



SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2017
CHRIST THE KING

(The Next Sunday Before Advent)

*We welcome Rev. Clay Knowles at 8am and
Rev. John Morris at 10am*

TODAY:	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist with Sunday School Followed by Children's Choir Practice
	11.15am	Baptism of Rose Smyth
Monday 27th	10.30am	Avon House Group
	7.45pm	Evening House Group
Tuesday 28th	10.15am	Open the Book Assembly – School
	7.45pm	Bell Ringing Practice
	9.30am	Bible Group – Advent (see notice)
Wednesday 29th	8.00pm	PCC Meeting – Parish Room
Friday 1st	7.00pm	Choir Practice
Sunday 3rd	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Family Christingle Service
	6.00pm	Advent Carol Service

*****Please take a copy of the next duty rota (on the Welcome table) if you
have not received one via email or need a printed copy*****

*****SIGN UP FORMS AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH FOR REFRESHMENTS AT
EAC CONCERT AND NINE LESSONS & CAROLS*****

There are just a few copies left of the Balcombe Recipe Book. Just the gift for Christmas at £8 or £15 for two. It's spiral bound, stand-alone, beautifully illustrated and has colour and vintage photos. Some recipes have wine pairing, too. Please take a look at the Sample book on the Welcome Desk.

Website: www.stmarys-balcombe.org

READINGS AND PRAYERS FOR TODAY:

The 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. Amen.

The New Testament Reading Ephesians 1: 15-end

15I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason 16I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. 17I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, 18so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, 19and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 20God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. 22And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, 23which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Holy Gospel Matthew 25: 31-end

Jesus said to his disciples: 31'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." 37Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" 40And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." 41Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; 42for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you

gave me nothing to drink, 43I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.” 44Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?” 45Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” 46And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

The Post Communion Collect

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.

THIS WEEK’S BIBLE READINGS:

Monday	Luke 21: 1-4
Tuesday	Luke 21: 5-11
Wednesday	Luke 21: 12-19
Thursday	Matthew 4: 18-22
Friday	Luke 21: 29-33
Saturday	Luke 21: 34-36

PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

All those who live in

All those who are sick, especially

The departed: especially our own departed loved ones.

And those whose anniversaries occur during the week:



St. Mary's

Monthly Wednesday morning Group – 29th November, 9.30 – 11am

Would you like to try an informal daytime House Group? If so, we would love to see you at the restarted Wednesday Group. We begin with coffee and a chat and then informally discuss a Bible passage to theme. The meeting will be held at Bridget Gosney's home on Oldlands Avenue. Theme: Preparing for Advent. Please contact Rosemary Corder or Lorna Robinson for more details or if you would like a lift.

NEXT SUNDAY - 3RD DECEMBER

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE – 10am

The Christingle Service will take place at the Family Service on Sunday 3rd December. The Posada (Mary and Joseph) will go out at this service. Please sign the rota, available at the back of the church, if you would like to host Mary and Joseph for an evening.

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE - 6pm

A service of lessons and Carols for Advent

CHRISTMAS CANDLELIT CONCERT

'Once As I Remember'

memories of a childhood Christmas with ***The English Arts Chorale***

Christmas Music and Readings

plus an opportunity to join in singing

some of your favourite carols

SUNDAY 10th DECEMBER

at 4.30pm

ST MARY'S CHURCH

Tickets £12 (includes refreshments)

available from 'Threads',

on line at

www.englisharts.org

or:

01444 811370

****PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH
TO PROVIDE BROWNIES AND SHORTBREAD FOR THE EVENT****

Letter from Martin Auton-Lloyd, Family Support Work, regarding our Harvest donations:

I would like to thank you for the contribution of food collected at your Harvest Thanksgiving Service. The Association is very grateful for your support on behalf of the families we work with.

Our Foodbank supports local families experiencing long-term financial difficulties caused by low income, bereavement, disability or mental or physical illness. We also provide food for those in financial crisis, in times such as benefit changes or disputes. Supporting families in this way contributes towards alleviating food poverty and also high levels of anxiety or stress.

We would not be able to support so many families without your assistance.

In addition, I am aware that you also provide food for our foodbank throughout the year, and this is much appreciated.