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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING
Sunday XXXIV in Ordinary Time

Sunday and Weekday Worship in Wells

Sat 21st Nov 6.00pm Vigil Mass
 Sun 22nd Nov 9.00am Solemn Mass
4.00pm Vespers & Benediction
 Mon 23rd Nov Feria of Week 34!
5.00pm Mass ()
 Tue 24th Nov The Martyrs of Vietnam
5.00pm Mass ()
 Wed 25th Nov St Catherine of Alexandria
5.00pm Mass ()
 Thu 26th Nov Feria
5.00pm Mass ()
 Fri 27th Nov Feria
5.00pm Mass ()
 7.00pm Mass in the Extra-ordinary Form
 Sat 28th Nov Our Lady on Saturday
8.00am Mass (God's blessing on our Bazaar)

Next Week: ADVENT I – NEW LITURGICAL YEAR – CYCLE C OF THE LECTIONARY
 Sat 28th Nov 6.00pm Vigil Mass
 Sun 29th Nov 9.00am Solemn Mass
4.00pm Vespers & Benediction

Confessions Normally, the holy Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated on Saturdays, Noon to 12.30pm in Shepton and from 5.00pm to 5.30pm in Wells. Do ring and check

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO WEEK DAY MASS TIMES ABOVE!

Last weekend's collection for the Fabric Fund raised £106.44.

This weekend is designated NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY. There is a second collection for the Catholic Youth Service

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME Millicent James (2001), Giovanni Gianetti (2002), Gerald Murray (1985), Timothy Roche (1986), Lettice Shillingford (1988), David Smith (2000), Jean White (2008) *Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.* May the Lord grant them eternal rest and light.

NEW TO THE PARISH? You are very welcome. Please make yourself known, and, if you are attending the 9am Mass, do please join us for coffee afterwards. It would be helpful to us if you would fill in one of the yellow registration forms in the porch

Worship in Shepton

Sun 22nd Nov **Christ the Universal King**
 11.00am Mass ()
 6.30pm Mass at All Hallows' Prep School, ()
 Mon 23rd Nov **St Clement of Rome**
 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC
 Tue 24th Nov **The Martyrs of Vietnam**
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 Thu 26th Nov **Feria of Week 34!**
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 Sat 28th Nov **Our Lady on Saturday**
 Confessions
 Sun 29th Nov **Advent I (Year C)**
11.00am Mass () & Parish General Meeting
 6.30pm Mass at All Hallows' Prep School, ()

PRACTICAL MINISTRIES - ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEK

CLEANING	COFFEE	FLOWERS	WELCOMING
Helen Phillips, Angelina Raso, Katri Healy	Jean Rowland & Peggy McDonald	No flowers during Advent	6pm Helen Cox 9am Anne Beechey

9.00AM SUNDAY MASS MUSIC

Hymns	Mass setting: see separate sheet
Opening hymn 113	Organ voluntary:
Presentation 326	
Communion 559	
Recessional 187	



MINISTERS OF COMMUNION Please look in your pigeonholes for the new rota. The advice from Bishop Declan continues to be that we have Communion should be under one kind. This means that we require the services of only one Extra-Ordinary Minister of Communion at 9.00am (Clergy are the Ordinary Ministers).

TO PONDER OVER DURING THE WEEK – John 18:33-37



entered the praetorium again and called Jesus, and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me; what have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingship is not of this world; if my kingship were of this world, my servants would fight, that I might not be handed over to the Jews; but my kingship is not from the world." Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Every one who is of the truth hears my voice."

Question of the week: Is Jesus Lord in my life? If not, how can I make Him so?

ADVENT GOSPEL ENQUIRY Our first session will be next Tuesday, 23 November at 7.30pm in the side chapel/transept. We shall be reflecting on the Gospel for the First Sunday of Advent : Luke 21, 25-28; 34-36. You can either bring your Missal or use one of the photocopied sheets which will be available. Anyone can come and learn more! It is not necessary to come to all 4 sessions. Just try one and see how you like it! The emphasis is on sharing thoughts and on learning a little about the context in which the Gospel was written. A different person leads each session.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD The rota for Advent is in pigeonholes. I apologise for the short notice and for not having consulted people about availability, so please swap if necessary! Please let me know when you are available to read over Christmass and in January and February. This can be done by email (ssjosephtheresa@clifftondiocese.com) or by signing the sheet on the Liturgy notice board. *Barbara Lewis*

BIDDING PRAYER ROTA Please would writers of Bidding Prayers please collect the new rota from the pigeonholes.

PIGEONHOLES IN CHURCH PORCH Please would **EVERYONE** look in their pigeonhole and see if there is anything for them. And if you see something for someone you see regularly but who isn't at Mass please would you take it for them. We must clear the pigeonholes before the Christmas card rush!

