

The church is now open during the following times for supervised private prayer:

Sunday 12noon - 4.00pm

One of the clergy is usually available 10.15am - 12noon

Monday - Saturday 9.00am - 5.00pm

Please follow the directions on social-distancing, hygiene, direction of movement around the building, & seating.

The Parish Office will not be open until further notice.

To arrange Baptisms, Weddings, etc., please contact the clergy - details below.

All the clergy are available (by phone or email) and our details are as follows:

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Keep up to date with the latest Church news by looking at our parish website or at our Facebook pages, or find us on "A Church near You".

"Around the Spire" : The **November issue** is available in church and online; we are planning a "bumper edition" for Dec & Jan combined - see page 4!

Notes for next week's **Newsheet** should be sent to Fr Ian no later than Wednesday evening. (Contact address above.)

**The Parish Church of
St JAMES the APOSTLE**

&

St MARY MAGDALENE

Quedgeley & Kingsway Diocese of Gloucester



**Sunday 21st November -
The Feast of Christ the King**

10.30am: The Parish Eucharist

Cel: Fr Hugh

Pr: Fr Ian

Bible readings for today:

First Reading. Daniel 7. 9-10,13-14

Daniel has a vision of the heavenly coronation.

Reader: Andrew Wakely

Second Reading: .Revelation 1. 4 - 8

John attests that Jesus is one with the Father.

Reader: Una Steer

Alleluia:

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest

heaven.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel. John 18. 33 - 37

Pilate questions Jesus about his kingship.

Intercessions: led by Phillip Marume

Collect for Christ the King

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

Prayer after Communion

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

Hymns will be sung during our Eucharist today

54, 137, 408, 37, 104, 303

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

For the Feast of Christ the King

We pray for all those in positions of power, that they may govern with wisdom and integrity, serving the needs of their people.
May your reign come: Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the Church, the sign of your reign, that it may extend your welcome to people of every race and background.
May your kingdom come:

We pray for Christians of every denomination, that together we may come to understand the royal priesthood you bestowed on us in baptism.
May your dominion come:

We pray for those whose commitment to truth brings them into conflict with earthly powers, that they may have the courage to endure.
May your rule come:

We pray for our community of faith here at St James, that attentive to your word we may always worship in spirit and in truth.
May your reign come:

Loving God, you have taught us that the power of the heart is greater than the power of wealth and might. Hear us as we pray for the fulfilment of your reign. We ask this through Jesus Christ our King; to him be glory and power for ever.

Those who are ill: Fred & Barbara Ward, John Hall, Shirley Wilce, Rod Robinson, Jane & Doug Drakeley, Claudine Pratt, Wilf Holmes, Fr Gordon, Ian and Barbara Eve, June, Marie Spicer

Those who have died: Doris Mulrain, May Gamsby, Britt McIntyre

The cremated remains of the late **Pat Laubach**, formerly organist at St James, will be interred in our Garden of Remembrance on **Friday 10th December at 11.30am**. Pat's family ask that all those who would like to attend are welcome to do so.

Coffee will be served after the Sunday Eucharist.

Do please stay and join us & meet friends both old and new; fellowship after worship is an important part of our discipleship!

Worship in St James this week:

See details on page 3.

"Tea@2" on Wednesdays :

We will continue on Wednesday from 2pm to 4pm. until (and including) 8th Dec.

Jackie B. & Angie will be with us this week to sell their knitted goods, in addition to our usual activities.

Everyone is most welcome - it is good - and important - to meet together again socially after such a long time! We look forward to seeing you all again! Jackie H.

We are continuing to collect items in church for The Gloucester FoodBank, who have asked if we can help to build up their stocks in plenty of time before Christmas. There is a box in church for your gifts. Thank you for supporting this vital need. The Foodbank website, regularly updated, lists the items they are most in need of:

www.gloucester.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/

[donate-food](#)

A Date for your Diary / Calendar:

Saturday 4th December: A Festive Advent Coffee Morning, in church, from **10am - 1pm**. Featuring: Coffee (or Tea) & Mince Pies, Tombola, Raffle, Christmas Cards.

If you can lend a hand with the preparations or the clearing up afterwards, please talk to Lu, Jackie B. or Paul P.

Gifts of raffle prizes, bottles (wine? Sherry?), or mince pies, will be most welcome. But most all - please come along, and why not bring a friend too?

Looking further ahead - to Saturday 4th June -

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee - when we shall be holding a **Summer Fayre** in the church grounds. We shall need lots of volunteers to help on stalls, sell raffle tickets, serve refreshments, & anything else you can think of! Planning is well under way, so please put the date in your diaries now!

Worship at St James in the coming week

The Holy Eucharist on WEDNESDAY this week, 24th November, at 10am : St Clement of Rome, Bishop and Martyr.

10am Eucharist: Fr Ian
Philippians 3.17 - 4.3
Luke 14. 7 - 11

Sunday 28th November: 1st Sunday in Advent

10.30am Parish Eucharist

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Church Cleaning. This is presently carried out by a team of volunteers; thankfully, we have recently increased in number but *please* come and lend a hand - we need to keep the building clean for all those who come in during the week. Please contact Ann Bridges, who arranges the cleaners' rota. THANK YOU.

If you missed the boat with the Shoe Box Appeal this year and would like to help with a similar activity, Severn Vale School are taking part in the Salvation Army Gift Appeal, for which I have a list of recommended items. If you would like to know more, please contact me via email - address as on page 1.

A message from Angie Wright: "Knit & Natter"

Covid-permitting, we plan to meet again in the spring. In the mean time, feel free to raid our stock of wool and patterns stored in the boxes in church - you are most welcome! Looking forward to happier times ahead! Angie.

"Thought for the Week": Fr Hugh

Christ the King

Do you ever ask yourself this question – 'If only I could have that time again!' I guess we all do this from time to time as we all can see ways in which we could have done things better – but it is too late for that!

This Sunday, the Feast of Christ the King marks in effect the end of the church year as next Sunday, Advent Sunday is looking forward rather than backward.

Read if you will, read the Gospel reading for this Sunday –

St John ch 18 vv 33-37. This is a part of the account of the Trial of Jesus before Pontius Pilate. I do wonder if those first disciples of Jesus also wish they had done things differently? If only they could put the clock back!

So the church at this time does just this – as we look around us we can see new challenges all around us – so we should respond in a positive way, for the sake of our younger generations if not for ourselves. I sought to tackle this issue in the Around the Spire edition for October.

When I was a schoolboy I recall very vividly what the teachers had written about me in the school reports –

HUGH COULD DO BETTER

How I wish this were true!

Around the Spire

We plan to produce a "Bumper Edition" of "Around the Spire" to cover both December and January, but in order to achieve this target we shall need all the copy in by **20th November**. So, regular correspondents, please get those thinking caps on and don't delay!