



Sunday Next before Advent
Feast of Christ the King
25 November 2018



“The Our Father, An unprayerable prayer at the limits of Prayer.”

This morning's music

14 All hail the power of Jesus' name
583 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness
453 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour
33 Alleluia, sing to Jesus
50 Crown him with many crowns
Bach: Short Prelude & Fugue in C

This morning's readings and prayers

Daniel 7.9-10, 13, 14 (reader: Leslie Fletcher); Psalm 93;
Revelation 1.4b-8 (reader: Esther Masih);
John 18.33-37 (Gospeller: Helen Reid);
Intercessor: Jenny Black

Prayer in the silence after communion

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.

Next Sunday, Advent Sunday (*Year C readings begin*)

Jeremiah 33.14-16 (reader: Judy Fletcher); Psalm 25; **1 Thessalonians 3.9-13** (reader: Laverne Condappa);
Luke 21.25-36 (Gospeller: Colin Powell); Intercessor: Helen Reid

Tea and coffee are served in the Hall after the morning service

We welcome the Revd Tim Norwood, Area Dean of Milton Keynes to preside this morning

Collect for the Sunday before Advent

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive & reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now & for ever.

Post Communion: Sunday before Advent

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

Thanks ...

... to all who helped with the Christmas Fair – welcoming visitors, stocking and staffing stalls, baking, serving food, moving furniture, Just over £1067 was taken.

Today

Take a flier about the Advent study group on *Being Human* by Rowan Williams
Christmas Carollers practice

**The Food Bank urgently
needs tinned fruit, breakfast
cereals & fruit juice**

This week and further ahead

Tuesday 27 November

8.00pm Needlecraft Group meeting

Thursday 29 November

10.00am Holy Communion in the Hall. All weekday services in the Hall until February

Fri 30 Nov/Sat 1 Dec

The Food Bank needs volunteers at Tesco Burnage from 2.00pm – 10.00pm on Friday, 9.00am – 9.00pm on Saturday. Also at Ladybarn Community Centre on Sunday 2 December from 12.30pm for dating and sorting food. See Margaret Harrop or Leslie Fletcher.

Friday 30 November

7.00pm – 9.30pm in the Rectory: 1st meeting of a new discussion group *Theology Meets Life*. Guest speaker: Cemil Egeli on **Spirituality & Counselling**. Details from Mark

Sunday 2 December

Advent Sunday: **Return of Talent Money**

Sunday 9 December

9.30am: Short said Eucharist to enable us to attend:

10.30am Christingle and 90th Birthday Celebration at St Nicholas, with Bishop Mark. Lunch will follow the service. "Everyone is most welcome to join us for the service & luncheon." *Please tell one of the churchwardens if you would like to stay for the lunch.*

3.00pm Organ recital: *Songs from the Shows* with Robert Nicholls

Wednesday 12 December

Carols around the Courts 7.15pm Mayes Court 8.15pm Oak Court

Tuesday 18 December

Carols around the Courts 7.15pm Royle Court 8.15pm Rowan Court

Sunday 23 December

6.30pm St Chads Carol Service. Interested in joining our Extended Choir to a couple of easy special carols? Please speak to Robert at an early date. Rehearsal nearer the time

Traidcraft

Christmas catalogues now available. Please place your orders for Christmas cards and gifts and, especially, Advent calendars as soon as possible.

You may have heard that Traidcraft was facing possible closure. Happily this has been avoided so Traidcraft stalls such as we have had at St Chad's for 30 years will continue.