Prayers are requested for Shirley, Hannah, Jonathan, Rev Bill(ret’d), Ken Cormick, for all who are homeless and struggling through this time of year. We pray for refugees and those seeking asylum escaping war, poverty and oppression.

**Readings for the coming weeks**

**Advent 1 Advent 2 Advent 3**

**1st December 9th December 16th December**

**Isaiah 2:1-5 Isaiah 11:1-10 Isaiah 35:1-10**

**Psalm 122 Psalm 72:1-7, 18-21 Song of Mary pg 31 APBA**

**Romans 13:9-14 Romans 15:4-13 James 5:7-10**

**Matthew 24:36-44 Matthew 3:1-12 Matthew 11:2-11**

Please save your postal stamps – Doreen collects them for BCA.

Give thanks, give hope, give generously

The contribution of the congregation to this need is fantastic and gratefully appreciated. If each of us contributes a packet, tin or product into the basket we can make a significant difference to a person’s life – non-perishable items (tinned or in packet) sanitary items; toiletries (soap, shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream, razors etc) these items are all acceptable. These groceries are donated to **Anglicare** and then distributed to the needy – may God be with you in this ministry, Judi

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**DIARY DATES**

**30th November** – Street Stall at Romsey IGA 9am start

We need plenty of home made cakes, slices, biscuits etc

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

11.30PM - MIDNIGHT EUCHARIST @ CHRIST CHURCHLANCEFIELD

10.00AM - CHRISTMAS DAY @ ST PAUL’S ROMSEY

**AMS Men’s diaries available now -please see Tom. These handy little pocket diaries are week at a glance and contain the Church Calendar as well. Well priced at $6 each.**

**Church Calenders available $13 each, see the notice boards for order forms**

**Welcome to the Anglican parish of St Paul’s Romsey**

**& Christ Church, Lancefield**

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**Welcome**: We extend a very special welcome to you if you are a visitor, a newcomer or attend regularly please stay with us for morning tea following the liturgy and then go in Peace. We hope your presence will bring you a blessing, as it has blessed us.

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**NOVEMBER 24th–LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST–YC**

**9.00am Sunday Eucharist @ St Paul’s**

**10.30am Sunday Eucharist @ Christ Church**

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Judi’ Jottings: Today is celebrated as ‘Christ the King’ Sunday and marks the end of the Calendar of the Christian Year. The next four Sundays are the season of Advent when we prepare for the celebration of the coming of Jesus at Christmas. In the Gospel reading for today, Luke 23.33-43 , we see Jesus appearing before Pilate as part of his trial. Two different styles of kingship. One based on physical force, the other the power of the spirit of Jesus. One, the Roman Empire crumbled to dust. The other? Well, why are we worshiping today?

What does it mean to say that Christ is King? What does it mean for each of us personally? What does it mean for the Church? What does it mean for the world? Blessings in all that you do, Judi

**Sentence:** Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. *Zechariah 9.9*

**Collect:** Eternal God, you exalted Jesus Christ to rule over all things, and have made us instruments of his kingdom: by your Spirit empower us to love the unloved, and to minister to all in need, then at the last bring us to your eternal realm where we may be welcomed into your everlasting joy and may worship and adore you for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

**The first reading is from Jeremiah**

 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.’

For the word of the Lord, ***thanks be to God***

**The Epistle is from Paul’s letter to the Colossians**

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

May your word live in us, ***and bear much fruit to your glory***

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THE GOSPEL

The Lord be with you, ***and also with you***

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **19 Luke 23:33-43 -**

***Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ***

**The Rich Man and Lazarus**

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.’

For the gospel of the Lord, ***Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ***

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Next Sunday heralds in **Advent** – the beginning of the Church year. Christmas decorations are already for sale in the shops, even Santa is appearing in Westfield Shopping Centres – children are being bombarded with advertising – parents are being urged to spend more on bigger and better goods – the scourge is relentless – Christmas is coming but not yet! May we keep the story relevant and in its own time frame! Expectation, and excitement of the Christmas season is of course important so let us try to maintain a level- headed approach.

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Betty and her band of helpers loaded the car to the brim with the usual food donations and LOTS of Christmas goods. As usual the staffs were very grateful and thrilled that we were there early in the season as they have students from Firbank Anglican Girls School come in to help pack hampers when they finish their exams.

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