



White Ribbon Sunday 21 November The White Ribbon Campaign is a global movement working to end male violence against women and girls. Some churches mark the Sunday before White Ribbon Day (25 November), as White Ribbon Sunday. In 2021 this falls on Sunday 21 November. 16 days of Action is a UK-wide campaign which asks us all to take a stand to end violence against women and girls. Over 16 days beginning on 25 November, [IDAS](https://www.idas.org.uk/) (<https://www.idas.org.uk/>) has chosen to focus on 16 different types of abuse experienced by women across the UK. It tells the stories of survivors, many of whom have been supported by IDAS.

The Living in Love and Faith Course at St Andrew's Church, Ipplepen, commenced on Wednesday 3rd November at 1.30pm to 3pm. It will be held weekly until Wednesday 1st December.

Dates For your diary –

Mission Community Eucharist for St Andrews Day, Tuesday 30th November 7pm St Andrews Ipplepen. Guest preacher Sarah Nichols Chaplin at Channings Wood Prison and newly licensed Reader in the Beacon Parishes. We look forward to welcoming Sarah in her new ministry as a Reader.

Reflective evening prayer at Holy Trinity Torbryan. 4.30pm on 5th December. This time focusing on St Lucy. At time of prayer, poetry, music, silence and song.

Advent Quiet Morning - St Andrews Ipplepen 10am - 1pm Saturday 11th December. A time of guided reflection and quiet getting ready for Christmas.

Books and Bric-a-brac wanted for the St Andrew's Christmas Fair taking place on Saturday 4th December at St Andrew's Church. If you have any items that you would like to be collected then please contact Vanessa on (01803) 812812.

Coffee Mates takes place in Denbury on the second Wednesday of each month, 10.30-12 noon at Church Cottage, Denbury. All men welcome to join us on Wednesday 8th December.

New General Synod Meets in London The Church of England's governing body, the General Synod, has met in London for the first time since elections were held in the autumn. The session began with a service at Westminster Abbey followed by the inauguration of the new Synod with an address given by Prince Edward on behalf of HM the Queen. Please pray for them as they play a key role in debating subjects including: releasing historic funds for churches, new liturgies for same sex couples, responding to the climate emergency, reducing parish marriage fees, closing the wealth gap and tackling human trafficking.

Readings	This week	Next week
Readings for this Sunday:		
1st Reading	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14	Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm	93	25:1-10
2nd Reading	Revelation 1:4b-8	1 Thessalonians 3:9-End
Gospel	John 18:33-37	Luke 21:25-36

Readings for the week ahead:

Mon	22 nd	John 21.1-4	Thurs	25 th	Luke 21:20-28
Tue	23 rd	Luke 21:5-11	Fri	26 th	Luke 21:29-33
Wed	24 th	Luke 21:12-19	Sat	27 th	Luke 21:34-36

They can also be viewed/downloaded from <https://bible.oremus.org/>

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Today's Sunday Services

9.30 am	Holy Communion	- St John the Baptist, Woodland
11.00 am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Morning Prayer

This week morning prayer will be said at the following times:

Tuesday	9.00 am	- St John the Baptist, Woodland
Wednesday	9.15 am	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
Thursday	9.15 am	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
Friday	9.15 am	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston (A time of silent prayer and meditation)

Reflection

Our churches are open for private prayer and reflection throughout the week at the following times:

St Peter & St Paul's, Broadhempston	9am to 4pm	Daily
St Andrew's, Ipplepen	9am to 5pm	Daily
St Mary the Virgin, Denbury	10am to 5pm	Daily
St John the Baptist, Woodland	9am to 5pm	Daily

Mid-Week

Rev'd Andrew Down's Day Off on Mondays each week.

Rev'd Andrew Down away at Cell Group Meetings on Monday and Tuesday.

