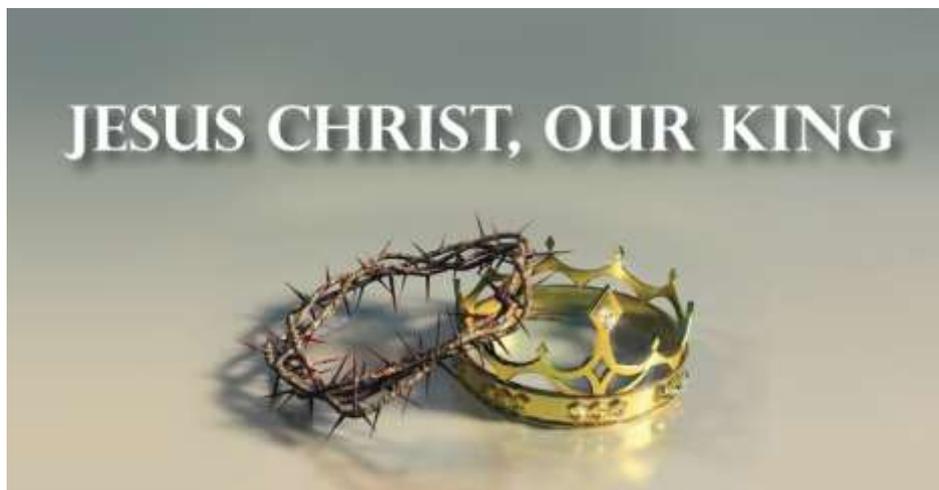




St Oswald's Church Worship and News Sheet

22nd November 2020

Christ the King



Introduction

Please note that the delayed **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will be this Sunday 22nd November using ZOOM. This will be at 11.15am straight after our time of worship (10.30 Morning Praise). All using the same Zoom link. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9928421903>

“Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4 v 6-7)

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” (1 Thessalonians 5 v 16-18)

We continue to **PRAY FOR OUR NATION** with other Christians around the country at 6pm each evening this month. Please continue to use the 'Prayer for the Nation' leaflet. There are some further suggested prayers at the bottom of this sheet. Do use these to guide your prayers if you find them helpful.

Call to worship and Opening Prayer

O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
Oh come let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture.
(Psalm 95 v 1-3, 6,7)



Gracious God,
we come before you in thanksgiving
for the self-giving love of your Son.
Inspired by his example,
may we be generous and giving,
looking for no reward other than
knowing we are doing your will.
We ask this in his name.
Amen.

Hymn: Jesus is King and I will extol Him

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kQWP5LYtiZA>

Readings for Sunday 22nd November (Christ the King)

Readings:

Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24
Psalm 95: 1-7
Eph 1: 15-end
Matt 25: 31-end

Reflection

<https://dioceseofyork.org.uk/news-events/news/sunday-reflection-with-the-bishop-of-hull1/>



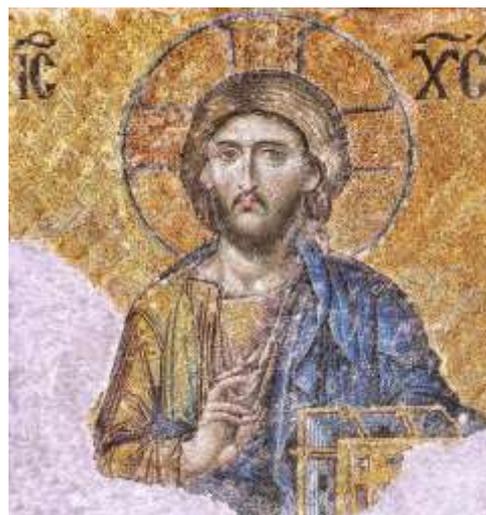
Hymn: Jesus is Lord, the cry that echoes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LJaOegigPq4>

Prayers (from rootsontheweb)

Dear God,
where we have been blind to the needs of others:
forgive us.
Where we have been slow to take responsibility for our actions:
forgive us.
Where we have not taken judgement seriously:
forgive us.
Forgive us, and give us your peace.
In Jesus' name.
Amen.

