Welcome to St Mark's Church, Newnham

Sunday, 23rd November 2025

Christ the King

Jesus Christ ... forever

Today's services

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

Service Leader and Preacher: The Revd Canon Tom Buchanan

9.30am Holy Communion

Service Leader: The Revd Jim Robinson

Preacher: Amelia Turncliffe, Ordinand, Westcott House

Practicalities

There is a fully accessible toilet as well as baby-changing facilities in the Community Centre across the car park behind the church.

Children

All are welcome in God's house and we delight in all ages gathering for worship. Please don't worry if your little ones make a noise or need to run around. There is a play area at the back; if younger members are more comfortable there, they are very welcome to dive in. Junior Church runs at the same time as the 9.30am service every week during term time. It is open to all ages and is based around storytelling and wondering, with art and craft too. We begin in church and then head round to the Community Centre, returning for the Eucharist and then back out for a feast!

Collection

We are not taking an offering during our services at this time, but there is a collection plate at the back of the church along with a giving station where you are able to donate via card payment. You can also give via our website.

Visit us online at: https://stmarksnewnham.org where you can sign up for our email.

Hymns: 765 Praise to the Lord the almighty

641 Glorious things of thee are spoken

612 Christ Triumphant, ever reigning

Anthem: King of all ages - Isom

For your prayers: The King and the Royal Family; Anne Howie; Nancy.

Collect Prayer for the Week:

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.

Jeremiah 23.1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Psalm 46



The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Ja - cob is our strong-hold.

Richard Lloyd

Luke 23.33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear

God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

Useful contacts

For pastoral enquiries or questions about special services (baptisms, weddings, and funerals) please contact our vicar. For information about our visiting group please contact our administrator.

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Services this week

Monday, 24th November
3pm, Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Evadne Wallis

Tuesday, 25th November

I Iam, Holy Communion (BCP) led by The Revd Jim Robinson

Sunday, 30th November (Advent Sunday)
8am, Holy Communion (BCP) led by The Revd Andrew Hurst
9.30am, Holy Communion led by The Revd Canon Tom Buchanan with The Revd Jim
Robinson preaching

6pm, Wolfson College Advent Carol Service led by The Revd Jim Robinson
6pm, Advent Carol Service at St Andrew and St Mary's, Grantchester, led by The Revd
Andrew Hurst with the choirs of St Mark's, Newnham and St John's, Hills Road

Morning Prayer is held on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 9am. Jim will not be present to lead Morning Prayer on Friday, 28th November.

Charity of the Month: The Gurkha Welfare Trust

The GWT provides welfare, medical and community support to Gurkha veterans, their families, and their communities, enabling them to live with dignity. The Trust operates through 20 Area Welfare Centres spread across traditional Gurkha recruiting areas. In the UK, in conjunction with other service charities and government bodies it offers advice and support to help the thousands of retired Gurkhas and their families who choose to settle here. The GWT's remit includes community initiatives like schools and water projects as well as a comprehensive medical scheme across Nepal.

Notices and Dates for your Diaries

Advent Fair, Saturday 29th November, 3-6pm

Plans are shaping up for an exciting Advent fair next Saturday but we need your help to make it a success! There is a signup sheet in the narthex. Helpers are needed for setting up beforehand and clearing away afterwards as well as providing refreshments and children's activities during the fair. If you can spare any time to help with any of these, please do sign up!

Sustainable Living Workshop

To mark the beginning of Advent, a time of reflection and renewal, you are invited to a Sustainable Living workshop: a chance to learn how we might best realign our lifestyles with our Christian values in the face of the environmental crisis, led by Anitha Devadason. Sunday 30th November, I Iam-I 2noon, in the Community Centre after the 9.30am service and coffee.

Wolfson College Advent Carol Service, Sunday 30th November, 6pm

Next Sunday the Choir of Wolfson College will lead us in an evening of music and readings for Advent. The service will be held at St Mark's and led by The Revd Jim Robinson. All welcome.

A Theatrical Christmas

Bringing to life all the delightful anticipation and tradition that is the beating heart of Christmas, BAWDS presents a popular programme that combines staged stories with captivating characters and seasonal songs to put you in the festive spirit.

Devised and directed by Madeleine Forrester; music arranged and directed by Ian Favell. At St Mark's on Friday 5th December at 7.30pm and on Saturday 6th December at 3pm and 7.30pm. Tickets at

https://www.adcticketing.com/whats-on/play/a-theatrical-christmas-newnham/