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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING
Thirty-Fourth & Last Sunday in Ordinary Time
23rd November 2008

Sunday Worship

Sat. 22nd Nov 6.00pm 1st Mass of Sunday in Wells (Deceased of Vickers family)
 Sun 23rd Nov 9.00am Solemn Mass in Wells (Pro Populo)
 11.00am Sung Mass in Shepton.
6.00pm Solemn Vespers and Benediction in Wells

Confessions *The holy Sacrament of Reconciliation is normally celebrated on*

Saturdays from Noon to 12.30pm in Shepton and from 5.00pm to 5.30pm in Wells. No confessions on Bazaar Saturday at either end!!!

Next Week – Advent I (Year B) 1st Sunday of the Church Year

Sat. 29nd Nov 6.00pm 1st Mass of Sunday in Wells ()
 Sun 30th Nov 9.00am Solemn Mass in Wells (Joanna Izatt RIP)
 11.00am Sung Mass in Shepton (Pro Populo)

Weekday Worship in Wells

Mon 24th Nov The Martyrs of Vietnam, St. Andrew Dung-Lac & his companions
 9.30am Liturgy of the Word and HC in Wells
 Tue 25th Nov St Catherine of Alexandria
 9.30am Liturgy of the Word and HC in Wells
 Wed 26th Nov Feria
 9.30am Mass in Wells (Josephine Cavanagh)
 Thu 27th Nov Feria
 9.30am Liturgy of the Word and HC at Wells
7pm Mass in the Extra-ordinary Form (Tim Gudgin)
 Fri 28th Nov Feria
 9.30am Mass (Josephine Cavanagh) at Wells
 Sat 29th Nov Feria
8.00am Bazaar Mass (God's blessing on our endeavours) at Wells

NEWSLETTER Please e-mail items to the Office or drop it into the presbytery or newsletter pigeonhole by midday WEDNESDAY for inclusion in the following edition. Please include a contact name and number with the item. Thank you.

The Diocesan Prayer Link this week is with the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes, Weston –super-Mare.

There is a second collection this weekend for THE CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE. Last week's collection for the Fabric Fund raised £145.

9.00AM SUNDAY MASS MUSIC

<i>Hymns</i>		<i>Mass setting:</i>	
Opening hymn	113	Kyrie	Said
Psalm hymn	699	Gloria	406
Presentation	187	Gospel Accl	412
Communion	108	Sanctus	428
Final hymn	239	Memorial Accl	431
		Agnus Dei	452

REST IN PEACE Millicent James (2001), Giovanni Gianetti (2002), Gerald Murray (1985), Timothy Roche (1986), Lettice Shillingford (1988), David Smith (2000), Mary Stimpson (1997), Edward Disney (2003) *Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis. Requiescant in pace.*

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LITURGICAL DIARIES FOR 2009 have arrived and are on sale in the porch. The diary is priced at £5.99. Please put payment in the marked box. Parish pocket diaries have been ordered and we hope they will arrive soon.

Weekday Worship in Shepton

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1ST CONFESSION & HOLY COMMUNION 2009 Our Celebration of First Holy Communion will be on Corpus Christi Sunday 14th June 2009. Children in Year 3 may apply (or parents may apply) using a form available from the Parish Office. The course will start in January and there will be sessions for parents as well as for children. First Reconciliation (Confession or Penance) will be in Lent.

ADVENT GOSPEL ENQUIRY: Everyone is invited to come along to the Upper Room **this Thursday**, 27 November at 7.30pm in the Church's Upper Room. The aim of these sessions is to share ideas on the Gospel for the coming Sunday in an informal yet structured way. A different person leads the discussion each week (but no pressure is put on people to do this!) We shall be using Fr Nicholas King's lively translation and commentary. Photocopies will be provided.

IGNATIAN PRAYER FOR ADVENT: At St Mary's, Glastonbury in the Lower Hall. Thursdays at 2.30pm, starting 27 November. 'Each week we meet for silent prayer on the next Sunday's Gospel, entering into the Gospel scene to listen to what God has to say to us in our lives now.'

'PAINT IT PINK' At Shepton on Gaudete Sunday, 14 December, Mass (as here) will be in joyful pink – not only the vestments but the congregation too. Afterwards everyone is invited to a Get Together with a pink theme in the Parish Room. A Bring and Buy will include gifts for Christmas plus jams and chutneys, light refreshments and a raffle. There is a **Pink Quiz** on sale now for just £1. A 2Gb MP3 player (pink of course) is the prize for the winner on the day. Fr Philip encourages Wells parishioners to support this rosy event just as he encourages Shepton parishioners to support the Wells bazaar

DAY OF PRAYER: The Coming of God: Saturday 6th December, 10am to 4pm, Poor Clare Convent, Woodchester, Stroud. £5 Donation. Details on the Spiritual Development board .

QUIET DAY: Friday 5th December at Ammerdown, 10am to 4pm, led by Sr Theresa Kennedy, a trained spiritual director & member of the Anglican Community of St Denys. Cost £30 including lunch. Phone 01761 433709 for further details and booking or see poster on Spiritual Development noticeboard.

