

FUTURE EVENTS

On **Sunday 6th December 2020** we will be holding our **Annual Toy Service**. It will be held at 10:00 am. We will advise nearer the time whether this will be a Church or Zoom service. Presents should be new and unwrapped and suitable for any child / young person. They can be brought to the church on 6th December or delivered anytime to Pat (01844 345452) or Margaret (01844 347094).

COMFORT AND JOY

COMFORT AND JOY is a daily prayer leaflet and series of online services from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York for Christmas Day and the 8 days following based around "Nine Lessons and Carols". Booklets cost £1.50 and can be ordered from Canon Tony by E Mail (tony.bundock49@gmail.com) or telephone (01844 347741). For more information go to: www.churchofengland.org/ComfortAndJoy

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Following the resignation of our independent examiner, we are looking for someone to take up this voluntary position for the 2020 accounts and onwards. The accounts and record books are usually ready for inspection by mid-February and need to be reviewed before the APCM, usually at the end of March / beginning of April. No qualifications are required other than a sound financial understanding. If you, or anyone you know would be willing to carry out this small but essential role, then either Pat Rushmere or Caroline Gulliver would be delighted to hear from you.

This Week you are Asked to Pray For:

- Those in the parish and further afield who are sick or in need that they receive peace and healing, including: Irene Foord, Mary Mines, Helena Oecken, Ian Wilson, Ron Goodearl, Ian Goodearl, Phillipa King, Jill Baker, Jenny King and Sally Zeybek.
- The recently departed, may their souls rest in peace. And their families.
- All parts of the world affected by the Coronavirus (Covid-19), those who are ill with the virus and those caring for them. For the country of South Africa, for the people of Cape Town and Diocese of Kimberly and Kuruman, which have been badly affected by Covid-19.

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PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, LACEY GREEN



Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

Week Commencing
SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2020
CHRIST THE KING

FOCUS ON... THE KINGSHIP OF CHRIST

The familiar parable of the sheep and the goats in Chapter 25 of St. Matthew's Gospel tells us that we fulfil our calling as servants of Christ – and are judged in our calling – by our willingness to see our Lord and King in the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick and those in prison. St. John Chrysostom, the Archbishop of Constantinople in the late 4th and early 5th Centuries and a theologian regarded as one of the four great Greek Doctors of the Church, once preached in a homily, "if you saw someone starving and refused to give them any food but instead spent your money on covering Christ's table with gold, would Christ thank you for it? Would he not rather be furious with you? Beautify this (Christ's) house if that is what you want to do, but never neglect your brother or sister in need. They are temples of infinitely greater worth".

Responding to poverty and deprivation is an area in which the Church has been active over long periods of time and ever since its inception. And it is one area in which, for example in the creation and support of food banks and community care schemes, the Church has continued to have public respect in recent years, from politicians and government agencies amongst others. And, of course, many of us do already make our own personal contribution in the service of others. But that is really only part of the whole picture. Because Jesus not only calls us to help those who are in need, which many people do irrespective of whether or not they are Christian believers, he gives this commitment to the service of others a much wider dimension. He says, in fact, that his Kingship is to be seen in those who most need our care and support, those, who we are called to serve for the sake of Christ our Lord and King. And so it is that in caring for them, which is a very worthy end in itself, we are also giving glory to him; Jesus Christ, the Suffering Servant, the Lord of Lords, the King of Glory.

Canon Tony Bundock

Weekly Services:

SUNDAY	10:00 am	On-line Morning Worship on Zoom
TUESDAY	9:30 am	On-line Morning Worship on Zoom

WORSHIP IN CHURCH – COVID-19 MEASURES

Following the Government announcement that England will enter a second lockdown from 5th November 2020, regular worship in churches is now suspended until at least 2nd December 2020. During this period, we will be continuing to broadcast Morning Worship on Zoom each Sunday at 10:00 am GMT and Tuesday at 9:30 am GMT, in place of the regular services in church.

COLLECT FOR CHRIST THE KING (SUNDAY NEXT 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 and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever., *Amen.*



READINGS FOR THE CHRIST THE KING

Ezekiel Ch. 34 VV. 11 – 16 & VV.
20 – 24
Ephesians Ch. 1 VV. 15 – 23

Matthew Ch. 25 VV. 31 – 46

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK (INTERCESSIONS DURING THE SERVICES WILL BE LED BY JUNE BRAZIER)

Heavenly Father, we thank you for listening to our Prayers, and for your Presence at all times.

We pray for World Peace and an end to the coronavirus worldwide. We thank you for inspiring scientists and researchers to discover an effective vaccine. We pray for the safety and protection of all NHS staff, all carers and volunteers.

We pray for the elderly and the vulnerable; for those in care homes where restrictions mean they cannot have visits from their families and friends. We hold the sick and suffering in our healing prayers. We pray for the good health and safety of our loved ones, families, friends and ourselves. We ask for courage and upliftment.

At this lock down time we pray for children to be protected from domestic abuse and bullying. Send your peaceful presence to all homes Lord. We pray that schools, universities and places of learning remain open.

Jesus' words bring comfort 'I am with you always even to the end of time.' Matthew 28 v20. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.

MORNING WORSHIP ZOOM SERVICE FOR SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT

This Sunday's Online Morning Worship service on Zoom will be led by Canon Tony with assistance from Graham King and start at **10:00 am** GMT. The hymns will be led by Cher and Gavin Mole. Other members of the congregation will be taking part. Details are being supplied in the email sending out this Pew Sheet, and are as follows:

Topic: Morning Prayer with Hymns
Time: Nov 22, 2020 10:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74526551779?pwd=WWNPUS9sb0p1OFA3aGhHNGljcUxhZz09>

Meeting ID: 745 2655 1779

Passcode: ixwgf0

MORNING WORSHIP ZOOM SERVICE FOR TUESDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

You are welcome to join us for Celtic Morning Worship Services on Tuesdays during this second period of Lockdown. These will be held at 9:30 am GMT in place of the usual Said Communion. Details are being supplied in a separate email that will be sent out in advance of the service, and are as follows:

Topic: Celtic Morning Prayer
Time: Nov 24, 2020 09:30 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71051891688?pwd=MllvWtNzZVZxdmc0bnpnQzJTUhhOZz09>

Meeting ID: 710 5189 1688

Passcode: x7dvWA

[The Zoom links for the above services will be valid for the equivalent days over the next few weeks.]