

**THE PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF  
HEREFORD, WEOBLEY, HR4 8QS AND  
ST.BEDE THE VEN. KINGTON, HR5 3DW**

**LAST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME  
CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING**



*Pilate:* "So you are a king, then." *Jesus:* "It is you who say it. Yes. I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this, to bear witness to the truth." (Jn. 18, 31.)

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**COVID & FLU:** Please take all normal precautions,  
**Weobley Mass will continue to be Zoomed.**  
**Zoom ID:768 558 1521 and Password:1rZ7LU**  
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**34<sup>th</sup>. ORDINARY WEEK OF YEAR B.**  
**Sat. Nov.23 Mass of Sunday, Kington 6.00pm.**  
**Sun. 24 CHRIST THE KING Mass 10.30**  
**Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament for 1 hour after**  
**Mass. NO refreshments - sorry.**  
**Mon. 25 Mass Weob. 10.30Z S.Cath.of Alexan.**  
**Tue. 26 Mass Weob. 1030Z S.Sylvester**  
**Wed. 27 Mass, K'ton 10.30**  
**Thur. 28 NO Mass**  
**Fri. 29 Mass Weob. 3.00 -Sat.**  
**Sat. 30 FEAST OF ST.ANDREW**  
**Mass of Sunday, Kington 6,00pm.**  
**Sun.Dec. 01 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADV ENT**  
**Mass Weobley 10.30am.Z**

**THINK FOOD BANK:** esp. Long life milk and  
everything else besides.

Brown envelopes for November Mass intentions and  
offerings are still in the churches.**PRAY FOR THE**

**PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**  
that they may be well served by President Donald  
Trump and his Administration.  
**PRAY FOR ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE MIDDLE-**  
**EAST. May lasting peace come to Jesus' own**  
**country, and the success of all peace initiatives.**  
**Pray for lasting peace in the Ukraine and a change**  
**of the Russian mind, especially the church.**  
**PLEASE PRAY for AFGHANISTAN and IRAN**  
**struggling for humane government and basic rights**  
**for women**  
**FOR ALL BOAT MIGRANTS that they may have**  
**love, justice and shelter according to their needs.**  
**For safety and hospitality to all our immigrants.**  
**For the peoples of the area of Valencia, Spain after**  
**the terrible floods.**

**We pray for those of our parish or known to us who**  
**are sick or in need of special prayers:** John and  
Vicky Tanner, Graham Vaughan, Melita Denaro,  
Vivian Brooke, Pat Walls, Sheila Mundy, Catherine  
Williams, Claire Burrows, Sarah Murkin, Roger  
Nichols, Bill Davies, Alethea Lavington, Sarah  
Williams, Gaytree Wrigley, Catherine Gaynor, Kath  
Morgan, Peter Hereford.  
**For any parishioners, relatives and friends recently**  
**dead:** Mike Bickers, Brian Butler.  
**We remember those of our parish whose annivers-**  
**aries occur at this time:** George Gordon Teasdale  
(S.'84), Clare Penford (M.2007), Elizabeth Mary  
Pritchard (W.'77), Peggy Howells (Th.2000), Francis  
Giblin (F.), Amy Jury (F.), .

**For King Charles III and Princess Kate at this time**  
**of concern over their health.** May our King always  
set the highest standards of leadership for our country.  
**We also pray for our new government, especially**  
**our Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer and his**  
**cabinet.** May they govern with integrity following  
the religious beliefs of our country. And we pray for  
the leaders of all the other countries of the world,  
esp.President Zelenski of Ukraine **and for conversion**  
**of the Russian leadership.**  
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**RED BOXES NOW OVERDUE. Only 4/12 in so far.**  
**"Watching and waiting", a chance to reflect on the**  
**meaning of Christmas in a service of Advent**  
**readings, poems, prayers and hymns.**  
**3.00pm on Sunday Dec.15<sup>th</sup>. St. Thomas', Weobley.**  
**Refreshments with mince pies afterwards**

**NEXT SUNDAY: ADVENT 'BRING AND**  
**SHARE' LUNCH - SUNDAY DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>.**  
**At St. Thomas' Parish Room, Weobley. 11.45 for**  
**12.00 noon**  
**\* Bring a dish to share : savoury or sweet.**  
**\* Fun Quiz and Raffle.**  
**Proceeds to Hereford Open Door, Hereford Homeless**  
**Please put your name on the list at the back of the**  
**church if you are coming: This helps greatly with**  
**preparations.**

## SERMONETTE

### FIRST READING from the book of Daniel (Ch.7,vv.13-14)

Last week we had Daniel, the prophet, introducing us to the Prince of Angels, Michael, in an apocalyptic vision. Today, we re-wind a few chapters when he presents us to “The One of Great Age”, presumed to be God and the one whom Jesus called His Father. Age here can mean ‘everlasting’ or ‘most senior’, indeed probably both. In this prophecy, the Father is introducing us to the One He is going to appoint as King of all nations and peoples. Unlike the other, earthly sovereigns, His Son will reign forever.

### SECOND READING from the Book of the Apocalypse (Ch.1, vv.5-8)

Only about 70 years after the death and resurrection of Jesus did John, the youngest disciple, come to realise the enormous depth of the mystery which had been revealed to him and to the church. In a world where emperors, kings and leaders of every description were greatly to be feared, one alone stands out as both ruler and priest, one whom “we knew” and who has now returned to take away the sins of the world. He will not compete for power with other rulers for He will reign over all the races of the world.

### GOSPEL according to John (Ch.18, vv.11-32)

You will recognise this text as an excerpt from Pontius Pilate’s discourse with Jesus at His trial. Pilate is trying to get the measure of Jesus. He is a Jew but they want him put to death, They quote Him as having said that He was a king but Herod is the king and, anyway, he Pilate is in charge. Is this man an impostor, a lunatic, a dangerous fanatic. Whatever he is, Pilate is getting more scared of the Jewish mob than of Jesus so Jesus is just expendable. Pilate has no conception of a “king who is not of this world”; he must be a lunatic therefore he is no threat.

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## NEW MISSALS HAVE ARRIVED AND ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED.

**“Horizons of Hope” series. “RECEIVING THE SYNOD”- What it means for the future of the Church. Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Half-day, 10.00 -12.00, at BELMONT ABBEY, Also Saturday January 18<sup>th</sup> 2025. ‘Implementing the Synod;’. Full day. 10.00-4.00. I APOLOGISE FOR THE LATE NOTICE I GAVE FOR TODAY’S SESSION. It was very good..Please, Please try to attend the next one on January 18<sup>th</sup>. Very important. Talks and discussion led by Dr. Austen Ivereigh, official observer at the Synod.**

Licensing of new Vicar of Kington. Rev.Canon Dr.Sally Welch Mon Nov.25<sup>th</sup>. 7.00pm. St. Mary’s Church.

## WEOBLEY CHURCHES TOGETHER CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup>. 12.45. At Weobley Village Hall.

Cost £10. Pay at the door.

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Weobley, Mon. Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>. 3.00pm.

Christmas Eve: Tuesday December 24<sup>th</sup>.

Christmas Mass at Kington: 6.00pm.

Night Mass at Weobley: 9.00pm.

Christmas Day: Mass at Weobley: 10.30

WALSINGHAM: Next Pilgrimage, June Mon.23<sup>rd</sup> to Fri.27<sup>th</sup>.2025. Bookings by December 31<sup>st</sup>. 2024

