

# Christ the King, Bradley Stoke

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## CHURCH ACTIVITIES @ Ctk THIS WEEK

<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>18.00 – 19.00</b>	Trailblazers
	<b>19.15 – 20.30</b>	4mation
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>10.00 – 11.30</b>	First Steps
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>9.00 – 11.00</b>	Coffee Morning
	<b>13.30 – 15.30</b>	Craft Group

## COMMUNION ARRANGEMENTS

At a meeting before Christmas, the PCC agreed that we should make a return to the shared cup in 2023. This is based on advice from the Church of England - better understanding of COVID-19 reveals that it is highly unlikely that the virus can be spread by drinking from a shared cup. As such, from the beginning of February, we'll be offering wine from the chalice again. The option for individuals to dip their own bread into the wine will NOT be available.

Rich says *"I appreciate that this decision will be pleasing for some and cause concern for others. If you do not feel comfortable drinking from a shared cup, the Church of England is clear that you can receive the bread only and that this is still receiving in full."*

At the same time, we will also move back to using gluten-free bread for all communicants, so that we can genuinely share in one bread.

## Today:

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9.30 a.m.

Holy  
Communion

Ephesians 2:  
1-10  
God's vision for  
me.

6.30 p.m.

Prayer Meeting

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Next  
Sunday  
12<sup>th</sup> Feb

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9.30 a.m.

Morning  
Worship

Ezekiel 1

6.30 p.m.

No Evening  
Service

## Prayer for the week:

Lord, help us to believe that we are all ordinary people made extraordinary through your vision and your power. Take our insecurities & feelings of inadequacy and give us the courage to see ourselves and others as you see us, with gifts and potential to transform your world and build your Kingdom. Amen.

## **VISION 2031**

Our opening sermon series, "God's vision for...", ends today. We're also coming to the end of the first stage of the Vision 2031 process, where we've been gathering information about how we got here and what we're already doing. Please do take a look to see what others have written - what have they missed off that you might need to add? We'll be taking down some of the boards soon (so that we can collate the information) so please add your thoughts soon - we need your input!

## **CHURCH TIME LINE**

The history of the church continues to be displayed in the foyer. Please review it and add anything you feel is of importance. Guidance is available from Rich & Dave.

## **ASH WEDNESDAY, 22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY**

Rich will be leading a service of Holy Communion on Ash Wednesday, starting at 8.00pm at Holy Trinity. Please do add this to your diary now, in order to join us as we mark the start of Lent.

## **SAFEGUARDING**

Just a reminder that some services may be live streamed and recorded. If you wish to avoid appearing on screen please speak to the wardens or welcome who will ensure that you are seated appropriately.

## **GOOD FRIDAY**

We're hoping to run Good Friday craft activities for children/families on the morning of Good Friday, up at HTC. This will be a benefice event and we'd like a team of workers from across both churches. Activities might include making an Easter garden, creating an Easter frontal for our communion tables, making Easter cards etc, but nothing is set in stone, so we're open to good ideas. If you'd like to help (whether you're creative or not) please speak to Rich.



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## **Safeguarding:**

The Parish of Christ the King, Bradley Stoke takes the safety and security of all seriously. If you have any safeguarding concerns with regard to children, young people or vulnerable adults please contact the local Parish Safeguarding Officer, Sue Cale, or email: [safeguarding@bradleystokeparish.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@bradleystokeparish.org.uk) to make initial contact.