



Parish of Effingham and Fetcham  
Our Lady of Sorrows and Church of the Holy Spirit



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*A Warm Welcome to all Parishioners and Visitors*

## **Christ the King**

Sundays: Cycle C    Weekdays: Year I    24 November 2019



Today we reach the end of the liturgical year with the celebration of Christ the King; yet our Gospel reading is from the Crucifixion of Jesus. What sort of Christ do we see on the Cross? Someone mocked and abused, defeated and dying. Where is Christ the King here?

But Jesus is most certainly King at the Cross. Here, supremely, He promulgates His great command: "Love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:12-13) On the Cross Jesus shows us His supreme power—indeed, His omnipotence—over the forces of evil. And He does so not by stooping to fight on their terms, with brute force and hatred, but instead with humble obedience to His Father, meekness, acceptance, forgiveness—and by undying love.

On the Cross Christ is definitely King, and a victorious King at that. For He came to bring God's love to all humanity. And love is the one thing all the forces of evil ranged against Jesus failed to kill. "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

May God bless you all

*Fr Stephen*

## **THIS WEEK**



**Mission Witness – ‘Red Box’ Thank You and Appeal:** This weekend we welcome Fr Kevin Hughes MHM to give the five-

yearly Appeal. Thank you to all parishioners who already give to the Pope’s official charity for overseas mission – MISSIO – and Britain’s own missionary order, the Mill Hill Missionaries through the Red Box. There will not be a second collection, but if you do not currently have a Red Box, please consider taking one. It would be fantastic if every home had a Red Box to help care for our Church family throughout the world. You can find more information or set up a Direct Debit online at [missio.org.uk/about-apf](http://missio.org.uk/about-apf)



**The Do and Raise group:** the set of beautiful crib figures for Christmas, as shown in the picture, will be raffled with proceeds going to the Passage. Raffle

tickets will be on sale again after Mass **THIS** weekend of **23/24 November** with the Draw being made during coffee after 11am Mass on **24 November**. This is a great opportunity to win a hand crafted and beautiful Nativity set and support a very worthwhile cause.

**Confidence in Facing Death at Any Time - a seminar THIS Sunday 24 November 2:45-5pm @ Bookham Baptist Church:** This free seminar offers some practical help and support in preparing for death at any age - whether you're thinking about yourself or supporting friends and family. Please sign up at [bookhambaptistchurch.org.uk](http://bookhambaptistchurch.org.uk) or call **01372811313** - there is no charge for this event. Pastoral support and prayer will be available on the day.

**St Peter’s School Christmas Fair: NEXT Saturday 30 November 12.30-2.45pm.** Lots of fantastic Christmas fun with a slime stall / reindeer food / tombola / BBQ / fabulous raffle prizes for all the family. Please come and support us.

**Annual Parish Supper: NEXT Saturday 30 November 7.30pm for 8.00,** in St. Alphege Hall, Effingham. Tickets are £10 for a 4 course

meal. Elizabeth Cross will be collecting names after all weekend Masses or you can let her know on 01372 458286 or [ecross@ctis.co.uk](mailto:ecross@ctis.co.uk). Please bring your own drinks and glasses. Desserts and raffle prizes requested.

**November – The Month for Holy Souls:** If you would like, please take an envelope from the back of the church, fill in the enclosed sheet with names of those for whom you would like prayers, then return the envelope and place in the special box provided. Any money you enclose will go towards Holy Souls Masses throughout the year. Thank you.

## **FORTHCOMING**

**St John’s Seminary Open Afternoon:** The Seminary has been forming Catholic priests for service in the Church in England & Wales since 1889. A warm invitation is extended to visit **NEXT Sunday 1 December from 3pm –** afternoon tea & tours, **4.30pm** sung evening prayer followed by mulled wine and mince pies. All are most welcome. Plenty of parking. St John’s Seminary, Wonersh, Guildford, Surrey GU5 0QX.

**Taizé Prayer:** You are warmly invited to this reflective, quiet, contemplative service of Bible readings, prayer and praise in the style of the Taizé Community at St Lawrence’s, Effingham **NEXT Sunday 1 December at 6.00pm.**



## **ADVENT TALKS:**

Fr Stephen is giving a series of three talks during Advent on Modern Science and Christian Religion on **Mondays at St Alphege hall, Effingham, starting at 7.30pm.** **2 Dec** -The Myth of Conflict: Galileo and the Bible; **9 Dec** - A First Cause: The Chicken, the Egg and the Big Bang; **16 Dec** - A Cosmic Designer: Evolution and the Multiverse. All welcome.