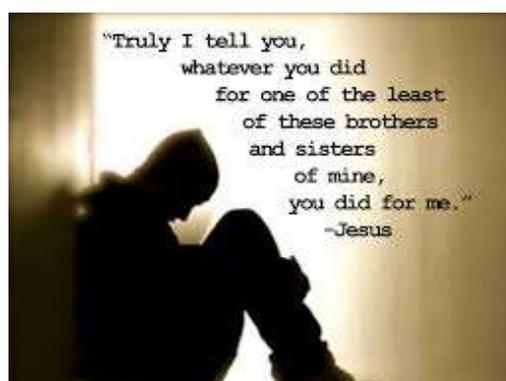
Lord, I am a mixture of sheep and goat,
thoughtful one minute – thoughtless the next;
sometimes caring, sometimes cruel;
sometimes generous, sometimes greedy;
sometimes following you, sometimes going my own way;
sometimes remembering those in need, sometimes
forgetting.
Transform me, day by day.
Soften my heart, and draw me into your fold,
that I may draw others,
gracious and gentle King.
Amen.



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God, you come in disguises:
in a friend asking for a chat, ^[1]_[SEP]
in a person asking for help,
in all calls for assistance.
May we take the time to hear you,
knowing that when we respond to one person,
we are responding to you –
who always responds to us.
Amen.

Lord, give us hands to set prisoners free
with hearts that love, and eyes that see
the needs of those who sit alone
and those who wait and those who groan.
Give us feet to go where illness reigns
and words to speak to those in pain;
may we bring hope to everyone



and heal and help through your dear Son.
This is our prayer, Lord, hear us now
and guide our path, and show us how
to be your church through thick and thin
with open doors to welcome in
the sheep and goats, the lost and sad,
the rich and poor, the good and bad.
For we're all both, and need from you
huge love and grace to see us through.
Amen.

Collect for Christ the King

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.

Hymn: You're the Word of God the Father

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CM7f6Zs64Gc>

Sending out prayer

Let us go in peace to serve the Lord:
to feed the hungry,
refresh those who thirst,
welcome the stranger,
provide for those in need,
care for those who are ill,
and remember the imprisoned.
For, truly, just as we serve
the least of Christ's sisters and brothers,
we are serving the Lord Jesus Christ.
Let us go in peace to serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Thank you for your ongoing financial support for St Oswald's and the diocese.
Don't forget there is a new on-line giving page available at:
<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/fdc4c603-bdcf-4c89-94bc-c3507cdc8968>

Birthdays and Celebrations

Many congratulations to Helen McCormack on gaining her Certificate in Ministry amongst Older People from Cliff College!

This week we wish a very Happy Birthday to:

Tilly Haigh from Youth Group who will be 11 on 26th November.

We pray that God will bless you on your birthday and in the year ahead.



And here is a photo from Sandra's 80th birthday last week. Sandra sat in her window while a few of us sang 'Happy Birthday' well-spaced in the street!

If you have a birthday or a special anniversary in November or December please let Helen Irving know (helen@helenirving.co.uk or 01845 524308)

Additional Prayers (which you might like to use in daily prayer during this week for the nation)

1. We pray that the light of the gospel of the risen Christ will shine across the UK in such a way that many people will come to know the love of God through Christ. We pray that the church of Jesus would be unashamed to proclaim Him as Lord and King.
2. We thank You that You are always present, even when we do not see, feel or hear You. We ask You to give grace to all those who find themselves in a place of sorrow, loss or fear and to give strength to those of us who feel weak. Please grant wisdom to all those of us who seek You.
3. Heavenly Father, we pray that You will heal the United Kingdom of its wounds. We confess that we have caused wounds to each other by our words and our actions. Heal us of the wounds caused by racial injustice, the tribal nature of our politics, the breakdown of the family structures, and the consequences of the pandemic.
4. Lord Jesus, we thank You for Your promise not to leave us nor forsake us - even in this time of worry. We hold on to Your sure promises and this give us confidence that Your presence will be our guard and guide through this darkest night time. We pray that the morning will come full of the joy and hope for the future that You intend for us.
5. Jesus, we thank you that you are King, and all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to you. Look with mercy upon our nation, strengthen the church (which is your body) and send your Holy Spirit to help us in our prayers at this time.