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY		
Tue 24 th Nov	7.30pm Church	Advent Gospel Enquiry
Wed 25 th Nov	Seager Hall 9am – noon	Ecumenical Moming of Prayer
Wed 25 th Nov	Seager Hall 7.45 for 8pm	Ecumenical 'Bring and Share' social evening
Sat 28 th Nov	Town Hall 9.30am	Christmas Bazaar
Sun 29 th Nov	Wells United Reform Church 10.30am	"Light Up A Life" Service for St Margaret's Hospice
Tue 1 st Dec	St Mary's, Glastonbury, 7.00pm	"Light Up A Life" Service for St Margaret's Hospice
Sat 5 th Dec	Woodchester Convent	Mary, Woman of Hope: A Day of Prayer
Sat 12 Dec	Stoberry House, Wells 7.30pm	'A musical evening of Christmas Merriment' in aid of St Margaret's Hospice
Tue 18 th May	7pm St Mary's Glastonbury	Deanery Confirmation Mass

CELEBRATION OF THE WOMEN IN OUR PARISH! This is to be held on Wednesday 9th December at 7.30pm. A short liturgy followed by a buffet supper which will be organised by the men!

NOVEMBER ENVELOPES If you would like the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered this November for departed loved ones, please fill in the usual envelope by the door and give it the to Parish Priest or to Fr McAuley. We apologise for not having special envelopes this year.

CALLING OUR BAND OF CHURCH CLEANERS! Please do **not** use polish on the newly renovated church pews, as they have already been treated. In case there is any confusion over dates for duty, the date given on your rota is for the Saturday starting the week, and ideally the church should be cleaned as early as possible after the Sunday services, so the church is in good order for the remainder of the week.

CHOIR PRACTICE We shall meet in the church this Thursday at 7pm. **New choir members are very welcome.** Please speak to Fr Philip or Ruth Hudson.

PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Wells Town Hall

Next Saturday 28th November 9.30am – 2.30pm

*A wide variety of stalls: cakes, preserves, craft,
books, jewellery*

Children's games

Delicious lunches, mulled wine, tea & coffee,

Raffles and tombola,

*Thrilling Grand Draw and Silent Auction and
lots, lots more*

Come along next Saturday and bring your friends!

This great annual event is a wonderful social occasion
and our major fundraising event of the year!

THE LAST WEEKEND BEFORE THE BAZAAR Please hand in all Grand Draw ticket money and stubs. If you do forget, kindly bring them along as early as possible on the day of the Bazaar.



ATTENTION TRADCRAFT FANS There are still 2 opportunities for you to support producers in developing countries trade their way out of poverty by buying Traidcraft goods. We will again have a very fun stall at the Bazaar with a choice of Christmass gifts and ornaments as well as truly beautiful Sweets for your Sweeties. Then for those of us who are busy running stalls or running around, there will be a regular December Traidcraft stall on the weekend of 12/13 December for your last chance to stock up on all those essentials before Christmas. Thank you for all your support. *Sharon Haigh, Fairtrader.*

FROM THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY TEAM As part of the Children's Liturgy through Advent we shall be telling the children about the Nativity which includes of course homelessness, new babies, journeys and how lucky we are to be part of God's family. We have decided to do as we did last year and support a local group which works with local homeless young people. They have asked for CHOCOLATE, lots and lots of chocolate to give to these youngsters. There will be a box in the vestibule until Sunday 20th December. Please help us to fill it !!

RE –STRUCTURING OF THE DIOCESE As was reported and discussed at the Parish Assembly, a diocesan working party has recommended that the parishes of Wells and Cheddar be paired. The full report is available at <http://www.cliftondiocese.com/assets/files/pdf/2009/october/DraftReport28Oct2009.pdf>. Fr Philip has written to Fr Tibor, parish priest of Cheddar, to express our favourable response to this proposal.

PARISH DIARIES have arrived! Please put a donation of £1 in the marked box by the front door. A few Liturgical Yearbooks remain to be sold, price £5.99.

CHRISTIANS WORKING TOGETHER IN WELLS This Wednesday 25th November 9-12noon there will be a morning of ecumenical prayer at Seager Hall. In the evening at 7.45 for 8pm there will be bring and share social evening, also at the Seager Hall. Help with setting up at 7.30pm would be much appreciated and with clearing-up afterwards.

PARISH PASTORAL PLANNING The Pastoral Council met on Thursday to decide on the first areas of parish life we should focus on as part of our response to "Called to Be a People of Hope". We also took into account replies to the recent questionnaire. The areas we have decided to focus on are: **Liturgical Prayer, Youth and RCIA.** We shall meet again in January to start to discuss ideas. If anyone has any suggestions they would like to make, please speak to Fr Philip or any member of the Pastoral Council - or write to/email the secretary, Barbara Lewis.

CONFIRMATION 2010 Calling all our younger teenagers! If you will be 14 (or almost) by Tuesday 18th May, you are eligible for Confirmation. This Sacrament completes Initiation and makes a person strong/firm in the faith by the gift of the Holy Spirit and conforms them more closely to Christ. We shall be sharing preparation with St Michael's in Shepton. Bishop Declan will celebrate a Deanery Confirmation Mass on Tuesday 18th May in St Mary's, Glastonbury. Older candidates should not exclude themselves either!! Candidates need to speak to Fr. Philip about this.



LOOK OUT FOR AVDVENT SERIES! 4 articles on Christmass in other countries (Poland, Sweden, Czech Republic & Spain)