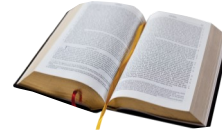


## This week's service

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

## This week's reading

Welcome to today's Holy Communion service with Rev Mike Firbank



Colossians 1:11-20

## A thought from Mike

This Sunday is traditionally called 'Christ the King' - as He is! The purpose of it is to get us ready for Advent. Advent gets ignored by too many Christians and that's a huge mistake. Also, you don't start a race by 'running'; you begin by warming up first. We need to take Advent seriously and we need to get 'warmed up' first. Let's do that together, this Sunday

## Prayer for the week

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

## New PCC member needed



Would you like to become more involved in how our church is run?

The PCC meets every other month from 7 - 9pm on a Wednesday evening.

We discuss topics such as the church building, finance, mission and resources and make decisions by approving proposals.

Would you prayerfully consider whether this is something that God is calling you to become involved in.

For more information please speak to Nigel.

## STIR UP SUNDAY

The last Sunday before Advent is 'Stir-up Sunday', the day when traditionally families gather together to prepare the Christmas pudding.



The day does not actually get its name from 'stirring the pudding': it gets its name from the Book of Common Prayer. The Collect of the Day for the last Sunday before Advent starts, "Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people".

However since Victorian times it has become associated with the family custom of preparing for Christmas together by making the Christmas pudding.

In a 2013 survey, two-thirds of British children reported that they had never experienced stirring the Christmas pudding, reflecting consumers' preference for ready-made puddings widely available in shops.

**Church diary for the next month**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November**  
**10am Coffee, Conversation and Company**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November**  
**10:45 Advent Sunday Service**  
 with Sandra O'Toole preaching

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December**  
**10:45 Holy Communion**  
 with Rev Mike Firbank

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December**  
**10:45 Morning Worship**  
 led by Nigel Worth  
 with Debbie Patrick preaching

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December**  
**4pm Carol Service**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December**  
**11.30pm Midnight Communion**  
 Joint service with Gresley at Hartshorne

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December**  
**10am Christmas Day**  
 Joint outdoor service at Gresley Church

**Cleaning Rota**



Please clean the church before the date marked.

Please swap with someone else on the rota if you cannot clean during your week.

**The toilets will be cleaned weekly by Sean & Sandra**

27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Nige & Deb
4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christine
11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Deb P & Alicia
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Jane
25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Bill
1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Brian Redfern
8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Val & Andy

**Coffee, Conversation and Company**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Goseley Community Centre**  
**10am - 12 noon**



- An opportunity**
- to chat
  - to meet friends
  - to ask questions
  - to pray
  - or simply to sit and rest

**This month's theme is The Beatitudes**

**ALL WELCOME**

**Mince pies needed!**

If you could buy a box of mince pies for our Carol Service that would be great.

Please bring them to church by Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December so that we can make sure we have enough to serve at the carol service the following week.

Thank you.



**Help needed!**

Now that winter is coming we need to be prepared for possible bad weather.

We would like to recruit a group of volunteers willing to help clear snow from the drive before a Sunday service if necessary.

- Do you live within walking distance of church?  
OR
- Do you have a 4-wheel drive vehicle and can safely drive to church in the snow?

Please have a word with Nigel to find out more.

