

## **Food Bank**

Now we are back in Church for our services, we have started collecting for the Food Bank. Remember the collection place is in the cupboard at the back of church for you to put your donations of food or money in. **The Foodbank warehouse currently need the following Biscuits, Tinned Fruit and Long Life Fruit Juice The food bank would prefer their regular donors to avoid giving beans if possible as they always receive plenty of these from supermarket donations. Please note that we are unable to take baby milk formula, but we can take baby food in tins or jars.**

Joan

## **Opening Church for Private Prayer**

Due to the Government's announcement, churches are to be closed for services for now, but can be open for Private Prayer. So with this, our church will be open for quiet, private prayer **on Sundays and Wednesdays from 10am to 11am.** If you have significant health problems or any concerns, our advice would be to stay safe and stay at home. But if you wish to come into church for prayer, we look forward to seeing you. Precautions including hand sanitiser, social distancing and a one-way route through the church will be in place for your safety, but also for the safety of our volunteers who will be waiting to welcome you.

**Rev Karen Brady**

**Colin Keam & Rosemary Lunt Churchwardens**

## **Operation Christmas Child**

A big, big **THANK YOU** to the people who did a box for Operation Christmas Child. A total of **27 boxes** went to Leigh, the collection point and **5** were done via the link on their website. So a grand total of **32 boxes** went from St Michaels.

**Wendy Sefton**

## **Prayers**

As it was announced in church last week, that Stan Sefton, one of our congregation is in Whiston Hospital. So please remember Stan in your prayers as he is recovering.

## **Information**

One of our congregation Tim Nickson has produced something on You Tube. Please support Tim and watch what he has done.

## **The link is**

<http://www.youtube.com/BACHBritishAutisticChef>

## **THANK YOU**

On behalf of myself and my family a huge and heartfelt thank you to my 'St Michaels Family' for your prayers, love, cards, messages, phone calls and support during the past sad and difficult weeks. All of it has helped so much. Thank you also to everyone who helped to make Ted's funeral something I will cherish for ever - special thanks to all who in this difficult time stood outside in the cold to pay your respects.

Bless you all  
Helen Owen



## **Parish Church of St Michael and All Angels Sunday 22nd November 2020 Christ the King**



Jesus said: "These [the goats] will depart into everlasting cutting-off, but the righteous ones [the sheep] into everlasting life."—Matthew 25:31-46.

## **Readings for Today**

**Ephesians 1: 15-23**

**Matthew 25: 31-46**

## **Reflection for this week's readings**

### **Reflection - Christ the King**

Read the two Bible passages on the next page. They both speak about Christ the King, but in very different ways.

In the first reading, Paul does not use the word 'King'. However, the words he uses to describe Jesus Christ's glory convey a picture of an all-powerful King. Reflect on Jesus in his heavenly glory, and pray a prayer of praise to him.

As we live in uncertain times, how can the reminder that Jesus is King over all things, reassure you today?

Our second reading is the parable of the sheep and the goats. In it Jesus the King separates the sheep from the goats on the basis of whether or not they

have helped other people. Think and pray about how you could help others during this time of lockdown.

Pray for those who are using their time and energy to help other people during the pandemic. Pray that our society would emerge from the restrictions more compassionate and caring for others.

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## Readings for today

### Ephesians 1: 15-23

<sup>15</sup> For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, <sup>16</sup> I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup> I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. <sup>18</sup> I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, <sup>19</sup> and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength <sup>20</sup> he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup> And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

### Matthew 25: 31-46

<sup>31</sup> "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. <sup>34</sup> "Then the King will say

to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, <sup>36</sup> I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. <sup>37</sup> "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? <sup>38</sup> When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' <sup>39</sup> "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' <sup>40</sup> "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>41</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>42</sup> I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.' <sup>43</sup> "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' <sup>44</sup> "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' <sup>45</sup> "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

## Fundraising

We are holding a 'Spirit Raffle' to raise funds towards the running of the church. Tickets are **£5** and will be on sale after the 10.00am service in the Meeting Room. The draw will take place after the 10.00am service on **Sunday 29th November**.

Jars of marmalade (orange and lemon) and chutney will be on sale in the meeting room from **Sunday 22nd November**. Jars are individually priced.

There will be a Christmas Raffle in aid of Church Funds. This will run from 6th December and will be drawn on 20th December. Ticket prices will be **£1**. If can donate any prizes see **Rosemary Lunt or Barbara Houghton**.

Can you please let us know what fundraising events you would like us to do to raise funds for the church.



Robbie Littler's group VML, is holding a virtual concert in aid of Church Funds. The only way you will be able to watch the concert, is by buying an access ticket online which the suggested price is a donation of **£6** (which includes a raffle ticket), but if you want to you could round it up to **£10**

and let Robbie know if you want to gift aid the money. He will then email you with the code to access the concert.

He is also on the look out for raffle prizes, so if you can donate any prizes can you please leave them in the Meeting Room and a note with Robbie's name on.

THANKS Robbie

## Easyfundraising

Its getting near to that time of the year when we are thinking of buying Christmas presents. If you buy from companies like Boots, PC World, Amazon, Lakeland, but to name a few, please go to the Easyfundraising website and register. The website is [https:// www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causesstmichaelallangelschurchrunco rn/](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causesstmichaelallangelschurchrunco rn/) All you need to do when you have registered is, to go to the website and find the company you are buying from. That company will then donate a percentage back to St Michael's. If you have already registered and not used the site for a while please go through easyfundraising. If you want anymore information about this please see Brian Lunt or Colin Keam and they can explain the process.

## CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

It will not be possible to count the money in collecting boxes this year. However, there will be Christingle (Children's Society) envelopes available in church for you to make your annual contribution. These envelopes are on the table at the back of church near to the door. The Children's Society does excellent work in helping vulnerable teenagers