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more to **life...**



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Jesus.

Some further thoughts from Jasamine

- All Saints' & All Souls' – These fall on a Thursday and Friday this year. If there will be services for these occasions, and you have the facilities, a nice touch could be to have a short slide-show containing photos of the people who have died over the last year.
- Sunday 4th November – This Gospel reading is where Jesus is asked, which is the greatest commandment? This could be an opportunity for the song “A New Commandment (I give unto you...)” – found in *Together in Song* and *Anglican Hymns Old and New*.
- Friday 23rd November – White Ribbon Day, the campaign day working to end male violence against women and girls (it was decided at Synod last year to make appropriate prayerful response for this occasion and these materials will be sent out separately). A prayer for this occasion will be sent out separately.
- Sunday 25th November – This Sunday is Christ the King, and marks the end of the liturgical year (and the end if the Ignite Growth campaign started last year to challenge the whole Diocese to grow congregations by 25% by Christ the King 2018). This Sunday, the last Sunday before Advent starts, has also been informally known as Stir Up Sunday and gets this name from the beginning of the prayer;
Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

This was the collect used in the *Book of Common Prayer* for the twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity, but a modern version can be found in *A Prayer Book For Australia* which could be used as a conclusion to the Prayers of the Faithful, or as the Post-Communion Prayer.

The words “Stir up...” served as a reminder to make the Christmas Pudding as most recipes require it to be cooked well in advance of Christmas and then reheated on Christmas Day.

Maybe congregations could have a combined/pooled lunch for Christ the King and then in the afternoon mix up Christmas Puddings as a fundraiser or to donate to people in need who might otherwise not have a pudding on Christmas Day?