

SUNDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2021

ST COLUMBA'S FAMILIES NEWSLETTER

HI FAMILIES OF ST COLUMBA'S,

It was wonderful to see so many of our families in church for Remembrance Sunday. Thank you to Zoe and Lesley for being part of the wreath-laying ceremony and thank you for all the beautifully crafted poppy symbols. Members of the congregation have always said that they find it very moving when our young people return at the end of the Remembrance Sunday service and lay their offerings at the communion table. It is a lovely example of how the presence and vitality of our young, brings encouragement to the wider church family.

This Sunday, marked by some congregations as Christ the King Sunday, is the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year, concluding the twelve-month cycle of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity. The following Sunday (28th November) the wheel turns again, beginning with Advent Sunday. So, our thoughts turn to preparing for the birth at Bethlehem.

As you know we will next gather on the afternoon of Sunday 12th December for Christingle making, family tea and then Carols by Candlelight. That should be a lovely occasion. But to help our congregation think about Christmas in this approaching season of Advent, we have a request for volunteers.





Lucy is putting together an on-line virtual Advent calendar. Each day of December, starting on Wednesday 1st December, via the website, we will offer a piece of music, or a reading or a prayer. Each day will be prepared by someone in the congregation. Our request is for four (or more) families, to volunteer to record a reading in your own home and then let it be part of the Advent calendar. You may remember we did something similar for Lent this year, which worked really nicely. If you would like to be involved, please contact Lucy via the Church Office asap.

In the meantime, enjoy the activities chosen by Fiona (thank you) and have a happy weekend.

<https://reflectionary.org/2018/11/19/john-1833-37-christ-the-king/>
https://sermons4kids.com/born_to_be_king_group_activities.htm
<https://sa.uca.org.au/documents/intergen-docs/resources/seasons/advent-and-christmas/John-18-33%E2%80%9337-What-sort-of-King.pdf>

Angus & the Sunday School Team