

**Christingle services – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December:** yes, our Christingle services are back! But to ensure that they go with a swing, we need volunteers to help welcome people, hand out Christingles and service sheets, and collect donations. If you can help on either day, please contact the Parish Office.

**Allsorts Pre-school and Nursery** here in RWB is recruiting trustees from the local community, and has approached St Bart's to ask if a member of our congregation would consider serving as a trustee. Trustees will meet approximately 3 times a year to discuss issues and make decisions. If you are interested and would like to know more, please contact Revd Jane on 01793 977395 or [jane@chelmsworth.com](mailto:jane@chelmsworth.com)

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**Please Pray for the Church in Sudan and South Sudan**

Pray for Christian leaders throughout Sudan as they work to provide practical help in their communities, distributing aid, leading health education and literacy projects and bringing the Gospel message of hope and love.

The readings and psalms set for **Morning Prayer this week**  
– for those who would like to join with us at home:

Monday: Psalm 96; Isaiah 14.3-20; Matthew 9.18-34

Tuesday: Psalm 97; Isaiah 17; Matthew 9.35-10.15

Wednesday: Psalm 112; Isaiah 19; Matthew 10.16-33

Thursday: Psalm 125; Isaiah 21.1-12; Matthew 10.34-11.1

Friday: Psalm 139; Isaiah 22.1-14; Matthew 11.2-19

Saturday: Psalm 145; Isaiah 24; Matthew 11.20-end

Sunday: Psalm 44; Isaiah 51.4-11; Romans 13.11-end

**Find out what we are up to at:**

Website: [www.stbartholomews-wb.com](http://www.stbartholomews-wb.com)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/StBartholomewsChurchRWB](https://www.facebook.com/StBartholomewsChurchRWB)

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2mwesD4RZxknsWth-Qb0vg>

**Keep in touch, or let us know if any help is needed at:**

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*We seek to grow through prayer and  
share Christ's love through engagement with all.*

# Weekly News

## 21st November 2021



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**Services of Holy Communion**  
**Wednesdays at 10:30 am & Sundays at 10:00 am**  
**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 8:00 am**

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**Advent Carol Service – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 4pm:** *The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.* Join us for a service of music, readings and prayers at the start of this season of reflection and preparation.

**WANTED – donation of cakes, produce and raffle prizes**

To raise funds in support of our Christmas giving to local families we're holding a **Coffee Morning on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December** 10am -12noon in Croft. Any donations or support you can give will be much appreciated. Donations can be left in Croft from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November, 10 -12. Please see Astrid Laurence (tel: 850644) or Ruth Sexton (parish office) for any questions. Many thanks!

**Brighter Futures Winter Shoebox Appeal for Great Western**

**Hospital** – Janet Gilder (01793 852861) would be delighted to receive your filled and decorated shoeboxes for those staying in hospital over Christmas. Items suggested are Christmas card, chocolates and sweets, fluffy socks, hats/gloves and scarves, toiletries, pens and writing pad, puzzle books and small games. More information can be found here – and thank you!

<https://www.brighterfuturesgwh.nhs.uk/events/winter-shoebox-appeal/>

**St Barts Walking Group.** The date of the next walk is Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November and will be the postponed October walk around Malmesbury, using paths, lanes and pavements. All those wishing to take part please contact Pat Jeanes [pat.jeanes@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pat.jeanes@hotmail.co.uk) for further information.

**The Children's Society** is grateful to Box holders who continue to support our important work to protect vulnerable children. It's time for our annual box opening and counting and would therefore be grateful if box holders would drop off their box in the Croft or Parish Office when convenient. Many thanks,  
Alistair

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# Sunday 21st November 2021

## Christ The King

### 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.

### FIRST READING: *Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14*

As 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.  
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,  
and the books were opened.  
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  
should serve him.  
His dominion is an everlasting dominion  
that shall not pass away,  
and his kingship is one  
that shall never be destroyed.

### SECOND READING: *Revelation 1.4b-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, 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, and made us to be a  
kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for  
ever and ever. Amen.

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.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who  
is to come, the Almighty.

### GOSPEL READING: *John 18.33-37*

Pilate asked Jesus, '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.'