### Revelation 1: 4b - 8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia 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.

### 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.' Pilate asked him, 'What is truth?'

Prayer for the week (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. **Amen.** 

Post Communion Prayer

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. **Amen.** 

<u>Prayer for the Week at Home</u> Lord Jesus our King and Sovereign, the beginning and end of all things, fill our hearts with your grace, give us the patience to bear one another's burdens and the courage to bear witness to the glory of your kingdom. Amen

## NEXT WEEK: 1<sup>st</sup> December Advent Sunday

9.00am	St Andrew's Rillington
11.00am	St John's Yedingham
6pm Advent Carols:	All Saint's West Heslerton

### Readings:

1 Thess 3:9-end Luke 21:25-36

# A Prayer during Vacancy

Gracious God, in your mercy, and for your glory, renew us, reshape us, revive us with generous faith, courageous hope, and life-giving love that, in transformed lives, through growing church and building community in this Benefice, we may see your Kingdom come and be good news for all. Amen.

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