

CHRIST THE KING

The Sunday next before Advent

Welcome to our Service this morning. Please find below the Notices for the week, with new and amended ones underlined.

<i>Hymns</i>	62	Christ triumphant	S of F
	379	Majesty!	
	77	Crown Him with many crowns	
	149	Hail, thou once despised Jesus	
Sunday 23rd November	10.00am	Holy Communion with Prayer for Healing	
	2.00pm	Pastoral Teas	
Monday 24th November	11.00am	Standing Committee meet	
	3.30pm	'Lord, show us the way' - event in Woodall Spa	
	7.30pm	TCC meeting	
Tuesday 25th November	11.30am	Funeral for Beryl Aron	
	1.30pm	Confirmation group meet	
Wednesday 26th November	9.30am	Holy Communion	
Thursday 27th November	6.00pm	Choir Practice	
Friday 28th November	4.00pm	Wedding of Lee Thomas and Molly Flack	
Saturday 29th November	10.00am	Coffee in Church & Christingle Making	

ECHO

Maggie & Bill are making up Christmas Bags for the local homeless. Can you spare £1 to buy toiletries or chocolate for them?
Debbie has kindly agreed to keep the tin in the office for cash donations.

'CHRISTINGLE'

Our Christingle Service this year is next Sunday, 30th November at 3.00pm. Please spread the word about this service, particularly to any young families who might like to come along. If you would like to help make the Christingles, please join with others doing this on Saturday, 29th November at 10.00am. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

We look forward to the Tree Festival taking place over the weekend of the 6th and 7th December. This will begin with a Concert by Banovallum Singers on Friday, 5th December at 7.30pm. Donations of Mince Pies and Cakes, or Chocolate for the Tombola, would be much appreciated. Also, please let Helen Marshall or Debbie in the Church Office know if you can help provide a Welcome or offer Refreshments to our visitors over the weekend. Thank you.

FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S RAFFLE

The Friends of St. Mary's are holding their Grand Raffle, which will run up to the Tree Festival. Please see Stefan Urbanowicz or another of the Friends if you would like to buy some tickets. The raffle will be drawn at the 'Big Sing' on Sunday, 7th December at 4.00pm.

'THE SWALLOWS CHARITY'

Andrew and Jo Hyde support a charity called 'The Swallows', which is highlighting the need for free NHS dental care after radiotherapy for sufferers of head and neck cancer. If they get enough support their Chief Executive, Chris Curtis, will be entitled to a meeting with the Minister of Health. If you would like to support their petition, the link is: <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/743337> Thank you.

SUNDAY ROTAS

We are doing a review of Rotas for our Sunday morning services. If you are interested in Reading a lesson, Leading Intercessions or offering Refreshments at the end of the service, please see Helen or Fiona, our Wardens, or Debbie in the Church Office. Thank you.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday 30th November	10.00am	Group Holy Communion
	3.00pm	Christingle Service
Monday 1st December	7.30pm	Horncastle Matters' magazine meeting
Tuesday 2nd December	2.30pm	Pastoral Team meeting
Wednesday 3rd December	9.30am	Holy Communion
	10.15am	Coffee + meet
	7.00pm	QEGS Christmas Concert
Thursday 4th December	10.00am	Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion
	6.00pm	Choir Practice
Friday 5th December	7.30pm	Banovallum Singers' Concert and Preview
Saturday 6th December	10.00am	Christmas Tree Festival over the weekend with refreshments throughout

PRAYER FOR THE TOWN

Week beginning the 23rd November: please pray for the residents and businesses of the village of Southfield Place & Southwell's Lane

BIRTHDAYS

Friday, 28th November - Maureen Baguley

If you would like your birthday mentioned, please contact Shelagh Carter. Her E-mail address is neil640lcarter@gmail.com

At our Communion services, if you would like a gluten free wafer, please let the Stewards or Clergy know before the service starts.

Please note, if you wish to leave a gift by Bank Card, you can use the 'Goodbox' near the entrance. Also, to give via your 'phone, you can use the QR code on the cards in the pews. Thank you.

Please look at our website for further details on these notes: www.stmaryshorncastle.org.uk



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 for ever. Amen.

Jeremiah 23, 1 - 6

p. 750

Colossians 1, 11 - 20

p. 214

Luke 23, 33 - 43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!'

There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

Lord, please give us the confidence to live the love of Jesus Christ with the community here in Horncastle and in the surrounding villages. Amen.