peter's Church together with a donation, if you wish, to the Exmouth Foodbank.**