

Worthing Deanery Prayer

The theme of this week 21st November 2016.

Youth

Reflection

The Gospel from the last Sunday of the Church's Year is about Jesus as about Christ The King. The Christian New Year starts next Sunday with the first Sunday of Advent. The Gospel tells us about the dying moments of Jesus on the cross. The crowd are jeering and one of the crucified thieves is shouting at Jesus and demanding to be saved. The "good" thief says that they are getting what they deserve but Jesus is innocent. The thief asks Jesus to remember him when Jesus reaches heaven and with great beauty and compassion Jesus replies: "Today you will be with me in Paradise." This notice of execution on the cross of Jesus tells us that he is "King of the Jews". This inscription will echo the prophesies during Advent about the birth of a King, Christ the Lord; Emmanuel. **Let us prepare in earnest this week for the birth of the King and perhaps you can make a new year's resolution to find time each day to pray asking Christ the King to keep all young people in the world within his sight, love and care.**

Prayer

Today and tomorrow, in time and eternity, Your Kingdom Come.
In our world, in our streets, in our homes, in our schools, in our communities, Your Kingdom Come.
In our lives, in our loves, in our hopes and in our travelling,
Your Kingdom Come. Amen.

From the bible

**"Today you will be with me
in Paradise."**

Luke 23: 43