Newsletter for Sunday 22nd of November

The Feast of Christ the King

Dear Friends, This Sunday we have called our service, 'Christ the Servant King' because Jesus said," I came to serve not to be served." This reminds us that it is our duty to serve others.

One way we do this is by supporting the Food Bank at the Well at West Aukland as do St Osmund's. We are grateful to Christine and Peter Graham for collecting and delivering our gifts.

As Christmas approaches it is more important to support those in need. Christine writes, Once again, the church is collecting Christmas items for the Foodbank at the Well in West Auckland. They always appreciate our support.

If you can donate something towards this, you can leave items in the basket at the back of the church. The church is open every day between 10am and 4pm. Thanking you in anticipation. Things they would like to make family boxes are

Children's selection boxes, chocolates or sweets.

Family boxes of biscuit or chocolates. Christmas puddings or cakes. Not mince pies as their dates mean they don't last till Christmas.

Our own Church Christmas Market is on Saturday 5th of December from 10am until 12.30. We hope you will support it on the day and bring contributions for the gift stall, books raffle and homemade produce stall. Bring gifts to church or ring 01325 730379 so we can collect them.



The Four Parishes and Gather Bible studies continue at Sheila Jones house 2 Academy Gardens on Monday 22nd at 7.30. Hot drinks and mince pies get us off to a good start.



The Churches Together Team met at St Osmund's last Tuesday. The Christmas Card design has been set to Focus magazine, and we sponsored the magazine for December Using Christine Ruhstofer's lovely picture 'A Teesdale Nativity'. Look out for it when it comes because it contains all the information you need about Christmas Services at both churches as well as an invitation to the Carol Service on Sunday 20th of December at 6pm in St Mary's. Please pull it out and stand it up as a card.

Next Sunday the 29th of November is advent Sunday. Susanne Jukes will be taking our service at 10.45 Don't forget to come to hear the Cobweb Orchestra at 4pm in the Village Hall on Sunday 29th of November.

We hope you are enjoying the sunshine after all the rain.

Every blessing

The Churchwardens.