Monday	3pm-5pm	T-Pot (Every Monday - All Welcome!)- Church Cottage, Denbury
Tuesday	10.15 am	Holy Communion - St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Wednesday	1.30 pm	Living in Love and Faith Course - St Andrew's, Ipplepen
	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice - St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Thursday	10.15 am	Holy Communion - St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
Saturday	6.00 pm	Lantern Procession (sets off at 6.30 pm) - Ipplepen Village Hall Car Park

Next Sunday 28th November – First Sunday of Advent

9.30 am	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
11.00 am	Holy Communion	- Ss Peter & Paul, Broadhempston
11.00 am	Churches Together – Family Service	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
6.00 pm	Mission Community Advent Carols	- St John the Baptist, Woodland

Points for Prayer. Thomas Newton and Olivia O'Keeffe married in St Andrew's Church, Ipplepen on Friday 12th November. Staff and residents of our residential and nursing homes and those who receive communion in their homes.

In Memory. Margaret 'Peggy' James, Edward 'Ted' Wonnacott, Moira Van Den Bergh, Cynthia Floyd and Muriel Hall.

Don't forget – Ipplepen Lantern Procession - this coming Saturday 27th November at 6pm, starting at the Ipplepen Village Hall Car Park. The procession will set off on the route around the village at 6.30pm.



Reflection by Hillarie Griggs

Christ the King
Sunday Next to Advent
Sunday 21st November 2021

This week we celebrate Christ the King. When we look at the life of Jesus it seems to be framed by kingship. Any good nativity play will have three kings bearing gifts as they follow the star to find the new born King. At the crucifixion the sign that is hammered into the cross reads, "This is Jesus, King of the Jews". What kind of king begins their life in a stable and ends it as the victim of a humiliating, cruel and public execution?

In the ancient world people's lives were very much influenced by kings. Then they were absolute monarchs. They ruled over their people according to their own desires, wishes and whims. Although kings could be born kings they often acquired the crown through battles and acts of extreme violence. This is what the first century people wanted from their messiah. A political and military leader who would rid them of the Romans, but allow them to continue with the status quo with their own leaders holding all the power. No wonder Pilate is consumed with having to find out if Jesus is a king. Even though Pilate thought he couldn't be guilty, as in his mind this was impossible as Jesus was just a poor carpenter from the countryside miles for the place of power, Jerusalem. But if it was true Jesus then could be a challenge to the authority of the Roman emperor and also to Pilate's own power. After all he was the only one who had the political power to condemn someone to death.

Pilate asks a simple question wanting a simple yes or no. He wants to know the truth so he knows what to do with Jesus. As usual Jesus does not give a straight forward answer and replies with a question of his own. Jesus is reticent to talk about his own kingship but throughout his earthly life he never stopped talking about the kingdom of God. He tells Pilate that his kingdom is "not from this world" or in some translations "not of this world". He is saying that he has divine authority in this world. From his previous teaching he does not mean that his kingdom is totally other-worldly, having nothing to do with matters of this world. He means that it is not built on power-seeking at all

costs and on violence, like most 'kingdoms' of this world, but on other values, on love, mercy and forgiveness.

In Christ we see an image of God who is not like the kings of the world who rule by domination, oppression, exploitation, and marginalising certain groups. Christ the king was not only lord of all but the servant of all and the friend of all sinners. We see him armed with a basin and towel not with a sword, riding a donkey not a warhorse and weeping in compassion with others not issuing threats. He brought good news with a vision of a new world order or as St Paul writes "a new creation" in which the old ideas of power and supremacy no longer are the dominant forces here on earth. Therefore, we pray "thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as in heaven."

To answer the question at the beginning of this reflection "What kind of king begins their life in a stable and ends it as the victim of a humiliating, cruel and public execution?" One who was sent in love to serve his people and to build his kingdom where all people are recognised for their own uniqueness and where goodness, mercy and love flourish. If we profess that Jesus is the king of kings and lord of all how does this influence how we lead our lives here and now? How do we go about building the Kingdom of God?

