



Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, Olney

Sunday 10am 21<sup>st</sup> November 2021

Christ the King



**Welcome and notices**

**Reading:** Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14

**Gospel:** John 18: 33-37

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup>** Daniel 5: 1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28

**9.30 am:** Luke 21: 12-19

**Collect:** 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, one glory.

**Amen**

**Response:** Spirit of the living God: **may your kingdom come.**

**Intercessions:** Eternal Father through our Saviour Jesus, who is both Christ the King and the Son of Man and who understands our needs and the needs of this world, we pray for Your church here in Olney, of which Your Son is King. We pray that You will draw us together and unite us in the love of Christ that we may proclaim with one voice Your justice and righteousness in a broken world.

Everlasting God we pray for all of Your Churches in the world which represent Your Kingdom here on earth. We pray for our brothers and sisters in the Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant Churches and give thanks for them all.

Almighty God, Your Son Jesus Christ left His heavenly home and became a servant to all on earth, we thank You that You have given Elizabeth our Queen a heart to serve her people, and kept her in devoted service longer than all her predecessors. We pray for her and all other earthly leaders and monarchs; encourage them all to serve their people following Jesus' example constantly seeking the common good.

Loving God help us reach out to one another with greater love and better understanding; we pray for our homes, our relatives, our neighbours and our friends, particularly those who do not yet realise the extent of Your love for them.

Holy God You have rescued us from the power of darkness. Help us to walk in this world as citizens of Your Kingdom of Light where Christ reigns as King in glory for ever and ever.

**Amen**

**We pray blessing and healing for those who are sick:** *Toby O'Grady, Kevin, Pat Major, Bar, Georgina, Michael Seabrook, Rebekah Geary, Kate Nicholas, Jo Lais, Ann Murtagh, Rob & Judith Spray, Debbie Bowman, Richard, Poppy Bailey, Rosemary Palmer, John W and Andrew Geary.*

**We remember the recently departed and pray for comfort for their families & friends:** *June Warde and Roger Cook*

**We remember and give thanks for those whose Yearsmind is now. Amen.**

**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**

**Listening Ear.** Please email [prayer@olney.church](mailto:prayer@olney.church) for Prayer

**Funerals.** None.

**Thanks to David.** David Phillipson has decided it is time for him to retire as Church Warden & Chair of the PCC. I wrote to him last week expressing my immense gratitude for all he has done to support and help me in my role as rector. He has contributed so much to the life and building of St Peter & St Paul, as well as the town. We owe David a great deal and will of course look for an occasion to thank him properly in due course. Please pray for him & Trish, & for Susan our remaining warden. David continues to be on the PCC, is one of our representatives on the Deanery Synod and a representative on the Diocesan Synod. **Andrew David writes** "...I feel that I cannot continue to balance the excessive demands of the current Church warden role with the demands of my full-time employment. I feel that this church role is impacting on my relaxation and leisure time to too great an extent." **David P.S. There will be a card in church and a chance to donate towards a gift for David. Please put in donation bucket marked "David" and sign the card Thank you Susan Christmas Tree Festival** will be on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th (Dickens Day) of December, 11am to 4pm, in our beautiful Church. Last time we had more than 50 trees and raised a good deal of money for charity. Anyone can join in by providing a tree, decorated however you like, to advertise your good cause, group or business. Refreshments will be available, and visitors can vote for their favourite tree. We have opportunities for singing groups and performance acts to take part during the festival on our stage among the trees. To register your interest in providing a tree or to perform please email: [christmastree@olney.church](mailto:christmastree@olney.church)

**Dickens.** 5th December 2021. Once again, we will be opening the Church Hall for Dickens. Whilst this year we have a reduced number of stalls we will still be offering cakes, mulled wine, raffle and refreshments. What we are adding this year is soup and a roll from 12 till 2 pm (thanks to the volunteers who have come forward to make this). We ask that all those reading this if possible, give an hour of your time either to set up on the Saturday 4th or an hour on the rota on the Sunday. The rotas are now at the back of the church for you to look at. May we remind everyone that we are raising monies for the church which we have been unable to do over the last eighteen months. If you have any questions, please talk to Pat, Gill or Katie (in the Church Office).

**Coffee Morning.** A coffee morning in aid of the Leprosy Mission will be held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at Ruth Plackett's home. Used postage stamps are also welcome!

**Baptism team.** Next year we have many children to welcome into our church family and we need volunteers to help! Anyone who regularly attends church on a second Sunday would be welcome. Speak to Katie in the office if you can help. Beryl does a wonderful job of preparing everything, but she can't do it all on her own so it would be lovely if someone would help out. Thank you.

**Sunday Club.** 21st of November at 10am in Church Hall.

**Christingle Service.** 28th November at 4pm in church.

**Church Mice** each week on Thursday, in Church, 10 - 11am.

**Exploring Faith.** Starts 24<sup>th</sup> Nov. Have you booked ?

**This week's hymns.** 575 – Rejoice the Lord is King!, 649 - The King of love my shepherd is and 647 – The head that once was crowned with thorns. Choir anthem - 1000 King of Kings majesty. *Keep in touch, request a weekly email copy through [office@olney.church](mailto:office@olney.church) or [susan.bailey@olney.church](mailto:susan.bailey@olney.church)*

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