

# Welcome to St John's Church-Elmswell

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## 10.30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)

If you are visiting or have recently moved to Elmswell and are here for the first time, a warm welcome to you. A special welcome to Bishop Mike who has come to share worship with us today. Everyone is invited to stay for tea and coffee in the church room after the service.

If you have or know of a pastoral need, please contact one of the Clergy or Christine Martin



Sunday 25th November 2018

**Collect** (*Special prayer for today*)

**Christ the King (The Sunday next before Advent)**

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.**

### BIBLE READINGS

1<sup>st</sup> Reading : Psalm 23 (p 555)

Gospel: Luke 6: 32 to 38 ( p 1034)

### HYMNS & SONGS

All on screen or sheet

Come people of the risen King

He died upon the cross

The splendour of a King

I will sing the wondrous story

Rejoicing in hope we wait for our King

## Notice Board

Do you like singing? Well, why not join our 2018 Christmas Community Choir! All are welcome. Simply turn up to our 2 rehearsals at the church on Mondays 3 and 10 December at 7.30pm We will practice 2 songs and then perform them at "Carols by Candlelight" on Sunday 16 December at 6.30pm.

### **The week ahead**

**This evening** CYFA Group meet at the Rectory.

**Monday 26 November** 10.00am to 11.15am Coffee Break at the Rectory.

**Tuesday 27 November** 2.00pm Choir practice in the church room.

**Thursday 29 November** 9.45am to 11.15am Mums the word at the Rectory.

**Friday 30 November** 7.30pm Prayer meeting in Bacton for the work of Tearfund. Please telephone 01449-782054 for directions. We hope to have Tearfund Christmas cards for sale.

**Saturday 1 December** 9.00am to 9.45am Prayer meeting in the church room.

### **Diary Dates**

**Monday 3 December** 7.30pm to 9.30pm Community choir rehearsal.

**Friday 7 December** 11.30am Ladies' Lunch at the Wesley Hall, School Road. If you would like to attend please add your name to the list at the back of the church.

**Saturday 8 December** 8.30am Men's Breakfast in the church room – speaker Phil Baille, Diocesan Youth and Young Adults Officer. If you would like to attend please add your name to the list at the back of the church.

### **Looking Further Ahead**

**Monday 10 December** 7.30pm to 9.30pm Community choir rehearsal.

*Notices continue overleaf*

☺ Please take this notice sheet home with you as a reminder of future events ☺

**Next Sunday... 9.30am Family Church with Music Group**

**11.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)**

# Christmas Boxes

It's Fill a shoe box time again!

This year we're hoping to donate lots of items to Gatehouse, Bury St Edmunds.

The people at Gatehouse run clubs and provide lunches, meetings and outings, etc for residents of Bury and surrounding area who are lonely, unwell, less able to cope with everyday life, have suffered with fire, flood, etc in their home.

We can help by decorating a shoe box with festive paper and filling it with some of the following:-

- Christmas Pudding, Cake and biscuits
- Other festive fare that will keep until after Christmas
- Tins of soup, tins of fruit, etc.
- Hats, gloves and scarves (for men and women)
- Word search and other puzzle books
- Toiletries (for men and women)

Please decorate and fill your box and bring it to church on Sunday 9 December ready for delivering to Gatehouse in time for them to distribute. Please do not seal up your box. (Last year they delivered 470 boxes!)

Anything not used in the Christmas hampers will be used in the usual Foodbank administered by Gatehouse.

There are some shoe boxes at the back of the Church.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Jean and Derek Folkard

To whom any questions may be directed.

