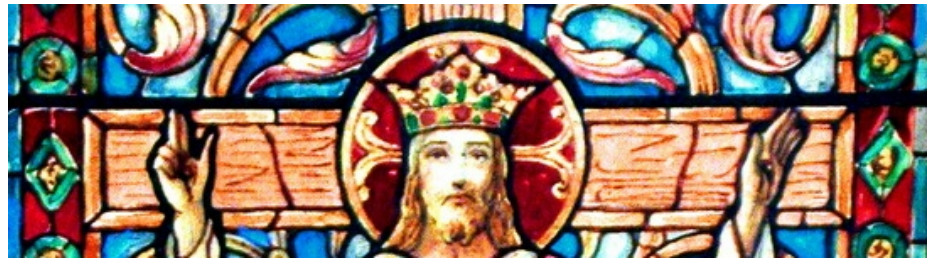


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## Church News for Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 **Christ the King** Worshipping With Us

Once again we have been required to cease public worship and so we return to PhoneChurch  
To join in simply call 03300 945 940  
then at the prompt Room number: 55017514 #  
and use Guest PIN: 3885 #  
please see below for more detailed information.

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### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November **Christ the King**

09:00 [Holy Communion](#) - Phone Church.

10:00 [Morning Prayer](#) - Phone Church.

16:00 [Simply Together in the Afternoon](#) - Zoom

#### **Readings**

Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24, *Psalm 95. 1-7*, Ephesians 1.15-23, Matthew 25.31-46

#### **Evening Readings**

Matthew 28.16-20

#### **Collect**

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all th  
Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole

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.

### **Post Communion**

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **During the week - PhoenChurch**

09:00 [Morning Prayer](#) - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday

09:00 [Holy Communion](#) - Wednesday

20:00 [Compline](#) - Saturday

## **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November Advent Sunday**

10:00 Benefice [Holy Communion](#) PhoneChurch

### **Readings**

Isaiah 64.1-9, 1 Corinthians 1.3-9, & Mark 13.24-37

### **Collect**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come a glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### **Post Communion**

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **During the week - PhoneChurch**

09:00 [Morning Prayer](#) - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday

09:00 [Holy Communion](#) - Wednesday

20:00 [Compline](#) - Saturday

## **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December Advent 2**

### **If still in restrictions**

09:00 [Holy Communion](#) - PhoneChurch

10:00 [Morning Prayer](#) - PhoneChurch

16:00 [BCP Evensong](#) - PhoneChurch

or

### **If back to gathered services**

09:00 [Holy Communion](#) - P' Brompton  
& PhoneChurch

11:00 [Morning Prayer](#) - Hornby

16:00 [BCP Evensong](#) - Hauxwell

### **Readings**

Isaiah 40.1–11, *Psalms* 85.1–2, 8–13\*, 2 Peter 3.8–15a, & Mark 1.1–8

### **Evening Readings**

*Psalms* 40\*, 1 Kings 22.1–28, Romans 15.4–13

### **Collect**

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that where through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, together with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be greeted him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**BCP Collect**

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in s hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Christ.

**During the week**

09:00 [Morning Prayer](#) - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday

09:00 [Holy Communion](#) - Wednesday

20:00 [Compline](#) - Saturday

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December Advent 3****If still in restrictions**

09:00 [Morning Prayer](#) - PhoneChurch

10:00 [Holy Communion](#) - PhoneChurch

16:00 [Evening Prayer](#) – Zoom  
(Taizé Music)

or

**If back to gathered services**

09:00 [Morning Prayer](#) - **Spennithorne**  
& PhoneChurch

11:00 [Holy Communion](#) - **Hornby**

16:00 [Evening Prayer](#) – **Crakehall** & Zoom  
(Taizé Music)

**Readings**

Isaiah 61.1–4,8–11, Magnificat, 1 Thessalonians 5.16–24, & John 1.6–8,19–28

**Evening Readings**

Psalms 68.1–19\*, Malachi 3.1–4; 4, Philippians 4.4–7

**Collect**

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may find an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when you come again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

**BCP Collect**

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee; Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may find an acceptable people in thy sight, who live and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever God, world without end.

