



**St Mary's**  
Denham

# The Parousia Weekly News Sheet

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2009

**Christ the King**

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A warm welcome to you all. If you are a newcomer or visitor please make yourself known to a sidesman or member of staff so that we can welcome you personally.

**Your sidesmen at 10.30 are:** Samantha Carter & Sharon Williams  
Adrian Hirst - Rector

## 'His kingdom will have no end.'

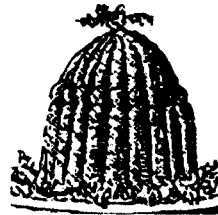
Today we are celebrating 'Christ the King' and in the reading from John at the 10.30am service, Pilate is questioning Jesus and asking him if he is really a king. Jesus tells him that he is right in saying that he is a king and that it was for that reason that he was born and came into the world, to testify to the truth.

There are many references in the Bible about the king who is coming and it is ironical that when he did come, he was not recognised by most people. Those who did recognise him and who followed him were sometimes extremely puzzled by what he said to them and by some of the things he did, but they usually ended up by declaring their belief in him.

Today is also 'Stir-up Sunday' and this always reminds me of making Christmas puddings and of getting different people to come and give the

mixture a good stir. I have heard it said that when the 'stir-up' collect was read in churches in the old days some ladies would get up and leave church to go home to make their puddings. What a picture this conjures up!

The collect asks that the will of the Lord's faithful people be stirred up so that they will bring forth the fruit of good works and may be plenteously rewarded by the Lord. We must all believe that his kingdom will indeed have no end.  
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# Worship Today

The Old Testament at 10.30

## Christ the King

8.00am Holy Communion  
St Mary's

Sidesman: Martin Owen

10.30am Morning Worship  
St Mary's

10.30am Sunday Club and Lazars  
Vestry

Sidesmen: Samantha Carter  
& Sharon Williams

Readings: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Old Testament:

Reader: Lily Carter

New Testament:

Reader: Barbara Randall

Intercessions: Carlene Litchmore  
6.30pm St Francis



Why not join us after the service in the  
vestry for a coffee and a chat!



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 thousands served him,  
and ten thousand times ten thousand  
stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,  
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.

## The New Testament Reading

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "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."



## Next Sunday

### 1<sup>st</sup> of Advent

**8.00am**            **Holy Communion**  
St Mary's

**Sidesman:**        Marian Gollop

**10.45am**            **Mattins**  
St Mary's

**10.45am**            **Sunday Club &**  
**Lazers. Vestry**

**Sidesmen:**        Gwen Shields  
Elizabeth Andrews

**Readers:** Stephanie Hilhouse  
& Robert Ash

**Intercessions:** Philip Thompson



**As you pray this week please  
remember .....**

▪ **Betty Sweeting**



And all those suffering the pain of  
bereavement, especially the  
family and friends of

- **Gordon Pusey**
- **Yvonne Smith**
- **Elizabeth Pritchard**

## Pews News

### Support a charity Christmas card

This year we are raising money for Macmillan nurses who give invaluable round the clock care, support and advice to people with cancer and patients with any terminal illness **both in hospital and at home.**

A small display outlining the work of **Macmillan Cancer Support** with helpful leaflets will be in the church foyer throughout the Christmas period *from Sunday 29 November* together with a donation box and a large Christmas card for you to sign.

**Foreign Coins for Christian Aid...**are being collected by Marion Frances. If you wish to donate any please give them to her by the end of the month.

### Advent House Groups

Please sign up for one of three groups meeting this Advent. Poster at back of church.

### 'The Making of Modern Britain'

You may be interested to know that on *Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November, 9pm*, BBC2, Savay Farm will be featured as part of Andrew Marr's series featuring archive material from the 1930's.

### Understanding Islam

A seminar at St James Church, Gerrards Cross, *Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> November, 9.30am-12.45pm*. Leaflets at the back of church.

## This Week

### Monday

- 8.00pm **Bible Study Group**  
St Francis

### Wednesday

- 7.30pm **Julian Group**  
52 Denham Green Cl
- 7.45pm **Advent Groups**

### Thursday

- 9.00am **Pastoral Care**  
Vestry
- 10.00am **Holy Communion**  
St Mary's

### Friday

- 9.00am **Prayer**  
Vestry

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### Next Week

All notices and rota changes to the Rectory by  
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Denham Guides, Brownies &  
Rainbows present...

*Frost Fair*

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November  
1.30pm-4.00pm

St Mark's Hall, Denham Green

Spin the wheel, Grand Raffle,  
Cakes, games, Tombola & more...