

The Parish Church of St. James, Briercliffe

Worship at Home

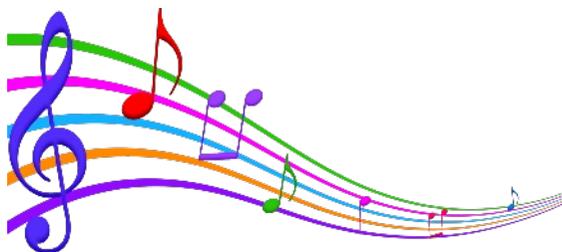
Sunday 22nd November 2020

Christ the King



St Cecilia

(Patron Saint of Music)



A Prayer for a New Vicar

Heavenly Father, we pray for the guidance of your Holy Spirit as we prepare for the appointment of a new Vicar to serve this parish. We pray for our Parish Representatives and all who will be involved and that a candidate may come forward who will be a blessing to us and to this community. Amen.

The Collect

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.

A Reading

Psalm 150

- 1 Alleluia. O praise God in his holiness; •
praise him in the firmament of his power.
- 2 Praise him for his mighty acts; •
praise him according to his excellent greatness. •
- 3 Praise him with the blast of the trumpet; •
praise him upon the harp and lyre.
- 4 Praise him with timbrel and dances; •
praise him upon the strings and pipe.
- 5 Praise him with ringing cymbals; •
praise him upon the clashing cymbals.
- 6 Let everything that has breath •
praise the Lord. Alleluia.



The Gospel Reading

Matthew 25: 31-end

Jesus said to his disciples: ³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you

sick or in prison and visited you?”⁴⁰And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, “You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.”⁴⁴Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?”⁴⁵Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.”⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

Prayers of Intercession

In our Parish, we pray for:

Those who are ill at this time and all those who have the care of them:
Lindsay, Christine, Dave, Jeff, Mark, Diana, Maureen, Samantha, Sheila,
Baby Sierra, Barbara, Audrey, Asha, Jean

For all the recently departed, including:
Sheila Howarth, Jack Stuttard, Carol Turner, Paul Weatherhead
and all those who mourn them.

And for all those whose anniversary occurs at this time, including:
Bruce Cottam, Sylvia Sutcliffe, Nora Walsh,

All the Businesses and Employees on the Industrial Estates off Eastern Avenue,
The Staff and Pupils of Sir John Thursby Community College and Ridgewood Community
High School.



The Rainbow Prayer

Father God, the rainbow you created is a sign of hope at this time of uncertainty. Like its colours we pray that we, in all shades of difference, may come together as one family of faith to love and support each other through these times of anxiety and distress. Stay by our side and bring us safely to the beginning of each new day. **Amen.**

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Joining with Christians throughout the world, we pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven

Amen.

The Grace

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Notices

Stewardship 2021

Another year is coming to a close and it is nearly time to issue the new boxes of stewardship giving envelopes. We are trying to get as many people on to giving by bank standing order wherever possible so as not to handle a lot of cash especially in this current coronavirus situation. Can you please let us know as soon as possible which form of giving you would like. Andrea and Barbara, part of our Finance Team, are there to assist you in completing the bank forms if needed.

Thank you as always for supporting the work of St. James' Church.

Christmas Craft Stall

A range of wonderful handmade Christmas-themed items will be available to buy at each service between December 6th and Christmas Day. The stall will be staffed by volunteers who will be responsible for carefully maintaining health and safety protocols. Our Contactless Card Machine will be available for you to make cash-free payments if preferred.

Burnley Food Bank

Donations can be left at The Spar Shop
146 Burnley Road, Harle Syke



The December issue of Outlook, our monthly newsletter, will be available on the website and in church from Advent Sunday.

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