**During the week**

09:00 [Morning Prayer](#) - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday

09:00 [Holy Communion](#) - Wednesday

20:00 [Compline](#) - Saturday

PhoneChurch is working well, but please remember it is live and unless you mute the microphone on your end everyone can hear anything that is happening at your end of the line. We are still learning how to best

system and whilst responses during the service are working well, communal singing is causing problem the moment please just listen to the music as it plays rather than singing along.

**For the liturgy/service booklet please follow the link for the relevant service.**

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For the latest update from the Church of England please visit

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches>

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## Weddings Baptisms & Funerals

Please see link above as this is likely to change  
Weddings can only take place in extreme need  
Funerals 30 people present.

There continue to be complex restrictions and procedures in place and these services will look and feel different to what you might be used to so please do talk with Rev'd Chris at the earliest opportunity to a disappointment.

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## Meetings

We continue to hold phone discussions for Churchwardens, PCC Secretaries, & worship leaders every Wednesday. Our next meetings are at **16:15** - on 02/12/20 and 16/12/20 on the PhoneChurch number.

Rev'd Chris will be taking Friday 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> as his rest days.

Patrick Brompton PCC are meeting via Zoom on Wednesday 25/11/20 at 18:15

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Our Archbishops call upon the Church of England to make November 2020 a month of prayer for our nation. We know that we are in the faithful hands of the risen Christ who knows our weaknesses, tiredness and struggles and whose steadfast love endures forever.

[Pray for the nation](#)

Can you join us as we pause to pray at 6 pm each day? [Join with us using these simple prayers.](#)

[Download these prayers in a printable PDF](#) | [large print PDF](#)

[Download personal prayers in a printable PDF](#)

### **Week 3 - 23-29 November**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
in these dark and difficult days, we turn our hearts to you.  
In ages past, you have delivered our nation from disaster.  
Do it again, we pray.  
Give wisdom beyond human wisdom to our leaders,  
Give strength beyond human strength to the NHS and all our frontline workers.  
Give comfort beyond human comfort to the elderly and all who grieve.  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
in these dark and difficult days,  
turn your face towards us,  
have mercy upon us,  
and heal our land, we pray.  
Amen.

### **Week 4 - 30 November -6 December**

Loving God,  
your Son Jesus Christ came that we might have life and have it abundantly;  
pour out your blessing upon our nation;

where there is illness,  
bring your healing touch;  
where there is fear,  
strengthen us with the knowledge of your presence;  
where there is uncertainty,  
build us up in faith;  
where there is dishonesty,  
lead us into truth;  
where there is discord,  
may we know the harmony of your love;  
this we ask in Jesus' name.  
Amen.

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## Come and join us on Zoom for a time of Lectio Divina

Friday afternoons at 16:00

*Lectio Divina is a contemplative way of reading the Bible. It dates back to the early centuries of the Christian Church and is a way of praying the scriptures that leads us further into God's word. It is listening with the heart that allows scripture to speak to us in new ways while also deepening our relationship with the Lord.*

For further information and the Zoom link please contact:

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## Shoebox appeal for the elderly

Can you make a difference to a lonely or isolated elderly person this Christmas?

Many elderly people will be facing a very different Christmas this year.

They may have to face Christmas alone and will miss out on social contact with family and friends.

Age UK North Yorkshire and Darlington would like to try and help by collecting shoeboxes to show that we care.

We are asking all colleagues, volunteers, friends and family if they could put a shoebox together full of things that an elderly person would love.

### ***How can you help?***

We would suggest items such as puzzle books, hot chocolate, biscuits, warm socks, gloves, slippers, hats, toiletries, confectionery, pens or handmade gifts – the list is endless but no alcohol, please!

