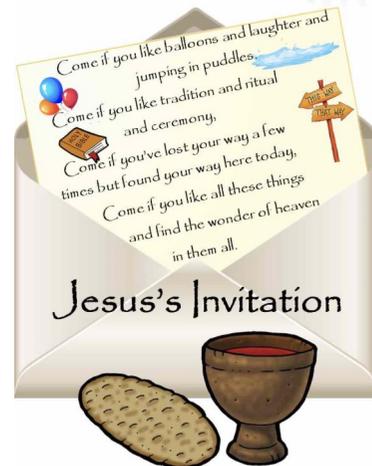


- **Worship for All:** Our morning service



next Sunday (Advent Sunday) invites us to take a fresh look at Jesus's invitation for us to share him in bread and wine. At the

start of a new Christian year, it is an opportunity for us all to reflect on the Holy Communion whatever our age or background. Activities and refreshments from 10:15; service at 10:45.



- **Hope Café:** The St Nicolas Church Café initiative begins on **1st**



December and will be open from **2:00—3:30pm** each **first Wednesday** of the month.

The café is for anyone at any stage on life's journey. It offers a safe space to come and appreciate the company of other people who have also experienced loss in their lives: a space to relax, chat, have a cuppa, eat cake

and listen to each other's stories and share experiences if you wish. Come as you are: there is no need to book in advance.

Services/Events coming up this week

Wednesday, 24th November: 9:30am—11:30am: Taplow Tots & Tea

12:30pm: Midweek Eucharist Service

7:30pm: Christ and the Chocolaterie (Session 5)

Friday, 26th November: 2:30pm—3:30 pm: Snic Snacks

Sunday, 28th November: 09:15— Choral Matins at St Anne's Church, Dropmore.

10:15 for 10:45—Worship for All service at St Nicolas Church preceded with refreshments and activities.

Further information on **St Nicolas Church Website:** <http://st-nicolas-taplow.org>

If you need to **contact the Vicar**, you can ring her on 01628 661182 or email her: janecresswell523@gmail.com

Notices in the Pew Leaflet: If you have a notice or news for the *Pew Leaflet*, please email it to [Jim Oliver \(oliverjim1@sky.com\)](mailto:oliverjim1@sky.com) by the end of the Wednesday preceding the Sunday

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Christ the King

Sunday, 21st November,



Open Hearts

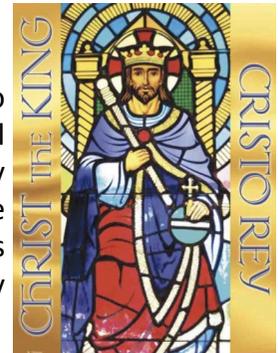
Open Minds

Open Doors

A warm welcome to you for this morning's Parish Communion service; especially to the family and friends of Elodie and Ethan who are to be baptised today. This service is being live-streamed; you are also able to access it later.

A Collect or Prayer for Today

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.



The First Reading: Revelation 1: 4-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Gospel Reading: John 18: 33-37

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."



Antem: *Let all mortal flesh keep silence* (French carol)
arr. Stephen Cleobury

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.
King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood;
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'nly food.
Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.
At His feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry:
"Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord Most High!"*

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.



News and Notices

- **Christmas Shopping!:** After the service this morning, you can visit the *north aisle Christmas stall* to buy Christmas Cards and a wide range of handcrafted items made from local wood and re-claimed timber. Ann King has very generously painted an image of the Oak and Saw for this year's new Christmas card, now on sale in aid of the church. A pack of 5 costs £3. There are also three new photo Christmas cards, showing two of our beautiful stained glass windows as well as the churchyard in the snow. These cost £5 for a pack of 10. All takings from the woodwork are for our church funds and some items are made from disused oak from within our church. This stall will be available for the next few Sundays—while stocks last! Card payments are encouraged.



- **Traidcraft:** We are delighted to announce that our monthly Traidcraft stall run by Pam Taylor will also be returning to the north aisle after the morning service on the first Sunday of each month starting on **Sunday, 5th December**. More information next week.
- **The Church Christmas Newsletters:** These are now ready! If you can, please collect a pack for delivery in your area, and sign up against your 'round' on the delivery list. Thank you. If you live outside the area, do take one for yourself.
- **A moment to pause before Advent begins...:** Next Saturday between 10:00am and 1pm, there is a wonderful opportunity to join an online retreat with poetry and Music organised by the Church Times in conjunction with the Canterbury Press. Tickets are £10 and the link to obtain them and find out more about it, is on our website.