"LIGHT UP A LIFE" SERVICE : organized in connection with St Margaret Hospice, this service will be held at our church, Wednesday 10 December at 7pm.

All welcome



SOLEMN 2ND VESPERS & BENEDICTION FOR CHRIST THE KING

It is often said that Catholics believe in Mass with everything! This, of course, is not true. The office of Evening Prayer or Vespers is prayed everyday as part of the Divine Office of the Church [also called the Liturgy of the Hours]. Anglican Evensong is a conflation of Vespers and Compline.

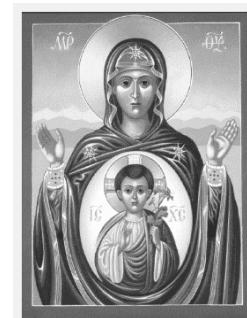
For us Catholics, the orderly recitation of the Psalter leads to a short passage of Scripture, the Magnificat of Our Lady and a few intercessions. For Sundays and Solemnities Vespers occurs twice

on the same day, because it starts the night before. Do come and experience this quieter form of prayer. We shall conclude our celebration of Christ's universal kingship with adoration of Him directly in the Blessed Sacrament and finally we shall receive His personal blessing in Benediction.

ROTAS All parishioners who kindly assist the Church Community by volunteering for refreshment and welcoming duties, cleaning and flowers, reading and other things are reminded that the rotas are all on notice boards. Because of the vagaries of all our lives, these rotas are subject to change and alteration. Once again, a big thank you to all our volunteers!

ADVENT SERVICE: A sequence of music and readings with the aid of the Beaumont Singers, Tuesday 9 December 7.30pm in church - Not a concert, but an opportunity to ponder in words and music some of the themes of Advent -Including the Great O Antiphons, such a feature of Late Advent in Catholic England. Today, most of us know them only as the verses of the hymn "O Come, O come, Emmanuel", but they were solemnly sung as the verses before and after the Magnificat at Vespers, leading up to Christmass.

MESSA IN LINGUA ITALIA Secondo la sua promessa, il parroco celebrerà la Santa Messa in lingua Italiana alle 7.30pm, la sera della solennità dell'Immacolata Concezione di Maria santissima, 8 Dicembre 2008. Mass in Italian 7.30pm 8th December, Solemnity of Mary's Immaculate Conception.





**TO PONDER OVER AT HOME
DURING THE WEEK- Matthew**

25:31-46 "When the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the

goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee, or naked and clothe thee? And when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to thee?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

- Do I really feel that I share in the Kingship of Jesus Christ? How do I exercise this gift in respect of those in need?

"CALLED TO BE A PEOPLE OF HOPE" Bishop Declan presents his pastoral guidelines in November in locations throughout the diocese. *Parishioners Dereck Titchen and Connie Lane attended the meeting and liturgy at Salisbury last Saturday and returned feeling very inspired – do ask them about it!* The final dates are: Friday 28th at 7pm at Holy Rood, Swindon SN1 2LU Saturday 29th at 10.30am at St George, Taunton TA1 3NN.

This will now be the very last call
Requesting items for the Christmas Gifts Stall.
So bring them along, don't leave us in the lurch,
As everything sold will benefit your Church!

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Please note that this is the last Sunday before the Parish Bazaar on Saturday 29th November. The event is just ONE week away. The boxes are still in place in the Narthex. We need everything from gifts, jewelry, jams & preserves and **most importantly, bottles**. The bottle stalls need anything from ketchup to champagne as long as it is in a bottle! Also, if you are available to help with the event and particularly to help tidy up afterwards then please speak to Andy Phillips or ring him on 672104.

WINTER REMINDER TO BE CAREFUL TO TAKE YOUR OWN BROLLY HOME Would the person who took Nell Atkins' umbrella (plain wood handle and Black Watch tartan) after 9.00am Mass last Sunday please return it as soon as possible. It is not just any old umbrella to its owner but has great sentimental value.

ADVENT PRAYER "Prayer Otherwise - many ways to pray" at St Michael's Church Park Road, Shepton Mallet on Sunday 30th November 1.00pm – 5.00pm. Come when you can, leave when you have to. This is an opportunity to pray in many different ways, both old and new. Pray with Scripture – Pray through creative art – Pray with music - Pray with clay – Pray through meditation – various other ways which can lead to a deeper discovery of God. **Prepare for Christmas!**

COFFEE MORNING: Dorothy Jamal invites us to her home, Vespers, Tor Street, on Wednesday 4 December 10am – noon. The proceeds will go to a charity which supports schools and clinics in Bethlehem, Ramallah and Gaza.

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN WELLS Fr Philip and 8 parishioners attended evening worship at the Methodist Church last Sunday evening. The address for Prisons Week was given by the Shepton Mallet senior chaplain. Before expounding the Scriptures, he told us about his work at Shepton Prison, a category C facility for male life term prisoners. A leaflet called 'Worthless' is now in the vestibule with suggestions for your prayers for all prisoners and those

involved in their care. In this Year of St Paul we might recall how he too was imprisoned, as were countless others, for Christ's sake. Saints and sinners.....
Pat Gray