

# St Saviour's Church

25 November 2018 - Christ the Universal King



Jesus does speak of his own identity as King but emphasises how different it is from secular reality. He says: "My kingdom is not of this world". The fact he is telling this to Pilate is significant - the one who held most 'power' in the land at that time. For us, we are always caught in the struggle between being in this world but not of it. Or, having allegiance to the traditions and norms of our society but always aware that Christ holds our true allegiance and fealty.

## Parish Notes:

**Advent Sunday** - Is next Sunday 2 December 2018 - Service of Advent Lessons and Carols by Candlelight at 6pm in St German's. All are welcome.

**Advent and Christmas** - Copies of the services for Advent and Christmas are available at the back of the Church. A highlight of this is a return for the series of prayer reflections on the 8 days before Christmas following the ancient 'O Antiphons' of the Church.

**Benediction with Music for Advent** - Sunday 9 December at 6pm in St Saviour's.

**Healing Service for Advent** - Wednesday 12 December in St Saviour's at 7pm.

**Nightshelter** - We will have an information and training evening for those interested in helping with our Nightshelter on Monday 10 December at 7pm. This is open to new volunteers as well as to those who helped last year. Its purpose is to update everyone on procedures for this year. As ever, if you would like to help out in any way with the night shelter please contact Fr Phelim or one of the wardens.

**Flowers for Christmas** - to sponsor an arrangement please speak to Gwyneth.

**Christmas Cards** - We will be creating a Christmas Greeting Display, where you can send a personal Christmas message and at the same time give a present to church via a donation envelope. This can also be gift aided if you are able. Donations should be given to John. Those wishing to make a Christmas donation to charity can donate to the Nightshelter to support its on going running costs. Envelopes will be provided and can be given to Fr Phelim.

**Carols and a Cuppa** - Saturday 22 December 2018 at 11:30am.

**Recently Departed:** Freddy Palmer, Helen Morgan (RIP)

## This week:

### Sun 25

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

1:30pm Baptism (St G)

### Mon 26:

6pm Mass (St G)

### Tues 27:

10am Mass (St S)

### Wed 28:

10am Mass (St G)

### Thur 29:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

### Fri 30:

6pm mass (St S)

**St Andrew, Apostle**

### Sat 1:

11am Mass (St S)

### Sun 2: Advent 1

*St Saviour's:*

9:30 Sung Mass

*St German's:*

11:00 am Sung Mass

6pm Advent Lessons and Carols

## Parish Priest:

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## READINGS THIS WEEK

Dan 7:13-14

Ps 93:1a, 1b-2, 5

Rev 1:5-8

John 18:33b-37

## READINGS NEXT WEEK

Jer 33:14-16

Ps 25

1 Thess 3:12-4:2

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

## PSALM:

**The Lord is king, with  
majesty enrobed.  
(3vv)**

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**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; grant this for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. **Amen**

**GATHERING:**

Make way, make way  
For Christ the King  
In splendour arrives  
Fling wide the gates  
and welcome Him  
Into your lives

*Make way! (Make way!)  
Make way! (Make way!)  
For the King of kings  
(For the King of kings)  
Make way! (Make way!)  
Make way! (Make way!)  
And let His kingdom in*

He comes the broken hearts to heal  
The prisoners to free  
The deaf shall hear,  
the lame shall dance  
The blind shall see

And those who mourn  
with heavy hearts  
Who weep and sigh  
With laughter, joy and royal crown  
He'll beautify

We call you now to worship Him  
As Lord of all  
To have no gods before Him  
Their thrones must fall!

**OFFERTORY:**

The King of love my shepherd is,  
Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
And he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,  
My ransomed soul he leadeth  
And, where the verdant  
pastures grow,  
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
But yet in love he sought me  
And on his shoulder gently laid  
And home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
With thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spredst a table in my sight;  
Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
And, oh, what transport of delight  
From thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all  
the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never.  
Good Shepherd,  
may I sing thy praise  
Within thy house forever.

**COMMUNION:**

Meekness and majesty,  
manhood and deity  
In perfect harmony,  
the Man who is God  
Lord of eternity,  
dwells in humanity  
Kneels in humility  
and washes our feet

*O what a mystery, meekness and  
majesty  
Bow down and worship,  
for this is your God  
This is your God*

Father's pure radiance,  
perfect in innocence  
Yet learns obedience  
to death on a cross  
Suffering to give us life, conquering  
through sacrifice

And as they crucify,  
Father forgive (*Chorus*)

Wisdom unsearchable,  
God the invisible  
Love indestructible,  
in frailty appears  
Lord of infinity,  
stooping so tenderly  
Lifts our humanity, to the height of  
his throne. (*Chorus*)

**FINAL HYMN:**

Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne.  
Hark! how the heavenly  
anthem drowns  
all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless king  
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life,  
who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife  
for those he came to save;  
his glories now we sing  
who died and rose on high,  
who died eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love;  
behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above,  
in beauty glorified;  
no angels in the sky  
can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends  
their burning eye  
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years,  
the potentate of time,  
creator of the rolling spheres,  
ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
for thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail  
throughout eternity.

## FIRST READING

The First reading is from the book of Daniel.

I gazed into the visions of the night.  
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,  
one like a son of man.  
He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence.  
On him was conferred sovereignty,  
glory and kingship,  
and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants.  
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty  
which shall never pass away,  
nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

This is the word of the Lord.

*Dan 7*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**The Lord is king,  
with majesty enrobed.**

The Lord is king,  
with majesty enrobed;  
the Lord has robed himself  
with might,  
he has girded himself with power.  
**R/**

The world you made firm,  
not to be moved;  
your throne has stood firm  
from of old.  
From all eternity, O Lord, you are.  
**R/**

Truly your decrees are to be trusted.  
Holiness is fitting to your house,  
O Lord, until the end of time. **R/**

*Psalm 93*

## SECOND READING

A reading from the book of Revelations.

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. He, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place forever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

This is the word of the Lord.

*Rev 1*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*John 18*

## GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John.

Then 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.'