

This Weeks Notices

MELTHAM COMMUNITY CARD GROUP

We now have a selection of Christmas Cards for sale which can be seen in all of the Meltham churches and in our Meltham outlets. The cards can be purchased £3 for 10 Cards and are packed in various choices - Traditional/Modern/Mixed/Robins/Father Christmas/Christmas Choirs/Religious. We also have for sale individual Christmas cards suitable for family and friends at 50p each. The greeting words inside the cards can be seen on the back of the packets.

As well as the cards we have packets of Christmas tags which cost 50p per packet of 10.

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Please note we will not be meeting on the Fridays in November.

MELTHAM'S GOT TALENT COMPETITION

Any Talent – not just singing

CASH PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN AWAY

Please look out for Registration Forms in all the Meltham Schools,
the Crossroads Shop or ring Pam on
01484 349857 or 07761 393502

Details of entry are on these forms.
Auditions will be held in November in
St Bartholomew's Church

“CRISIS” COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 26th November

10.00 – 12.00

St James' Church, Meltham Mills

Stalls for this year include:

Burhouse Beads, Traditional sweets,
Crafts and gifts, Promise auction

Please support this event which raises money for the
“Crisis” charity which helps the homeless.

There will also be a stall selling Community cards
for the Welcome Centre and a stall raising funds
for Operation Christmas Child.

THE ADVENT SEQUENCE



In the Middle Ages, the Church kept Advent as a season of great solemnity - a time in which to meditate upon the ultimate issues of death, judgement, hell and heaven.

Advent, though, was also a time of great rejoicing. For Christ would come, not only as Judge, but also as Saviour, and would usher in the Kingdom of God. Advent, therefore,

provided a vivid preparation for Christmas. Processions from west to east, and the use of lights, spoke of the Church's hope in the coming of Christ - the Light of the world - to banish sin and darkness. Antiphons were sung, calling upon God to deliver his people, and readings from the Old Testament were seen as pointing to the fulfilment of God's purposes in Jesus.

This Service aims to recapture something of that Advent longing and hope. It begins in darkness with the Advent Responsory, in which Christ's coming is announced 'from afar'. The Blessing of Light follows, and, as the Service unfolds, the Light is carried to other parts of the Church as the Procession moves from west to east.

The remainder of the Service is structured around the great Advent Antiphons, known as the Great 'Os'. These were sung originally as Antiphons to the Magnificat at the Evening Office from 17th to 23rd December, and have provided a rich source of devotional imagery in Advent. The readings and music serve to complement the Antiphons, and help us reflect on the theme of the Christ who comes to judge and save his people. The Antiphons are gathered together in the final hymn, *O come, O come, Emmanuel*, which is sung as the procession withdraws. The Service ends in quietness, but in confident hope in the One who is to come. Even so come, Lord Jesus.



Welcome to Worship

Sunday, 20th November 2016

Feast of Christ the King

Clergy Contact Details

Revd Maureen Read: 01484 850050
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Parish Links

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Worship Today

11.15am

The Feast of Christ the King
Parish Communion -
Christ Church, Helme

Readings

Jeremiah 23: 1-6
Luke 23: 33-43

Parish Weekly Diary (Sunday 20.11.2016 - Sunday 27.11.2016)

Weekly Prayer Intention: The Lamb who was slain is worthy to receive strength and divinity, wisdom and power and honour: to him be glory and power for ever. Amen

Sunday: **The Feast of Christ the King**
11.15am - Parish Communion - Christ Church, Helme

Monday: 9.10am - Shop Prayers
 9.30am - Morning Prayer - Christ Church
 3.00pm - Evening Prayer - St Mary's

Tuesday: 9.30am - Morning Prayer - St Mary's
 10.00am - School visit from Year 1 Meltham C.of E. - St Bartholomew's
 3.00pm - Evening Prayer - Christ Church
 6.00pm - Baptism preparation - Christ Church
 7.30pm - Meltham Gilbert & Sullivan begins - Church Hall - Greens End Road

Wednesday: 9.00am - Holy Communion (BCP) - St Bartholomew's
 10.00am - MCT Prayers - Christ Church
 3.00pm - Evening Prayer - Vicarage
 7.00pm - Open Joint Deanery Meeting re Common Fund - Emmanuel Church, Shelley

Thursday: 9.30am - Morning Prayer - Vicarage
 3.00pm - Evening Prayer - St Bartholomew's
 7.30pm - MCT - Methodist Church

Friday: 10.30am - Coffee & Chat - St Bartholomew's
 12noon - Memorial Service & Interment for Mildred Peace - Christ Church

Saturday: 10.00am - Crisis Coffee Morning - St James
 10.00am - Open Church - St Bartholomew's
 7.30pm - Meltham Gilbert & Sullivan ends - Church Hall - Greens End Road

Sunday: **1st Sunday of Advent**
 9.30am - W4A - St Bartholomew's
 10.00am - Together at one table - St James
 11.15am - Baptism - Christ Church
 4.00pm - Parish Advent Sequence - Christ Church



Useful Information/Numbers:

MCT Prayer Chain - If you have prayer needs, however small or big, there is a prayer chain group, who operate in strict confidentiality, who await your requests.

Contact Revd Peter Rolls 01484 340342,
 Hester Deacon 01484 657069

Crossroads Centre - Citizen's Advice Bureau, Benefit's Advice, Debt Advice, Free Legal Advice, advice and support. The Centre is open weekdays 10.00am - 12.30pm. Call in or telephone: 01484 854400 to make an appointment.

Crossroads Foodbank - Helping people in need in Meltham for further information please ring the Crossroads Centre: 01484 854400 / 07958 217215, or the Welcome Centre: 01484 340034.

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GROWING YOUR Church

God of Mission
 Who alone brings growth to your Church,
 Send your Holy Spirit to give
 Vision to our planning,
 Wisdom to our actions,
 And power to our witness.
 Help our church to grow in numbers,
 In spiritual commitment to you,
 And in service to our local community
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen



**Posada comes to the
 Parish of Christ the King.**
**Please sign up in church if you would
 like to host the Holy Family
 for 24 hours.**