

**Newsletter of St Laurence Parish Church, Frodsham**  
**Week commencing November 24<sup>th</sup> 2024 – Christ the King Year B**  
 “To know God and to make God known”

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**This Week**

November 24 <sup>th</sup> <b>Christ the King</b>	8.00 10.00 12.30	Holy Communion – said service Holy Communion – with music Baptism	Revelation 1. 4b - 8; John 18. 33-37
Monday - Friday		Church open: Mon - Friday 10.00-15.00	
Monday	12.45 19.00	Funeral Parish Hall Committee meeting at the Vicarage	
Tuesday	12 noon 19.00	Funeral Holy Communion (said service)	
Wednesday	10.00	<b>Toddler Praise</b>	
Thursday	10.00-12.00 12 noon	Bee Friends Coffee Morning at the Parish Hall Funeral	
Friday	13.00	Craft and Chat in the Lady Chapel	
Saturday	15.00	Frodsham & District Choral Society Concert	
December 1 <sup>st</sup> <b>Advent Sunday</b>	8.00 10.00 15.00	Holy Communion – said service Holy Communion – with music <b>Messy Church</b>	

**Prayers**

**Our prayers for those who are sick** If you know of anyone whom you feel needs our prayers – please ask permission from them or their family and then pass their name to Rev Elaine: [revelaine@nym.hush.com](mailto:revelaine@nym.hush.com)

**Please pray for –**

*Those who are sick*

*Those who have died*

*Those whose anniversary of death falls this week*

**Prayer Wall** - You can write a prayer and light a virtual candle on our website. <https://slfchurch.org/prayerwall>  
 Please pass your requests to Rev Elaine at the Vicarage if you haven't got internet access.

**Dates for your Diary**

**Children:** **Messy Church** Monthly during term time only [Read more here](#)  
**Toddler Praise** Every Wednesday during term time only [Read more](#)

**MU IN DECEMBER** will be on the third Wednesday, December 18th.

**DATES FOR DECEMBER UP TO CHRISTMAS DAY**

- Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 3pm: Advent/Christmas Messy Church
- Dec 15<sup>th</sup> 4pm: Still Point
- Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> 4pm: Carol Service
- Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 3pm and 5pm: Christingle (details to follow)  
11.30pm: Midnight Mass
- Dec 25<sup>th</sup> 10am: Christmas Morning Eucharist

**Notices**

**FOODBANK** Food drop-off - supermarket drop off points; in church; distribution centre on Ship Street (Fridays 1-3pm).  
 The foodbank is currently short of: **Christmas Items, Mashed Potato, Long Life Milk, Tinned Spaghetti, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Rice Pudding, Jam, Toiletries – shower gel, shampoo and deodorant.** For info on how to give or get help go to <https://runconrdistrict.foodbank.org.uk>

**DONATIONS TO CHURCH** If you would like to contribute to St Laurence, our Bank Account details are as follows: St Laurence Frodsham Parochial Church Council Sort Code: 09-01-55 Acc. No: 42559803. Alternatively, you can donate here: <https://givealittle.co/campaigns/371c0c8f-ea13-4763-9688-e0de77dd8475> or scan the code. Thank you.



*Our safeguarding officer can be contacted on the dedicated phone line 07862 321 560. Please use it only for safeguarding issues, not general enquiries. Thank you.*

## News

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** Here are some photos from Remembrance Sunday, when wreaths were laid at the War Memorial in our churchyard.



**BERYL'S BLOG** Family Fortunes: the TV programme. Rather like Marmite – either you like it or can't stand it. Personally, I love Marmite but can take or leave Family Fortunes. Scrolling through the TV guide recently I chanced upon the last segment of the latest production and tuned in to see if any money was won. In a nutshell, 100 members of the public are asked a series of questions. The contestants are asked the same questions and have to try and find the top 5/6 answers in the hope of winning up to £30,000. As usual I was doing something else, but I didn't have to look at the screen as long as I could hear the questions.





Q. Name something you dive into.

Water, I thought. Swimming pool answered the contestant.



Q. Name a well known wrapper.

Kit Kat, I thought. M'n'M answered the contestant.

Three more questions – three more answers then the top answers revealed. 'Something you dive into' – swimming pool. Top answer from the contestant. 'A well known wrapper' – Jayzee. What? What is a Jayzee when it's out? Top answer **not** KitKat or M'n'M.

