

# TRINITY

The Newsletter of **Holy Trinity Church Ilkeston**

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November 22nd 2020

**Christ the King (Year A)**

***Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe***

*Christ is a King on the model of the homeric kings who called themselves 'shepherds of the people' As a royal shepherd he is leading us to the Kingdom of his Father*

Mass

First Reading: *Ezekiel 34: 11-12 15-17*

Responsorial Psalm 22: 1-3, 5-6

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: *I Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28*

Gospel: *Matthew 25: 31-46*

Hymns All NEH ( Green ):-

Introit: 443 Rejoice, the Lord is King  
Gradual: 476 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim  
Offertory 471 We love the place, O God  
Communion 307 Sweet Sacrament divine  
Recessional 208 In our day of thanksgiving one psalm let us offer  
( All can be heard sung on Youtube. )

**Br Andrew Smith OPA writes:-**

**First Reading: *Ezekiel 34: 11-12 15-17***

We end the Church's liturgical year with a vision of the Universal King's return. Ezekiel's prophecy is God's judgment against the failed and hypocritical leaders of Israel who do not rightly "shepherd" the flock of God's people. The symbolic imagery of a Shepherd-King was typical in the literature of the ancient Near East, and is employed throughout the Old and New Testaments. God promised through His prophets that from the ancestral line of the Shepherd-King David, He would send a righteous "Branch," the Messiah, to "shepherd" His people. Ezekiel uses the same "shepherding" theme when God promised that He would come Himself to shepherd His people and this was fulfilled in the person of Jesus the Messiah, the Christ of God, the Universal King.

**Second Reading: *I Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28***

St. Paul teaches that Jesus' reign as King, inaugurated in His Resurrection, will last until His Second Advent when He will return to collect His Bride, the Church, and sit as the Divine Judge. After the Last Judgment, He will take His Bride to Heaven for the Wedding Supper of the Lamb when He submits Himself and His Church to the Father.

**Gospel : *Matthew 25: 31-46***

Jesus identifies Himself with the poor, oppressed, and outcast, He makes the Christian's outpouring of active Love toward those who suffer a condition for entering His eternal Kingdom. We cannot hope for an eternal reward without Loving God, and the Love of God is inextricably linked to Love, concern and service for our brothers and sisters in the family of humanity. We must remember that Jesus Christ's Second Advent does not mark the end but a new beginning for those who Love Him and are obedient to His call to Love. The smallest act of Love is never wasted!

**Collect**

Almighty ever-living God,  
whose will is to restore all things  
in your beloved Son, the King of the universe,  
grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery,  
may render your majesty service  
and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and  
reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

## Notices:-

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### Feast of Title at Holy Trinity - Sunday 22 November

At this time of year we celebrate the founding of Holy Trinity church back in the 1880s. We remember those who contributed to the building of the church and also those countless individuals who over the years have contributed both their money and their time to keeping the church alive and flourishing. We owe such a debt of gratitude to this enormous generosity but we also need to look to the future in ensuring we are able to continue to flourish. This year has been strange for us all and for some a considerable challenge but we have shown that the church can be flexible when needed. At this time when we are looking forward to the arrival of Fr David as our new Priest-in- Charge we have hope and optimism for what lies ahead.

As is customary at this time we invite parishioners to show a sign of their own appreciation for the past, their hope for the future and indeed for the endless generosity that God shows to us all. Although we are not open for public worship at the moment we still wish to give people an opportunity to make a one-off monetary contribution. This can be done by any of the following methods: a direct transfer to the church bank account (NatWest 60-11-37 Holy Trinity PCC account number 05406153 Ref Feast of Title), a cheque made payable to Holy Trinity PCC and sent to the Treasurer, Margaret Breedon at Babbington House, Babbington, Nottingham, NG16 2SS, or by coming along on a Saturday morning (21st and 28th November only) where there will be blue envelopes available for your donation. **Geoffrey Raby and Nicky Bailey, Churchwardens**

### Fr David's arrival in our parishes

Fr David will be moving into the Vicarage at Long Eaton at the end of this week and will be having some time to himself to unpack and settle in. There are then certain legal requirements. Normally these would be occasions for us all to gather in celebration but this is not possible with the current Covid-19 restrictions. Fr David's collation and licensing will therefore be carried out on Zoom with restricted number but the Bishop of Derby and Bishop Jonathan will be involved. His induction as the Vicar of St Laurence's has legally to be physically in the church itself and there will be limited numbers attending. Fr David is then intending to celebrate Mass with us at Holy Trinity at 11.15 am (please note the change of time from 11 am) on 6th December. This is of course subject to any extension of restrictions imposed by the government. Although it will be a joy for Fr David to be with us we will

not be able to demonstrate our normal hospitality but we would hope to be able to do that at some time in the future.

### Thank you to Fr Giles

We are expecting Fr David Lawrence-March to begin his ministry in both parishes in the early part of December and members of both congregations have asked about whether there will be an opportunity for us to show our appreciation of all that Fr. Giles has done for us during the interregnum and more particularly since March 2020 when Covid meant the closing of our churches. As you know he recently became the Priest in Charge of St Anne's, Derby but has continued his involvement with us until Fr David arrives.

The Wardens feel that a monetary gift of appreciation would allow him to use the money as he chooses. The parish treasurers have agreed that all donations should be sent to Margaret Breedon. Her address is Babbington House, Babbington, Nottingham, NG16 2SS. If you would prefer to pay money directly into the Holy Trinity PCC bank account the details are: NatWest Ilkeston branch, 60 11 37 account number 05406153 - please let Margaret know how much you have given. If you are unable to do either of the above please ring Margaret on 0115 944 0020 and tell her how much you wish to give. She will collect it from you when we are back together but will take an appropriate amount from church funds in the meantime. Please can you send everything to Margaret by Friday 27th November. Please make all cheques payable to Holy Trinity PCC. **Geoff, Nicky, Simon and Jennifer**

### Services for this Sunday and the week ahead:-

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#### Sunday 22nd November Christ the King

Zoom Mass 10.00 am

#### Tuesday 24th November St Andrew Dung Lac and Companions

Zoom Mass 9.30 am

#### Wednesday 25th Nov

Zoom Mass 10.00 am

#### Thursday 26th November

Zoom Mass 7.00 pm

#### Friday 27th November

Zoom Mass 12.00 noon

#### Sunday 29th November Advent 1 (Year B)

Zoom Mass 10.00 am

## **Please remember in your prayers:-**

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Those who are sick, especially: Margaret Tyler, Debbie Collins, Maria Perkins, Joyce Seals, Maureen Benson, Andrew Smith, Amanda Green, Bethany, Betty Fisher, Michael Gallagher, Tanya and family, Irene Bostock, Bob Hulls, and Jean Jarvis.

Those who have recently died; and also those whose anniversary of death falls this week:-Kenneth Smith, Tom West, Roy Knighton, Audrey Ruby Lacey, Alf Hitchcock, Winifred Benson, and Derrick Medcalf.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of the late Thomas William Smith, and of the late Charles Michael Smith.

## **Contacts at Holy Trinity:-**

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### **Newsletter**

Please send material for each Sunday's Newsletter to Richard Pykett as soon as it is ready, and at the latest by 12 noon on the previous Wednesday. Email: *richard.pykett@techademic.net*, 07850 428299. Copies of the Newsletter are available in Church each Sunday morning, on our Website, and by email. Please let me know if you would like to be added to or removed from the email distribution list **Richard Pykett**

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