



The Parish Church of St. Peter, Chorley



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November 21st 2021 Christ the King/Final Sunday before Advent

Jesus said to Pilate, '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''

John 18.37

Prayer for Today

O Christ, the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the ending, the root and the offspring of David, our King and our Saviour: may we serve you faithfully here, and continue to be yours forever.

COVID – Overall, measures have been relaxed, but we still have some procedures in place to help keep us safe:

- Please hand in your green book at the end of the service
- Hand gel will continue to be available
- Communion will remain in one kind only
- The one-way system during communion will continue
- We ask for face masks while you move around, but they aren't necessary while you are sat in place

If you have any questions, concerns or particular needs during this tricky time, please do speak to Rev Rebecca or a churchwarden – we will be only too happy to listen and help.

CAN YOU HELP?

We're in dire need of people to help with **keeping our lovely church and hall clean**, and who can help us **manage our hall bookings**. One person currently does the vast bulk of this work, and even just a little bit of help would make a real difference. If you have an hour or so to spare during the week and can wield a Hoover, take on a little bit of scheduling admin or even just be on hand to open and close the hall every once in a while, please do have a word with Carol!

Refreshments- We're hunting for volunteers to help with providing refreshments after our Sunday and Wednesday services. Please complete the sheet at the back of church!

Chorley Foodbank- This week, donations of **Hot dogs, Cereal, Custard and Rice Pudding** are desperately needed: please put any donations at the back of church. Thank you!!

Ongoing appeal from the Mothers Union: We are looking for donations of **toothpaste, toothbrushes, face cloths, combs, tissues, and soap** for putting together hospital bags. To help, please put any donations in the box at the back of church.

Activity packs for children – the Brownies are putting together gift packages for children in hospital. Please check the collection boxes at the back for more information on what is required. All donations gratefully received – they will make a huge difference in the life of a struggling child!

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

**Pastoral emergency – emergency
anointing/communion/baptism (24/7):** 07572 901345

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| Safeguarding: | Louise Benney: 434088 |

Stamp collection– Please bring any used stamps to church and put them in the box marked at the back – these go towards raising money for Multiple Sclerosis charities. **Note: please include a good centimetre of the envelope around the stamp!**

POINTS OF NOTE

Flower Guild- Preparations are in full swing by the Flower Guild for what is sure to be a glorious festive month of flower and greenery arrangements. Donations are welcome to help support the Flower Guild in their beautiful work – please do give generously to the box at the back of church.

Confirmation 2022- We are collating and putting final plans in place! Sessions will take place on Sunday afternoons and Monday evenings; you are free to pick the most convenient one! Get in touch with Rev Rebecca if you would like to find out more.

FOR YOUR DIARY – ADVENT EDITION!

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE: Next week, on **Sunday 28th November at 6.30pm**, we will be joined **here in St Peter's Church** by our friends from St Laurence's and St George's for our Advent Carol Service. There will be a series of Advent hymns and readings, as well as some beautiful music performed by our joint choirs. Please do come, and bring a friend too – there is no better way to begin our time of preparation for the birth of the Christ Child.

Christmas Fair: This is going ahead this year! St Peter's School have very generously allowed us use of their hall on **Saturday 4th December, 11am-2pm** for a bringing together of all things Christmassy. There may even be a special guest... If you're interested in running a stall or an activity, please do let Rev Rebecca or a churchwarden know!

Christmas Tree Festival: This is ALSO happening this year! All organisations and affiliated groups are invited to come to decorate a tree this year – if your group would like to participate, please let Rebecca, Carol or Ronnie know. The dates for decorating are the **8th-11th December**, and the (broad) theme for decorating is: **Recycling!** (Interpret that however you will!)

Toy Service: Our regular Toy Service will be happening on **Sunday 12th December at the 10am service**. Donations of toys are greatly welcomed – please bring them unwrapped. A representative from Help the Homeless will be attending our service to thank us all for our kind donations. Thank You.

Christmas Coffee Morning and Raffle: Come one, come all on **Saturday 18th December 10-12noon in the hall!** Raffle tickets available for sale from Carol or Kathleen. If you are able to donate any raffle prizes, please place them in the box at the back of church. If you are able to lend a hand behind the scenes, please speak to Carol; even one extra pair of hands would make a huge difference!

Nine Lessons and Carols: We, along with our friends at St Laurence's, are warmly invited to **St George's Church** for a joint service of the traditional Nine Lessons and Carols this year, held on **Sunday 19th December at 6.30pm**. Come along for your festive hymn fix as Christmas draws ever closer! If you are in need of transport, please let Rev Rebecca know.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

those preparing for baptism;

those who are sick, remembering particularly:

Derek Morgan, Roy Parkinson, Derek Draper, Irene Jenkinson, Diana Downing, Brenda Feeney, Alison Feeney

all the recently departed, especially those known to us:

those whose anniversary of death falls this week:

Nov 22 John Waring, Lillian Taylor, Catherine Finlay

Nov 23 Jean Nicholson, Elsie Barker

Nov 24 Jeffrey Noel Conrad

Nov 25 Michael Benney

Nov 26 Marion Russell

TODAY'S SERVICE

Hymns

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| Processional | 405 | Lo, he comes with clouds |
| Offertory | 649 | The King of love my shepherd is |
| Communion 1 | 156 | Faithful Shepherd, feed me |
| Communion 2 | 195 | From heaven you came |
| Communion 3 | 436 | Majesty |
| Recessional | 756 | Ye servants of God |

Collect

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 forever. **Amen.**

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.

Psalm: 93

The Lord shall reign for ever and ever.

- 1 The Lord is king and has put on glorious apparel; the Lord has put on his glory and girded himself with strength.
- 2 He has made the whole world so sure that it cannot be moved.
- 3 Your throne has been established from of old; you are from everlasting.

The Lord shall reign for ever and ever.

- 4 The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their pounding waves.
- 5 Mightier than the thunder of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea; the Lord on high is mightier.
- 6 Your testimonies are very sure; holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever.

The Lord shall reign for ever and ever.

Second Reading: Revelation 1.4b-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.

Gospel: John 18.33-37

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.'

Post-communion prayer

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. **Amen.**
