

POCKLINGTON GROUP OF CHURCHES

Burnby, St Giles; Givendale, St Ethelburga; Hayton, St Martin; Huggate, St Mary;
Londesborough, All Saints; Millington, St Margaret; Nunburnholme, St James;
Pocklington, All Saints; Shiptonthorpe, All Saints

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BULLETIN

22 November 2020, Christ the King

Public Worship across the Group

All public worship in our churches will be suspended for at least the remainder of this month. Due to the current lockdown, we are not meeting in person this week. The service is being recorded, but you will also be able to watch this service live using Zoom. To join with your computer, please use this link:

Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/92053607171?pwd=ekliaDU1YytLWEMwampMjY0ZkkzUT09>

Meeting ID: 920 5360 7171; **Password:** 306969

You may also join by phone by dialling any of the following numbers:

0330 088 5830; 0131 460 1196; 0203 481 5237; 0203 481 5240;
0203 901 7895; 0208 080 6591; 0208 080 6592

The service will then prompt you to enter the meeting ID, which is **920 5360 7171**. Enter that number, followed by the # key. Next, it will ask you for a password, which is **306969**. Again, enter that number, followed by the # key.

The service will be available to join on Zoom from 10.30am. Additionally, we will leave the broadcast running after the service so that you can enjoy a virtual 'coffee and chat' with others.



**Please send any items for the December magazine to
the church office by Monday 23rd November.**

Subject to all the necessary Health and Safety Guidelines,
Churches may open for private prayer only. More information
about individual churches can be found on the Group website at:
<https://www.pocklingtongroupofchurches.org>

Burnby St Giles	St Giles - open for private prayer. To arrange for this, please contact Julia or Chris Soukup on 01759 306154 / 07774 898796.
Great Givendale St Ethelburga	Our church building is open 10am - 5pm every day for private prayer.
Hayton St Martin	
Huggate St Mary	Church is open on a daily basis for private prayer.
Londesborough All Saints	Our regular opening of church for visitors on Wednesdays has now ceased until the Spring.
Millington St Margaret	Open for private prayer every day with all necessary arrangements in place.
Nunburnholme St James	
Pocklington All Saints	Church open, for private prayer only, Tuesdays from 10am-midday.
Shiptonthorpe All Saints	Our church building is open for private prayer from midday to 4pm every Wednesday.

Services – as indicated above, there will be no services in church until December.

Unlikely guests at the King's table by Rodney Nicholson

We only know two things about him. He was crippled in both feet but, later in life, he was a permanent guest at the royal table. Mephibosheth probably endured constant insults, as happens to disabled people, like Rosie Jones, a comedian who suffers from cerebral palsy. She was a panellist on BBC Question Time a week ago. Confined to a wheelchair and with speech difficulties, she said, "I get abuse on a daily basis. I am not alone in that." But things had improved, she acknowledged, since the Disability Discrimination Act, which was introduced 25 years ago.

Mephibosheth's fortunes improved when King David, wanting to do good to the house of Saul, was told, or reminded, of the cripple's existence. He was a son of David's dear friend, Jonathan, on whose death, David had written:

"You were very dear to me; your love for me was wonderful, more wonderful than that of women." *2 Samuel 1: 26*

So, for the rest of his life, Mephibosheth was to dine with the king and his family and guests.

We mark Christ the King Sunday, a celebration which began in the Roman Catholic Church but now is observed ecumenically. Pope Pius XI instituted it in 1925 to make the point, in the face of hostile movements across Europe, that the world's sovereignty belongs to Christ alone. It's a rather comforting thought that, just as David, the greatest king before Christ, invited Mephibosheth to his banquet, so Christ the King would include all who have been downtrodden in the world, such as Rosie and the many like her. And, by grace, all of us may dine there too.

Danielle, in my last parish, had a mental age of two and could not speak. Frustrated, she would wreck her two elder sisters' possessions and indeed made it impossible for them to have a Christmas tree downstairs. She did, however, take to the church,

where she was welcomed, and she liked the music. At my request, the bishop was happy to confirm her. Eventually she had to live in care, just coming home for the weekend. Shortly before I retired, one of her sisters, a teacher, came to book her wedding. "I have one condition, though," Adele said. "I want Danielle to be my chief bridesmaid." "Gladly," I replied. "That's wonderful." All went well. I think of Danielle taking her rightful place on Christ the King Sunday.

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The Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Psalm 29.9b,10

Now have come the salvation and the power
and the kingdom of our God
and the authority of his Christ.

Revelation 12.10

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.

Matthew 28.18,19

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