I stopped what I was doing and looked up at the TV screen. All was revealed, of course. The question was looking for a Rapper. The contestant had answered Eminem, not M'n'M and the top answer was Jay-Z. Well, fancy that! Maybe the next rapper to be discovered will take the name KitKat! Stay safe. Love Beryl.x

**FROM RUSS: Orthodox icons seen last month by Russ and Jan in the Saint Paraskevi Orthodox Monastery (now a Convent of 2 nuns) in Makredes, NW Corfu**

Jan and I were moved by the interior of this beautiful little Orthodox church in the hills. Two items in particular were of note: this icon (right) of the Hospitality of Abraham to three angels (?) or The Holy Trinity. I cannot find out when the original was painted (this is undoubtedly a more recent copy). It reminded us very



much of Rublev's icon behind the altar in our Blessed Sacrament Chapel (painted some time in the first 3 decades of the 15th century). Is there any connection?

This icon (left) of the Blessed Virgin Mary arising out of a stone 'dish' with Jesus her young son – a painting above the steps leading down to an ancient well outside the Chapel.

It is reminiscent of the Greek myth of the birth of Aphrodite, which Botticelli painted ("The Birth of Venus", rising from a scallop shell) in the 1480's. Titian painted "Venus Rising from the Sea" about 1520. Many artists have since painted similar depictions, but not of Our Lady and Our Lord.

A recent book, "Aphrodite Rising" by Dick Sullivan (2013) suggests that Platonism and Christianity can be brought together – the spiritual understanding of the Greek myth of Aphrodite and feminine power, with Creation and Resurrection. Those of you who know much more than I about art may be able to add something of interest to us all!

**A WEBINAR ON ASSISTED DYING Thursday 28 November | 6pm GMT**

Join to hear an expert panel discuss this complex issue and have your opportunity to put your questions to the panel via the live chat. Kim Leadbeater MP's Private Member's Bill on Assisted Dying has set the stage for a free vote on this important public policy issue. As people of faith with a passion for life in all its fulness what can we offer into the heart-searching that is currently taking place in the public square? Join a panel of experienced practitioners and researchers for a deep theological exploration of the pastoral, ethical, psychological, cultural and practical considerations to bear in mind when legislating on assisted dying. What might be the psychological impact - perhaps unforeseen - on those who are terminally ill, but also indirectly on others with chronic illnesses and disability? What difference will a change in the law make in our chaplaincy contexts? What will be the implications for those who currently offer end of life care, funeral and bereavement support? Will institutional racism in our culture affect how this lands with minority ethnic communities? What theological and ethical vision do we offer as churches (of all denominations), about the preciousness of life and human mortality?



**Click here to book - [Ticket information](#)** Tickets are £10, or £5 for Church Times subscribers. Free tickets are available for anyone for whom cost would be a barrier to attending this webinar. Please select a concession ticket.

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**Panel** Joanna Collicutt, James Woodward, Cassius Francis, Katie Tupling.

Chaired by Professor Elaine Graham of Modern Church

**FROM TONY M.** Christmas approaches and we are being bombarded with a variety of adverts exhorting us to buy so much stuff and load our tables with our own body weight in "festive fare". One advert talks about eating and watching TV being "what Christmas is all about". Christmas day is referred to as "The Big Day" but these days so many do not realise why it really is a "Big Day". A Poem came to mind, written several years ago by a lovely older lady whose faith was so important to her.

#### JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

What is it about Christmas that makes us think of snow?  
And blazing fires in open hearths, and candles all aglow;  
And polar bears and penguins, and mistletoe and holly;  
And Santa Claus and Christmas trees and everything that's jolly?

I thought about it very hard, and came to the conclusion;  
It's Christmas cards that lead us to this fanciful illusion.  
We put them on the mantelpiece and hang them on the wall,  
We love to hear them dropping on the mat inside the hall.

I thought about my last year's 'crop', and realised how few  
Bore pictures of the story that is old yet ever new.  
There were a few that showed me the shepherd and the star,  
Or Wise Men riding camels on their journey from afar.

A few that showed the stable where sheep and cattle lay,  
The Mother and the Father and the Baby in the hay.  
The Baby sent by God himself to bring us peace on earth,  
And at the Christmas season we should celebrate His birth.

There isn't much to celebrate within the world today,  
There's violence and talk of war, and terrorists hold sway-  
But Jesus Christ came down to earth with messages of peace,  
If men but listen to His voice, the violence may cease.

Surely every Christmas is a time to start again  
To fill our hearts with hoping for a world where peace will reign.  
Where swords will turn to plough shares and the hungry will be fed,  
And all the world's 'lost children' have a place to lay their head.

But Christmas is a birthday, when we should all rejoice  
And put our decorations up, and sing with heart and voice.  
So send your 'Happy' Christmas cards, but don't forget the reason -  
The birthday that we celebrate each joyous Christmas season

*JW Christmas 2002*



*Nativity by Gustave Doré 1891*

### **The Alternative Collect for Christ the King**

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King  
and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end;  
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, one glory. Amen



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