If you would like to help, please drop your shoebox off at the following locations by 7<sup>th</sup> December. Shoeboxes can be collected off at St Matthew's Leyburn until December 7<sup>th</sup>.

We will then arrange to distribute the shoeboxes to local people across the whole of the Richmondshire area.

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# Liberia News



***Simon and Grace Stretton-Downes***

Simon is a dentist leading a team at a clinic at the Eternal Love Winning All (ELWA) Hospital in Monrovia. Grace is a nurse and will support Simon as well as seeking God's direction for her role in the mission field. They are sent by St Gregory's Church, Crakehall and are working for Serving In Mission (SIM)

**Rosemary Gaven is our local contact and keeps us update with the news they send.** Simon says Angie the new clinic Manager is settling in well and he thinks she will do a good job. Still no word on ECT results. He has been a great help teaching Angie and is also visiting the Liberian Medical and Dental Council to try and get himself and Martha registered as Dental Nurse Practitioners, something which has been on the list for the last two years or more, but the Council keep losing the paperwork! Routine dental work going on as usual and one male patient was so delighted with how his teeth look now after treatment that he gave Simon a gift. Simon and Grace are taking things one day at a time as the heat is energy draining. He says it is good to have the water supply back to normal after 2 weeks of little or no water. They have Dr Mikey staying with them for more weeks on his visit from Wales.

Grace has been busy cooking and doing hospitality for others as well as for Dr Mikey. She is busy helping to deliver the 5<sup>th</sup> Emergency Triage Assessment and Treatment training course this week. In between all that she has made some banana chutney last Saturday while Simon installed a wall fan for their friends.

They formally met Eddie's fiancée over lunch on Sunday which was delightful. Simon's dentist colleague had a baby boy, Caleb on 11<sup>th</sup> November now she and Nicolas have 4 boys! All well and settling into new routines for them and they are hoping to return to Liberia in the new year.

They send much love and thanks to all who are praying for them. They greatly appreciate it.

## Lisle's Limericks

**Rev'd Lisle** has offered us the following two reflections on the Gospel readings for the next two weeks

Whatsoever they did or failed to do  
judgment was made that they did it to You

Felt goodness was graced  
while hurt was disgraced.

Sheep were welcome, for goats it was adieu.

*Matthew 25.31-46*

When that day will come we cannot know,

so now let us prepare for forecast woe.

We must keep awake

for Christ Jesus' sake,

ready for his glory to go on show.

*Mark 13.32-37*

## And Finally

***From Fr Philip.***

“I was born with a plastic spoon in my mouth”. So wrote Pete Townshend of the rock band The Who. T



implication being that he was not born with a silver spoon in his mouth, a sign of privilege and affluence. Plastic being more of a “substitute” for being born on the wrong side of town.

Silver spoons were traditionally given to a privileged child at their baptism as a sign that they would grow up as a child of God, secure in faith and love.

It came as something of a challenge then when many years ago I was accused of being born with a wooden spoon in my mouth! The implication being here that I was something of a stirrer! Being part of the post-war boom, and being told by Prime Minister Harold Macmillan that “You’ve never had it so good”, I was not being told frequently about what I could do and what I could not do! Apparently, I was too young; did not go to the right school; did not have the right connections; somehow was “not good enough”. I had only one choice: to stir it up a bit.

How grateful I was to read the BCP Collect for the Sunday before Advent:

“Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruits of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen”.

We all have a God-given call to “stir it up a bit”. We are not to accept whatever it is that is thrown at us, but with faith: “challenge, develop, encourage, improve” our lives and the lives of those around us.

On this Feast of Christ the King, where the Post Communion Prayer is a modern interpretation of that ancient Collect may we all “stir it up a bit” in a positive way and by it, by God, all be plenteously rewarded.

May God Bless us all. Fr Philip.



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