

# Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

### Sunday 25th November 2018

# The Feast of Christ the King The Sunday next before Advent

#### **Services Today**

9.30am Family Service Hymns: S.23: MP708

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon and Procession

Hymns: 332: 352: 282: 377

### **Christ the King - End of Procession**

Y The King is in majesty

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 now and for ever. **Amen.** 

# 753 The Feast of Christ the King (The Sunday next before Advent)

**Introit** Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honour. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever.

**Psalm** Give the King thy judgements, O God: and thy righteousness unto the King's son. Glory be...

**Gradual** His dominion shall be also from one sea to the other, and from the river unto the world's end. W. All kings shall fall down before him; all nations shall do him service.

**Alleluia** Alleluia. Alleluia. W. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away; and a kingdom that which shall not be destroyed. Alleluia. **Offertory** Desire of me, and I shall give thee the nations for thine inheritance; and the utmost parts of the earth for thy possession.

**Communion** The Lord remaineth a king for ever: the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

#### 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.

## Old Testament Reading - Daniel Ch7 v9-10 & v13-14

9As 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.
10 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,

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

and the books were opened.

should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

# New Testament Reading - Revelation Ch1 v4b-8

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, <sup>5</sup>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, <sup>6</sup> and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>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.

<sup>8</sup>'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 Ch18 v33-37

<sup>33</sup>Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' <sup>35</sup>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?' <sup>36</sup>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.' <sup>37</sup>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**

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.

# Please remember in your prayers

Judy Bobbitt, Tony Renouf, David Le Lievre,
Hazel Greany, a young man recovering from a problem with drugs,
Brenda & John Penfold, Rose, Daphne Swann, Lyn Trieschmann
and Samantha Brehaut.
Pray also for Michele, Jaike and Glyn; for Melvyn Boxall;

for Chris Bellinger; and for Samuel.

#### **Services This Week**

Monday 26th November 10.00am 'Little Treasures' Toddlers' Group Tuesday 27th November 11.00am Said Mass Wednesday 28th November 7.00pm Drawing Near To God, Week 6 – followed by Compline at 8.00pm

Friday 30th November 7.00pm Said Mass - Andrew the Apostle

Sunday 2nd December
The First Sunday of Advent
9.30am Said Mass with Family Ministry
11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon

# St Stephen's

# Christmas Stocking



An Afternoon of carols and Christmas
entertainment by various groups in our church
community including the Guides, Scouts, Brownies,
Choir and Church Members.

Refreshments afterwards.



#### **CHOCOHOLICS**

This is an easy way to support St. Stephen's Church and get lovely gifts for family, friends, school teachers and colleagues.

Some Church members have bought items to go to the Welfare collections for families in need over Christmas.

The purchase of chocolates supports people worse off than ourselves and also supports the Church .

Please ask Steph for a brochure.

# Please join us for refreshments:

- in the Vicarage after the 9.30am Mass
- in the Vestry after the 11.00am Mass

After Mass please put the kneelers back on the shelf. Thank you!

Deadline for notices for next bulletin **– 6.00pm Thursday**To Tony or email akaines@cwgsy.net