

**Welcome to St Matthew's
Perry Beeches
Sunday 18th Nov. 2018
2nd before Advent**



**Today's
Hymns**

Introit 589

Angel voices ever singing

Alleluia 486

Christ is the King!

Offertory 584

All my hope on God

Communion 624

Faith overcomes

Dismissal 817

Timeless love

The Collect

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Presiding: The Revd Alison Bownass

From the Book of Daniel

In the third year of King Cyrus, a word was revealed to Daniel. 'At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.'

This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**



Psalm 16

congregation reads verses in bold

Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge;
I have said to the Lord, 'You are my lord,
all my good depends on you.'

**All my delight is upon the godly that are in the
land, upon those who are noble in heart.**

Though the idols are legion that many run after,
their drink offerings of blood I will not offer,
neither make mention of their names upon my lips.

**The Lord himself is my portion and my cup;
in your hands alone is my fortune.**

My share has fallen in a fair land;
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

**I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel,
and in the night watches he instructs my heart.**

I have set the Lord always before me;
he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.

**Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices;
my flesh also shall rest secure.**

For you will not abandon my soul to Death,
nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.

**You will show me the path of life;
in your presence is the fullness of joy and in your
right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

From the Epistle to the Hebrews

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, 'This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds', he also adds, 'I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.'

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

*This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God***

Hymn 486, verses 1 and 4 *Christ is the King*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus

Christ according to Mark **Glory to you O**

Lord

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.' When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and all these things are accomplished?' Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.'



Praise to you O Christ

Hymn 486 Verse 5