

**Collect:**

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Post Communion:**

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



**Sunday August 30<sup>th</sup> 2020**  
**The Twelfth Sunday**  
**after Trinity**  
**(Proper 17)**

**THIS WEEK AT**  
**HOLY CROSS, WOODCHURCH**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August**  
**8am short said service of Holy**  
**Communion in church**

**10am Morning service on Zoom**

**6pm – Holy Communion**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**  
**10am short said service of Holy**  
**Communion in church**

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

**READINGS FOR TODAY:****First Reading – Jeremiah 15. 15-21**

O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore, thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

**Psalms 115**

Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to the name give glory; because of your love and because of your faithfulness. Why should the heathen say, 'Where then is their God?' Our God is in heaven; whatever he wills to do he does. Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands. They have mouths, but they cannot speak; eyes have they, but they cannot see; They have ears, but they cannot hear; noses, but they cannot smell; They have hands, but they cannot feel; feet, but they cannot

walk; they make no sound with their throat. Those who make them are like them, and so are all who put their trust in them. O Israel, trust in the Lord; he is their help and their shield. O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord; he is their help and their shield. You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord; he is their help and their shield. The Lord has been mindful of us and he will bless us; he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron; He will bless those who fear the Lord, both small and great together. May the Lord increase you more and more, you and your children after you. May you be blessed by the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. The heaven of heavens is the Lord's, but he entrusted the earth to its peoples. The dead do not praise the Lord, nor all those who go down into silence; But we will bless the Lord, from this time forth for evermore. Alleluia!

### **Second Reading – Romans 12. 9-21**

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

### **Gospel – Matthew 16. 21-28**

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

**In your intercessions this week  
PLEASE PRAY FOR:**



**THOSE WHO LIVE AND WORK IN:**

Sunday: Parkway Monday: Parkway Close  
Tuesday: Pemberton Road Wednesday: Pool Lane  
Thursday: Poolwood Road Friday: Robin Way  
Saturday: Sandfield 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.**

**THOSE WHO ARE ILL:**

Beryl, Brian, Jayne, Sue, Christopher,  
Maureen, Emma, John, Duncan, John,  
Margaret, Neil, Carol, Chris

***Names from this list are normally  
transferred to the monthly prayer  
list after a few weeks***

**YEARS MIND:**

William Eric Siggins  
William Edward McKenzie  
Robinson Fearon

**THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:**

Eric Dale



**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**(FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED WHEN  
ATTENDING CHURCH SERVICES)**

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 10.00am – Short said service of Holy Communion in church  
6.00pm – Ecumenical Prayer Walk (see details in notices)  
8.00pm - Bible Study via Zoom  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 12 noon – Funeral in Church  
Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 8.00am – Short said service of Holy Communion in church  
10.00am - Sunday Service via Zoom  
6.00pm – Holy Communion with Prayers for Healing

**BIBLE READING FOR THE WEEK:**

**Twelfth Sunday after Trinity – Matthew 16:21-28**

The cost of discipleship: “forget about yourself” and “take up your cross and follow Me”. More money, more things, more power does not fulfil.

*Prayer: Jesus, in Your mercy give me grace to follow You and not my own selfish ways.*



**How many times have you washed your hands today?**

**How many times have you prayed today?**

We have been asked by the government to make sure we wash our hands frequently and for at least 20 seconds each time - but how do you know you have washed your hands for long enough?

How about **saying the Lord's Prayer every time you wash your hands?** This should take at least 20 seconds.



*Stay safe- and keep in touch with God! God bless you - Christine*

### **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**

"... let the little children come to me and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs"  
*Matthew 19 v 14*

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)

### **Sunday Service via Zoom**

If you know any family or friends who would like to join in our online Sunday service please e-mail the Parish Office  [parishoffice@holycrosswoodchurch.uk](mailto:parishoffice@holycrosswoodchurch.uk) to request the link

## **NOTICES**

In addition to the 10am Zoom service on Sundays there will be a short-said service of Holy Communion in Church at 8am every Sunday and at 10am every Wednesday.

**ALL WELCOME**

**FOLLOWING ON FROM GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES**  
**FACE MASKS MUST BE WORN.**

### **NEW 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.



**During September there will be an evening service in church each Sunday at 6pm.**

**All Welcome**

**Regular Sunday services at 10am via Zoom, Bible study group and meetings continue online.**

**For further information please see our website**  
**[www.holycrosswoodchurch.uk](http://www.holycrosswoodchurch.uk)**

or email: [parishoffice@holycrosswoodchurch.uk](mailto:parishoffice@holycrosswoodchurch.uk)  
or call Parish office: 0151 677 5352  
or Rector: 07766 031757

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## NOTICES (cont'd)

"There will be a socially distanced **Ecumenical Prayer Walk** on the evening of **Wednesday 2nd September at 6pm** beginning at St Michael's Roman Catholic Church gates. All welcome!"

### Annual Parochial Church Meeting APCM

Due to the covid-19 Pandemic our APCM planned to take place in April had to be postponed. It is hoped that we will be able to hold our APCM in church with appropriate social distancing and hygiene measures in place ( or in the church grounds if attendance exceeds the capacity of the church) on **Sunday 27th September at 4pm**. Please save the date. More information will follow in due course.

### Bible Study Group

We will be meeting via Zoom on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 8pm**. All are welcome. Please contact Rev Josie on [josie.tuplin@holycrosswoodchurch.uk](mailto:josie.tuplin@holycrosswoodchurch.uk) for the Zoom link if you would like to be part of that.

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

Would you like to access Church of England prayers, hymns and worship from the comfort of your armchair free of charge? **"Daily Hope"** is a new telephone service from the Church of England, specially designed to meet the needs of those who can't access the internet. Just phone **0800 804 8044** to hear a message from **Archbishop Justin Welby** and choose to listen to a range of resources from prayers and reflections on favourite hymns to full worship services. This is a free service and available 24 hours a day.

**Foundations for Ministry Course** - This course is open to anyone who wants to grow and develop in Christian ministry in the Church and the wider world. It forms the first year of training for Reader and Pastoral Worker ministries. The next course will begin in late September, running in an exciting new format from previous years with the inclusion of online learning sessions. Please speak to Revd Christine for further information regarding the course and how to apply.

## **A Journey through Summer with the Psalms at 6pm**

***During August there will be a service in church each Sunday evening at 6pm.*** The services will alternate between Holy Communion and evening prayer and will last around 45 minutes each week.

Each Sunday the 6pm service will include a reflection (or reflections) on a Psalm or group of Psalms. These will be from the section of Psalms in the scriptures called the Songs of Ascent, or Pilgrim Psalms (Psalms 120-134).

All are welcome to come along to join in these quiet, reflective, prayerful services in church.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Theme</b>	<b>Psalms</b>	<b>Old Testament Reading</b>	<b>New Testament Reading</b>
30 <sup>th</sup> August	Holy Communion	The joy of worship	132-134	2 Kings 6:24-25, 7:3-end	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15,21-23