

Dear All,

I suppose every Sunday is a good day, at least from the point of view that it's always a celebration of the Resurrection. But, in the web and weave, the ups and downs of our spiritual lives, some seem better Sundays than others. And of course, the Eucharist is always what it is, because Christ our Lord makes it so — an encounter with Him, whether it feels like it or not. But, I reckon by every reckoning that last Sunday was a good Sunday!

Father Russell preached a fine and thoughtful sermon on the Kingship of Christ, and our musos excelled themselves. I'm not, of course, especially talking about the 'Brunswick Four', who sang part of the Te Deum relating to the theme at the beginning of the Mass—I am, myself, the least of all altos! — but Anna our cantor, Sam on the trumpet, and Stephen on the organ did us proud. I was outside by the time the congregation were treated to the Chorale Prelude on a melody by Melchior Vulpius by Healey Willan.

At the start of communion time, Anna sang 'When I survey' to a wonderful tune I first heard played by the Grimethorpe Colliery band, called 'Deep Harmony'. Sam accompanied on muted trumpet. The harmonies are delicious! It's worth Youtube—ing it.

In the evening at 'B & B' we delved a little more into the mystery of the Lord's kingship, exploring in particular the breathtaking claims of the first few verses of the Letter to the Hebrews.

All in all, I think it was a worthy 'last' Sunday of the liturgical year. Now, we enter the great Advent Season, and prepare for the Coming of the Lord. I truly believe that a well-kept Advent will lead to a more joyous Christmas.

Advent Sunday means AGM Sunday...

You know already that after the 10am Mass on Advent Sunday we have our Annual General Meeting. You have received the papers for the meeting. I encourage you to read them in advance. I shall be taking most of them as 'read' rather than asking those who have prepared them to present them verbally. Of course there will be the opportunity for thanksgivings, comments and questions. The reports witness to the huge amount of effort and commitment of so many people who have poured many hours of love and labour into our life together during the past year.

There will, of course, be questions and possibly occasional disagreement over some matters. It's perfectly possible, perhaps sometimes even healthy, to disagree, as long as it is respectful and open-hearted. I expect that should there be matters of concern they be raised with graciousness and Christian courtesy, and with the absolute assumption that everyone who has worked so hard over the past year has been seeking to serve the Lord and his Church as best they can. That's the Christian way.

A company of the Lord's disciples talking about His business...

An AGM has its procedures and due process. But, in the end, what are we but a company of the Lord's disciples meeting together to talk about what we have done, and will seek to do in honour of his most Holy Name?

Start the new Church year as you mean to go on! ADVENT SUNDAY Mass @ 8 & 10 and LAMB 'B&B' @ 6 in the café. Fr Jack on 'the one who knocks...'

Talking of disciples, here's a couple of little ones who have not as yet been introduced into the joys (or otherwise) of annual meetings!



These two emerged from the Christ Church font on the same day in September and seem to be doing pretty well. The one in the shades, looking somewhat cool after Mass last Sunday, is our Dominik Drobik, and here is Anna-Maria Smith who looks very happy with her equally delighted godfather, Luke (also a server and soon to be cantor). Anna-Maria has been forced to live in the wilds of Inverloch with her parents, Lucas and Anita... but is, of course, still part of the CCB family!



Francesca returns to Brunswick!

Our old friend, Francesca, and her trusty guide, Bert, generally limit their visits to Brunswick to once each year on Palm Sunday, but they are making a return visit in time for

CAROLS & JAZZ

on Wednesday 14th December @ 6pm

This time she will be serenaded by jazz singer Michelle Nicolle and friends, as well as



I love this snap of Francesca skulking about the front of the church...

by our old friends, The Rogues Choir, who, I understand, are going to give us a flavour of a French Christmas.

For the first time, we shall have the event on the land at 260. This should be a great witness, and just a good and happy event!

Sign up on the notice sheet in the church, if you can help. The Baptists are joining us too!

There are cards at the back of church to give to friends and neighbours.

(I'm looking for a young lass brave enough to be Mary. She will get a donkey ride!)

And finally, the sharp-eyed among you may have noticed that the Good Shepherd icon in the church has been replaced with a copy of the 8th c. Coptic icon, often called, 'The Icon of Friendship'. Jesus has his arm around the shoulder of a Coptic Abbot called Menas, but who has come to represent each of us... Jesus is our deepest friend.



Much love, +*Lindsay*