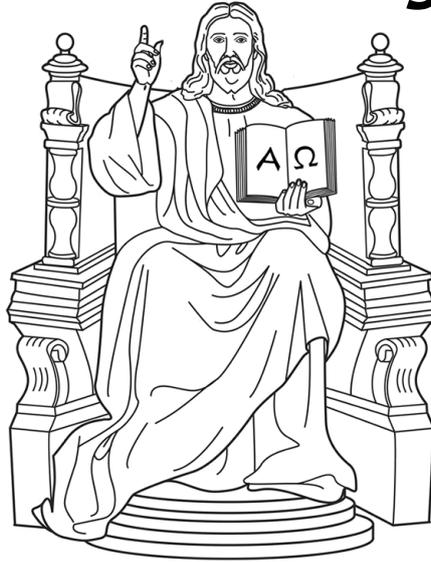


St. John's Carrington Parish Eucharist *Christ the King*



22nd November 2020

Welcome on behalf of the community of St. John's Church

St. John's seeks to be an inclusive church community where all are welcomed and valued, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, gender or sexuality.

This is a very unusual time for the Church where, once again, we can't physically be with one another and though the Eucharist will be offered for us all from inside the church.

As ever, wherever we are, as the Body of Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit we are united in fellowship with one another and with the whole company of heaven. As such, whether you are reading this on your own or following along on the live-stream we are delighted to welcome you.

The President and preacher is the Revd. James Pacey

HYMN

- 1 All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him, and rejoice.

- 2 The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

3 O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

4 For why? the Lord our God is good;
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

5 To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
the God whom heaven and earth adore,
from men and from the angel-host
be praise and glory evermore.

THE GATHERING AND WELCOME

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father,
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All **and also with you.**

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'
So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Cf. Matthew 4.17

All **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

THE GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Let us pray.

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.

All **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

¹¹ For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁰ Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

²³ I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND READING: Ephesians 1. 15-23

I 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 25.31-46

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

‘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.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

All **Praise to you, O Christ, for this your holy Gospel.**

THE SERMON

THE CREED

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS

The following response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy
All **Hear our prayer.**

After the names of the departed have been read out:

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord
All **and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

The prayers may conclude with:

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.
All **Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen**

Merciful Father,
All **accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son, our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

To crown all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts

cf Colossians 3.14,15

The peace of the Lord be always with you,
All **and also with you.**

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Blessed be God,
who enthrones us with Christ in the heavenly realms.
May we feed upon the bread of God
and drink the royal wine of heaven.

All **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (B)

The Lord be with you

All **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
For with the oil of gladness
you have anointed Christ the Lord, your only Son,
to be our great high priest and king of all creation.
As priest, he offered himself once for all upon the altar of the cross
and redeemed the human race by this perfect sacrifice of peace.
As king he claims dominion over all your creatures,
that he may bring before your infinite majesty
a kingdom of truth and life,
a kingdom of holiness and grace,
a kingdom of justice, love and peace.
And so with angels and archangels
and all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory
and join their unending hymn of praise:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,

these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

All **Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

With saints and martyrs through the ages,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,

All **We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

All **Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

The liturgy for spiritual communion:

In union, O Lord with the faithful at every altar of your Church,
where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated,
I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving.
I present to you my soul and body with the wish
that they may always be united to you.
And since I can not now receive you in this sacrament,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul.
Let nothing ever separate you from me.
May I live and die in your love. 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.**

NOTICES

Almighty God,

All **We give you thanks and praise for our life together.
Fill us all Good Lord, with your Spirit of Love
and as you have fed us with the bread of heaven,
so make us one in hearts and mind,
in Jesus Christ our lord. Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

THE BLESSING

Christ our exalted King pour upon you his abundant gifts
and bring you to reign with him in glory;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
✠ the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be upon you and remain with you always.

All **Amen**

All Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

HYMN

- 1 Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
Christ to the world with joy we bring;
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's true King.
- 2 King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;
kingship with him, his servants gain;
with Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.
- 3 Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth
this world of time to consecrate,
our world of sin by grace to heal,
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.
- 4 Prophets of Christ, we hear his Word;
he claims our minds, to search his ways;
he claims our lips, to speak his truth;
he claims our hearts, to sing his praise.
- 5 We are his Church, he makes us one;
here is one hearth for all to find;
here is one flock, one Shepherd-King;
here is one faith, one heart, one mind.

