

**Collect:**

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Post Communion:**

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save, This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



**Sunday February 14th  
2021  
The Sunday Next  
Before Lent**

**THIS WEEK AT  
HOLY CROSS, WOODCHURCH**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

**8am – Service in Church (Face  
Mask Required)  
10am Morning service on Zoom**

***Welcome to Holy Cross Church.  
"Growing disciples of Christ"***

**READINGS FOR TODAY:****First Reading – 2 Kings 2. 1-12**

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'

Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets<sup>Ⓜ</sup> who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

**Psalm 50. 1-6**

The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God reveals himself in glory. Our God will come and will not keep silence; before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm. He calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgement of his people. 'Gather before me my loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.' Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; for God himself is judge.

**Second Reading – 2 Corinthians 4. 3-6**

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

**Gospel – Mark 9. 2-9**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

**In your intercessions this week****PLEASE PRAY FOR:****THOSE WHO LIVE AND WORK IN:**

Sunday: Pemberton Road Monday: Pool Lane

Tuesday: Poolwood Road Wednesday: Robin Way

Thursday: Sandfield Road Friday: Schoolfield Close

Saturday: Schoolfield Road



**Please pray especially for all who are affected by the coronavirus outbreak, especially those in isolation and all who care for them and for all who work in and for the National Health Service together with all other key workers.**

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| <b>THOSE WHO ARE ILL:</b><br><br>Jeanette, Colin, Kath, Ilaria<br><br><i><b>Names from this list are normally transferred to the monthly prayer list after a few weeks</b></i> | <b>YEARS MIND:</b><br><br>John Bennett (Snr), Walter Luff |
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**THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:**



Mavis Taylor  
 Lilian Buckley  
 Robert Edward Denyer  
 Martin Slattery  
 June Mason  
 George Douglas Mason

***"Give rest O Christ to your servants with the saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing but life everlasting. Amen"***

**MARRIAGE BANNES TO BE READ:**

Nathan David Anderton and Emma Victoria Hodkinson

**THE WEEK AHEAD**  
**(FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED WHEN ATTENDING CHURCH)**

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| Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> February   | 10.30am – Funeral in Church followed by burial<br>8.00pm – Bible Study this week via Zoom |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> February | 10.00am – Ash Wednesday Service via Zoom<br>1.00pm - Funeral in Church followed by burial |
| Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> February  | 8.00am – Lent Holy Communion in Church  |
| Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> February    | 8.00am – Sunday Service in Church<br>10.00am – Sunday Service via Zoom                    |

**BIBLE READING FOR THE WEEK:**

**Sunday Next before Lent - Mark 9:2-9**  
 A glimpse of the heavenly glory of Jesus. No wonder the three disciples were frightened. A high spiritual moment, but again a warning not to tell. This seems strange to us in our media-soaked society: it was a good story. But Jesus had not come to get publicity - He came to rescue us from sin and death.

*Prayer: Holy Spirit, continue to guide us into appropriate sharing of our faith.*

**Pastoral Care at Holy Cross**  
 To enable us to initiate and co-ordinate our responses to all pastoral needs as speedily as possible, please get in touch with one of our Pastoral Workers, Paul Jackson (648 4291) or Jan Lupton (07835 063466) or the Parish Office on 0151 677 5352, or email at [parishoffice@holycrosswoodchurch.uk](mailto:parishoffice@holycrosswoodchurch.uk)

### **Our verse for the year**

"... and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us"  
(Romans 5.5)

**Jan Lupton, Pastoral Worker – thoughts on this verse:**

"We can be disappointed with worldly promises, and at times disappointed in ourselves, but we have a strong hope through faith and this a gift from God through the Holy Spirit straight into our hearts."

Please see our **Website** ([www.holycrosswoodchurch.uk](http://www.holycrosswoodchurch.uk)) and **Facebook** page (**Holy Cross Church Woodchurch-Approved**) for further information regarding the life of this worshipping community. The Rector of this church can be contacted in an emergency by telephoning 0151 677 5352 (Parish Office) or 07766 031757 or emailing [parishoffice@holycrosswoodchurch.uk](mailto:parishoffice@holycrosswoodchurch.uk) Or [Christine.broad@holycrosswoodchurch.uk](mailto:Christine.broad@holycrosswoodchurch.uk)

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### **Covid-19 Update**

Subject to government regulations some services in church will resume on **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February**. Our regular service in church will be at **8am on Sundays**.

To keep everyone safe please ensure that you wear a mask if attending services in church, that you sanitise your hands regularly and you maintain appropriate social distancing. If you have a new continuous cough, a change in your sense of smell or taste or a high temperature you are advised to stay at home and enjoy our online and telephone provision which will continue alongside services in church".

**We are opening the church on condition that you must maintain social distancing of 2m/6ft apart inside and out. Unfortunately, this does mean socialising is not permitted.**

**Services Online continue via Zoom/Facebook/Youtube and also via telephone**

**Sundays 10am Morning service- Zoom/Facebook**

*For further information / Zoom code for this week/information re groups and bible study please contact the parish office on*

*0151 677 5352 or email [parishoffice@holycrosswoodchurch.uk](mailto:parishoffice@holycrosswoodchurch.uk)*

*Or visit the website [www.holycrosswoodchurch.uk](http://www.holycrosswoodchurch.uk)*

## NOTICES

### Lent at Holy Cross Woodchurch

#### Ash Wednesday.

17th February Service via [Zoom](#) at 10am -all welcome  
**meeting code 842 4970 8160 password 829715**



#### Thursdays during Lent

8am Holy Communion [in Church](#) 18th and 25th February, 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th March

**Tuesdays during Lent.** 8pm Bible Study via [Zoom](#) "Journeying through Lent" please contact Revd Josie for the Zoom link

**Holy Week and Easter** services TBC

**100 Club Membership (Advance Notice):** Thank you for supporting the 100 Club and supporting our church. To [renew your membership](#) for members who have paid £60 annually this is now due to enable you to be included in the draw for **March**. Please could you post your cheque to the Parish Office or phone the office for our bank details. **NEW MEMBERS** are very welcome to join and payment can be made either by £60 for a year or via BACS of £5 per month. Further details from Sue (677 5352).



Thank you to Beryl Robinson who has handed into the Parish Office £50 for church funds from her Smartie money. Thank you to Gwyneth Mills.

**Celebration Greetings:** Does anyone have a special birthday or anniversary coming up? As we are unable to gather in the hall to celebrate special occasions at the moment, if you would like a greeting to be added to the pew sheet for such an occasion please let the parish office know at least a week in advance of the occasion and we will endeavour to include your request on the pew sheet.



## **NOTICES (cont'd)**



**Lighting a candle.** Although the church building is closed for public worship at the present time, our clergy are permitted to go into church to pray. If you have a particular prayer request for a particular situation or a person and would like us to light a candle in church for you at this time please text 07592 721399 or 07766031757 with your request and we will add our prayers to yours and light a candle for you when we are next in the church.

### **TELEPHONE WORSHIP DIRECT FROM HOLY CROSS**

You can now listen to a recorded version of our Sunday morning worship by telephone. Dial (0151) 318 2533 at any time to join Revd Josie for 10 minutes of prayer and reflection. This is a local call on a landline. The charge is the same as any local call and is free if your phone package includes free calls at certain times of day. Please pass this information on to anyone you know who isn't able to get to church or use the internet.

The Church of England's "Daily Hope" telephone service is also still available free on 0800 804 8044.

**Where's Rosie?**... *there is a small picture of Sue's dog somewhere on this pewsheet – can you find her?*