

**Welcome to the Mells Group of Parishes**  
**Chantry, Great Elm,**  
**Mells with Vobster, Whatley**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November - Christ the King**

9.30am Informal Service at Great Elm led by Richard King  
9.30am Morning Prayer at Mells led by Janet Cauldwell  
9.30am Holy Communion at Whatley led by David Gatcliffe  
11.00am Matins at Chantry led by Val Rawlins

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December - Advent Sunday**

10.00am Group Service at Mells led by David Gatcliffe

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**Collect**

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**First Reading: Daniel 7 9-10, 13, 14**

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened.

As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

**Psalm 93**

The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty;  
the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength.  
He has established the world; it shall never be moved;  
your throne is established from of old;  
you are from everlasting.  
The floods have lifted up, O Lord,  
the floods have lifted up their voice;

the floods lift up their roaring.  
More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,  
more majestic than the waves[a] of the sea,  
majestic on high is the Lord!  
Your decrees are very sure;  
holiness befits your house,  
O Lord, for evermore.

### **Second Reading: Revelations 1 4b-8**

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

### **Gospel: John 18 33-37**

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

### **Post Communion**

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.