

Collect:

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Post Communion:

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



**Sunday February 28th
2021
The Second Sunday of
Lent**

**THIS WEEK AT
HOLY CROSS,
WOODCHURCH**

Sunday 28th 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 – Genesis 17. 1-7, 15-16**

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

Psalm 22. 23-End

Praise the Lord, you that fear him; stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory. For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; but when they cry to him he hears them. My praise is of him in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him. The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: 'May your heart live for ever!' All the

ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him. For kingship belongs to the Lord; he rules over the nations. To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before him. My soul shall live for him; by descendants shall serve him; they shall be known as the Lord's for ever. They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has done.

Second Reading – Romans 4. 13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Gospel – Mark 8. 31-38

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, '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, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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



THOSE WHO LIVE AND WORK IN:

Sunday: Woodchurch Road Monday: Woodland Drive
Tuesday: Woodland Road Wednesday: Woodvale Court
Thursday: Woodville Court Friday: Yew Tree Close
Saturday: Ackers 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:

David, Di, Colin, Kath

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

YEARS MIND:

Joseph Chadwick,
Florence May Wilkins,
John Gatsby, John Hathaway,
John Lea, Constance Roberts.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:



Leonard Allen
Edward James
Jean Williams
Lilian Buckley

"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)

Monday 1 st March	7.00pm – PCC Meeting via Zoom
Tuesday 2 nd March	11.30am – Funeral at Landican
	8.00pm – Lent Bible Study this week via Zoom
Wednesday 3 rd March	10.00am – Holy Communion in Church
	6.00pm – Praying for Woodchurch via Zoom
Thursday 4 th March	8.00am – Lent Holy Communion in Church
Sunday 7 th March	8.00am – Sunday Service in Church
	10.00am – Sunday Service via Zoom

BIBLE READING FOR THE WEEK:

Second Sunday of Lent - Mark 8: 31-38

The disciples faced a crisis: a turning point. So much joy, then Jesus starts to talk about His suffering, rejection, death and resurrection. No wonder Peter protested. It gets worse: "You must take up your cross and follow Me..... Don't be ashamed of me and my message." There is a cost to following Jesus.

Question : What does being a follower of Jesus cost me?

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

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)

Please see our **Website** (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 Or Christine.broad@holycrosswoodchurch.uk

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Covid-19 Update

Subject to government regulations our Wednesday morning service will resume on **Wednesdays at 10am** as well as at **8am on Sundays**. During Lent, there will also be Holy Communion in Church at 8am starting every **Thursday 18th February to Thursday 25th March**.

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***

*Or visit the website **www.holycrosswoodchurch.uk***

NOTICES

Lent at Holy Cross Woodchurch

Thursdays during Lent

8am Holy Communion in Church 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).

Praying for Woodchurch. All are welcome to our online prayer meeting on Wednesday 3rd March at 6pm to pray for Woodchurch. The meeting will be via Zoom, please contact the office or Revd Christine for the zoom codes.

Bishop Keith's final service as Bishop of Birkenhead will be at 3.00pm on Sunday 7th March in Chester Cathedral. Due to the COVID19 pandemic, attendance will be online, but please do plan to join the service if you can. [Here is the link to the online service.](#)



If you would like to contribute to a leaving gift, you may do via the following methods:

By cheque

Please make cheques payable to "Chester DBF" and send them to:

Accounts Department, Church House, 5500 Daresbury Park, Daresbury, Warrington, WA4 4GE.

Please write on the back of the cheque: "Bishop Keith's collection".

By electronic bank transfer

Please include the reference "Bishop Keith's collection" in your transfer.

Account name: Chester Diocesan Board of Finance

Sort Code: 60-40-08

Account Number: 4193 0185

Please make your contribution by **Monday 1st March** to ensure it can be processed in time for the farewell service.

NOTICES (cont'd)

Words of Hope – A message of hope shared with The Children's Society by one of its supporters.



When I was young I heard a story about a little girl who used to play the 'Glad Game'.... This little girl was always thinking about, or counting the things she was glad about. "Oh I am glad I am wearing my favourite jumper today" or perhaps "I am glad the sun is out that makes me feel brighter" – just everyday things to be thankful for. It has been a tough year, but now we can all be "Glad" – that there are vaccinations available against Coronavirus. When most of us have had them, we can gradually get back to a normal way of life.... and look forward to better things happening in 2021. Never forget to play the "Glad Game" – There is always something to be glad about.



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.

Easter Cards: After the huge success of our Christmas cards in which we raised a massive £400 for church funds we are now selling Easter cards. Same as before. Bundles available. £1. 50p. 25p All Covid rules will be adhered too. Collection from church on a Sunday or Thursday morning - or I can deliver.

We also have a selection of male/female birthday cards. To order please contact Jayne on 07487 828930 or email Largejayne@yahoo.com

Many thanks Tony, Jan and Jayne



NOTICES (cont'd)



Messy Church Video link for February

<https://youtu.be/19NGyKxE5Is>

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We have been so blessed having Rev Christine as our mentor and friend for 2 years now (her induction at Holy Cross was 25th February 2019). We look forward to having her as our Rector for many more years to come.



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.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and have trust in God.
Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
Fast from words; be silent and listen.

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

100 Club Draw:

January 2021:

1st = 16 / 2nd = 20 / 3rd = 05

February 2021:

1st = 24 / 2nd = 30 / 3rd = 23

