

# Your Word of the Week

24<sup>th</sup> November 2024, Christ the King



Christ Church  
Wheelock

St Michaels  
Crewe Green



St Matthews  
Haslington

9.30 am	St Matthew's	Morning Prayer	Rev Jane
10.45 am	Christ Church	Family Service	Anne
11.00 am	St Michael & All Angels	Holy Communion	Rev Jane
4.30 pm	Christ Church	Evening Prayer	Rev Jane

## The Gospel Reading, John 18:33-37

<sup>33</sup> Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' <sup>35</sup> Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' <sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' <sup>37</sup> Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

## Epistle reading, Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup> Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup> 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

## Old Testament reading, Daniel 7:9-10 (This reading is continued over the page)

<sup>9</sup> As I watched,  
thrones were set in place,  
and an Ancient One<sup>[a]</sup> took his throne;  
his clothing was white as snow,  
and the hair of his head like pure wool;  
his throne was fiery flames,  
and its wheels were burning fire.

<sup>10</sup> A stream of fire issued  
and flowed out from his presence.  
A thousand thousand served him,  
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.  
The court sat in judgement,  
and the books were opened.

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## Collect for the day, Old Testament Reading continued and prayers.

### Collect for Christ the King

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.

### We remember the sick in our prayers:

David Looker, John Lewis, Stephen Jones,  
Colin Evans, Kathleen Burgess, Alan Wheeler,  
Ray Thorley, Margaret Lindop, Gwen  
Bickerton, Barbara Harvey, Winnie Rutter, Bob  
Holland, Keith and Barbara Whittle, Marjorie  
Crook, Janet Fallon, Anna Betts, Kathleen  
Knox, Martin Harper, Charles Howard-Smith,  
Freda Claridge, Linda Jones, Robert Leech,  
William Carlson, Gill Golding, Joanne Wall,  
Lisa Lalor, Graham Timmis, David Hurst,  
Jamie Hurst, Pauline Fletcher, Susan, Pam  
Philpot, Geoff Keen, Margaret Jones, Margaret  
Ellis, Jenny Slicher, Hazel Barnes-Newton,  
Brenda Hughes, Dennis Harrison, David Bloor,  
Sheila Humphries, Michael Brown, Jean  
Trigger, Lynn Haliburton, Tyler James, Sylvia  
Higgins, Kath Temple, Eileen Mahon, Isobel  
Heler and Mark Trigger.

### We thank God for the lives of all who have died and for the rest in Christ they now enjoy:

Jeff Budden, Heimir Hauksson, Jeanette  
Clorley, baby Isla Wood, Lisa Marsters, Philip  
Colclough and Elaine Clarke.

We remember and pray for all families whose  
loved ones have died.

### CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

#### Christmas Eve, 24<sup>th</sup> December

3.00 pm Nativity, St Matthew's, Haslington, *(to be confirmed)*.

4.30 pm Nativity, Christ Church, Wheelock

10.00 pm Holy Communion, St Matthew's, Haslington

11.30 pm Holy Communion, St Michael & All Angels, Crewe Green

#### Christmas Day, 25<sup>th</sup> December

10.00 am Prayer Book Mattins, Christ Church, Wheelock

10.00 am Holy Communion, St Matthew's, Haslington (there won't be 10.45 am Holy Communion)

**First Sunday of Christmas, 29<sup>th</sup> December, 10.30 am United Benefice Holy Communion, Christ Church, Wheelock.**

### Old Testament reading continued, Daniel 7:13-14

<sup>13</sup> As I watched in the night visions,  
I saw one like a human being<sup>[a]</sup>  
coming with the clouds of heaven.  
And he came to the Ancient One<sup>[b]</sup>  
and was presented before him.

<sup>14</sup> To him was given dominion  
and glory and kingship,  
that all peoples, nations, and languages  
should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion  
that shall not pass away,  
and his kingship is one  
that shall never be destroyed.

### CHRISTMAS EVENTS & SERVICES

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December** 4.00pm, Café Church, Advent,  
"Hope: Light in the darkness", in St Matthew's church  
Hall.

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 7.00pm**, Winterley Brass  
Band Christmas concert, at Christ Church.

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 7.00 pm December** Winterley Brass  
Band Christmas concert, at St Michael & All Angels.

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 11.00 am** soup and carols,  
with raffle, in St Matthew's church hall.

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 4.00 pm** Christingle service in  
St Matthew's church hall.

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 10-12 pm** Decorating the  
Christmas Tree, with crafts and refreshments, at St  
Michael & All Angels.

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 11.00 am** 9 Lessons & Carols  
at St Michael & All Angels.

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 4.30 pm** Lighting the  
Remembrance Tree at Christ Church Wheelock.

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December 7.30 pm** The Longest Night,  
Christmas Service, at Christ Church, Wheelock.

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 11.00 am** Christingle with  
shortened holy communion, at St Michael & All  
Angels.

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 3.00 pm** 9 Lessons and  
Carols, at St Matthew's, Haslington.