



**Diocese  
of Salisbury**  
Making  
Jesus Known

# The Wylde and Till Valley Benefice



***Berwick St James, Great Wishford, Little Langford, South  
Newton and Stoford, Stapleford, Steeple Langford, Stockton,  
Winterbourne Stoke and Wylde with Fisherton de la Mere***

<https://www.wyldeandtillvalleybenefice.org/>

<https://www.wyldeandtillvalleybenefice.org/sermons>

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Christ the King**

**Daniel 7.9-10,13,14, Revelation 1.4b-8, John 18.33-37**

09:30am	Little Langford	Holy Communion (BCP)
11:00am	Stapleford	Holy Communion (CW)
4:00pm	South Newton	Family@4 with afternoon tea
6:00pm	Steeple Langford	<b>Taizé service</b>

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

11:00am	Wylde	Midweek service with organ music followed by coffee
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Dear Friends,

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King. Christ the King is one of the most important titles of Jesus. Even though Jesus Christ was not a king in the earthly sense, He is the divine King of the Universe, who unites all of creation with the Father. As St. Paul tells us,

*For [Christ] must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For God has put all things in subjection under his feet. . . . When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to Him who put all things under him, that God may be all in all. 1 Cor. 15:25-28*

Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas* ("In the first") to respond to growing secularism, atheism, especially in the form of totalitarianism in Italy. He recognized that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

Pope Pius gave Christians hope and assurance that Christ the King:

*"is very truth, and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind".*

As one writer has suggested, Christ's kingship is rooted in the Church's teaching on the Incarnation. Jesus is fully God and fully man. He is both the divine Lord and the man who suffered and died on the Cross. We are called to acknowledge Christ's kingship with our whole lives:

*He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, 'as instruments of justice unto God.'*

For Christians, when our faith is repeatedly marginalized in public life, we can fall into the habit of compartmentalizing our lives. We love Jesus in our private lives, but we shrink from acknowledging the kingship of Christ in social life. When we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, we declare to the world and remind ourselves that Jesus is the Lord of the Church and of the entire universe.

## Please pray for

<b>The long-term need for prayer</b>	Angela and David Baldwin (South Newton), Joyce Binder (Steeple Langford), Pat Considine (Steeple Langford), Anton Funnell; June Howes (Wylve), Richard Moulding (South Newton), Valerie Palmer, Sheena Pratt (Stapleford), Pam Twitchett (Wylve)
<b>The urgent sick</b>	Thea Chalke; Louisa Halliday (Great Wishford)
<b>The Departed</b>	
<b>Those being baptized</b>	
<b>Weddings</b>	

## From the Benefice Prayer Sheet

24	<b>Sunday before Advent – Christ the King</b> 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
25	We give thanks for those who faithfully ring the bells of our Benefice and for the peals at Great Wishford, South Newton, Stapleford, Steeple Langford and Wylve;
26	We pray for the church and village community of Great Wishford, the Oak Apple Club and for its local ministry team.
27	We remember all who are facing economic difficulty at this time and pray for the work and ministry of the Salisbury and Warminster Foodbanks. Amen.
28	Almighty God, you created the world and gave it into our care so that, in obedience to you, we might serve all people: Inspire us to use the riches of creation with wisdom, and to ensure that their blessings are shared by all; That, trusting in your bounty, all people may be empowered to seek freedom from poverty, famine, and oppression. Amen
29	We pray for the church, village community of Stockton, their Churchwarden Claudia James and the local church council.
30	<b>St Andrew the Apostle</b> ALMIGHTY God, who didst give such grace unto thy holy Apostle Saint Andrew, that he readily obeyed the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed him without delay: Grant unto us all, that we, being called by thy holy word, may forthwith give up ourselves obediently to fulfil the holy commandments; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.  We pray for the church and village community of St Andrew's Church South Newton and their Churchwarden Adrian Softley and the ministry team. Amen

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**Time to Pray: Every Thursday;**  
**12 noon ~ 30 minutes @ St Giles' Church, Great Wishford**  
**Everyone is welcome**