**Ignite Teenage Retreats: 6-8 December @ Worth Abbey (For those in school years 7-9):** Expect talks, workshops, prayer, silly activities, games, sports, drama, a space for silence and stillness, yummy food and lots of fun and laughter! The weekends are run by me (Jess) a member of The Wellspring Community in collaboration with Worth Abbey. For more info please email Worth Abbey: [toc@worth.org.uk](mailto:toc@worth.org.uk)

**'Lord, teach us to pray' Saturday and Sunday 7 and 8 December:** at *St Michael's Church, Ashtead* (this weekend is also being offered in three other venues in the diocese). If you would like to learn and experience new forms of prayer, then this weekend is for you. A Jesuit priest will be leading it, and it will be very much 'user friendly' for everyone. You can just come to one day or to both. You will need to bring your own packed lunch on each day. Refreshments will be provided and there will be no charge. For further information, please contact John Harman, our Diocesan Advisor for Formation and Spirituality on 01293 651157 or [Joh.harman@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Joh.harman@abdiocese.org.uk)

**Cranmore Carol Service:** Cranmore School has very kindly invited parishioners of Effingham and Fetcham to the Dress Rehearsal of their Carol Service in the Main Hall at Cranmore on **12 December from 2.15-3.15pm**. This is a great opportunity to listen to a very talented young choir and to start the count down to the wonderful feast of the birth of Our Lord.

**The God Who Speaks:** Fr Tony Milner is giving a series of talks at St Joseph's Church, Dorking at 8 pm on Thursdays: **12 December** 'Matthew's Story of the Birth and Infancy of Jesus' and **23 January** 'The Sermon on the Mount'. No need to book.

## GENERAL

**Advent Extra:** Copies of this full-colour publication are now available at the back of each church. With 25 daily reflections and prayers and many articles. Priced at £2 per copy, please put your money in the slot marked books.

**Christmas Charity Post (CCP):** 30 pence stamps - half the price of the normal post - **are now on sale** at 13 locations around the villages of Effingham, Bookham and Fetcham. **Details of the locations are given on the notice in the church porch.** *Please support your local charity and save yourself some money at the same time.*

**MISSIO Red Boxes:** It's that time of year again when we ask all Red Box holders to bring in their boxes for counting. Please leave your box on the shelf by the Sacristy **by the end of this**

**month** at the latest to assist those who will need to do the count. Thank you.

**First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation:** The deadline for the submission of applications for the forthcoming First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation programme is **Sunday 15 December**. Children aged seven or over on 1 September 2019 (school year 3 or above) are welcome to apply. Yellow application forms are available at the back of the churches. Please return the completed forms along with your child's baptismal certificate to Fr Stephen or Deacon Ian after Mass.



**Can You Help and Volunteer for Girlguiding:** Rainbows, Brownies and Guides in Leatherhead, Fetcham, Bookham and

Effingham are in need of new adult volunteers! Rainbows, aged 5 -7, Brownies ages 7 – 10 and Guides, ages 10 -14, meet most weekday evenings for an hour or two a week. Help girls to realise their full potential and share some unforgettable moments along the way. Make new friends and share the fun! For more information see [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) or contact: Clare Mahony [mahony.family@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mahony.family@hotmail.co.uk), 07769 731230 Christine [ggleatherheaddivision@gmail.com](mailto:ggleatherheaddivision@gmail.com)

*Please pray for those in our Parish who are sick:*

Marie Bliss	Jim Morgan
Christopher Brown	Jane Neville
Alan Bryant	Maureen Rennison
Jeff Care	Patrick Rennison
Amy Chapman	Piers Ripley-Duggan
Maggi Cooke	Allison Roberts
Marian Cross	Jean Rowlandson
Maureen Donoghue	Yolande Sharpe
John Donovan	Karen Silver
Mary Doran	Mary Skilton
Ros Kennedy	Andrew Smith
Derek Knott	Eileen Tennant
Tessa Knott	Pat Turton
Noreen Landers	Simon Turton
Filomena Lionetti	Andrea Vaughan
Joanna Mills	Rose Wedlake
Janet Morgan	Alf Wiggins

### MASS TIMES

Saturday	23 Nov	06.00pm	(OLOS)	Joe Hughes - RIP
Sunday	24 Nov	09.00am	(OLOS)	John West - RIP
		11.00am	(HS)	People of the Parish
Monday	25 Nov	Noon	(HS)	Holy Souls - RIP
Tuesday	26 Nov	09.15am	(OLOS)	Alan Shanks - RIP
Wednesday	27 Nov	09.15am	(HS)	The Moore Family - RIP
Thursday	28 Nov	09.15am	(OLOS)	The Payne Family - RIP
Friday	29 Nov	06.00pm	(HS)	The McDonald Family - RIP
Saturday	30 Nov	10.00am	(OLOS)	Margaret & Peter de Freitas - RIP
Saturday	30 Nov	06.00pm	(OLOS)	Inga Geirsdottir - RIP
Sunday	01 Dec	09.00am	(OLOS)	People of the Parish
		11.00am	(HS)	Kathleen Adshead - RIP

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday	01 Dec	11.00am	(HS)	During school term time only
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### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday	26 Nov	09.45am to Noon	(OLOS)
Thursday	28 Nov	09.45am to Noon	(OLOS)
		02.00pm to 05.00pm	(OLOS)

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday	30 Nov	10.30am to 11.15am	(OLOS)	Face to Face
Sunday	01 Dec	05.00pm to 05.30pm	(OLOS)	In the Confessional
		After 11.00am Mass	(HS)	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month

### MONTHLY ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS

Monday	02 Dec	11.30am	(HS)	1st Monday of the month
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HS = Church of the Holy Spirit, Fetcham OLOS = Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham

## **Next Sunday: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 121:1-2.4-5.6-9. R.cf.v1 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:37-44



**Newsletter items to the Parish office by 10.00am Wednesday**