Do join us for coffee on Zoom at 11.30

NOTICES

James' Parish Days

This week are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Online Advent Calendar

In these strange times, more than ever we need to hold onto the promise of Emmanuel – 'God With Us.' As such, we are looking to produce an online Advent Calendar. Each day during Advent, we will, hopefully, be releasing short videos of members of the congregation and the wider community reflecting on what 'God is with us' means to them. It might be a reflection, a poem or a piece of music: whatever it means to you. If you fancy getting involved with this, send your videos as soon as possible to James: revjamespacey@gmail.com or alternatively use wetransfer.com

Toy Donations

We are teaming up with Sherwood Methodist to donate toys to 'Bags of Blessings' – scheme whereby people donate small gifts such as toys, games, hats, scarves which are collected then wrapped, put into gym bags and distributed to children and teenagers identified as likely to miss out on gifts at Christmas.

Items needed for teenagers in particular. As buying for teenagers can be tricky, it is now possible to donate gift vouchers from One4All for spending in various high street stores. The gifts cards can be purchased from the Post Office, Tesco and Morrisons or online <https://www.one4all.com/gift-cards-online.html> £10 minimum voucher. They can be placed in with other donations.

Other suggestions for teenagers are makeup, gift sets of toiletries, hats, gloves, scarves, books, pens, notebooks, chocolate and sweets. Donations of wrapping paper are welcome as well.

Between 14th and 25th November, do leave anything at the Vicarage and we'll ensure they are passed onto the charity.

Praying in lockdown

The Archbishops urging the entire country to pray, as we have already been doing, throughout this lockdown. They are suggesting we unite in prayer at 6pm. As we lean ever more on God's strength, I would encourage us as a church each day to be united in prayer by simply praying the Lord's Prayer or the Hail Mary. Knowing we are all united for a few precious moments will be a powerful and moving display of our unity despite our separation.

Food Bank

During the pandemic as we are restricted in our community activities and services we have decided to set up a temporary food bank. We would like to build up stocks

first. If you have any items for donations please leave them in the Vicarage porch.
Contact Susi on 07903 115327 if you have any questions.

Services and events this week

Monday 23rd November 6pm	Evening Prayer via Zoom
Tuesday 24th November 10am	Live-streamed Morning Prayer
Wednesday 25th November 10am 11am 6pm 7pm	Live-streamed midweek Eucharist Zoom coffee Evening Prayer via Zoom Bible Study
Thursday 26th November 10am	Live-streamed Morning Prayer
Friday 27th November 6pm	Evening Prayer via Zoom
Sunday 29th November 10.00 11.30am 7pm	Live-streamed Eucharist Zoom coffee Vestry Hour

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Pastoral letter from James

Dear friends,

As you may be aware if you were watching the service this morning, I announced that I will be leaving St. John's at the end of February, to take up the position of full-time chaplain at Nottingham University Hospitals.

This has not been an easy decision and it is with a certain amount of sorrow (and indeed guilt) that I leave St John's - especially in this continuing season of uncertainty.

I want you all to know that serving as your Vicar has been an enormous privilege and I remain grateful for all the times shared. As I said to the Bishop in my letter of resignation 'I struggle to think of a congregation made up of lovelier and more prayerful people.'

This is not goodbye (and certainly not for a few months), however I know this will come as a shock to many of you. My priority now is to work with the wardens and PCC to, as best as possible, prepare the church for the vacancy.

St. John's is bigger than one Vicar and far bigger than one person. Whatever happens after February, I am certain of one thing: St. John's will continue - and will continue to thrive because of the truth we all hold to: that God is with us. He is with us in our prayer, in our worship, in our actions and in our community.

For now though, our work and mission continues as we approach Advent and Christmas (and don't forget to send me your Advent videos!)

I would ask for your prayers for Rachael and myself as we prepare for the next step and please, as ever, be assured of my prayers for you.

With every blessing,

James