

Collect:

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Post Communion:

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opened to every race and nation the way of life eternal; open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



**Sunday May 23rd 2021
PENTECOST
(Whit Sunday)**

**THIS WEEK AT
HOLY CROSS, WOODCHURCH**

Sunday 23rd May 2021

**8am – Service in Church
(Face Mask Required)**

10am Morning service on Zoom

**6pm – Evening Prayer service
(in Church)**

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

READINGS FOR TODAY:**First Reading – Ezekiel 37. 1-14 and Acts 2. 1-21 (see Second Reading)**

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'

Psalm 104. 25-end

O Lord, how manifold are your works! in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, creatures both small and great. There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, which you have made for the sport of it. All of them look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it to them, they gather it; you open your hand and they are filled with good things. You hide your face and they are terrified; you take away their breath and they die and return to their dust. You send forth your Spirit and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth. May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in all his works. He looks at the earth and it trembles; he touches the mountains and they smoke. I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being. May these words of mine please him; I will rejoice in the Lord. Let sinners be consumed out of the earth, and the wicked be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Alleluia!

Second Reading – Acts 2. 1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Gospel – John 15. 26-27, 16. 4b-15

'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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

THOSE WHO LIVE AND WORK IN:

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



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:

Peter, Reg, David, Kath

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

YEARS MIND:

Dudley Ernest Graham Hathaway,
Ethel Violet Terry, Maggie Chorley.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

David Michael Brannagan



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

THE WEEK AHEAD

(FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED WHEN ATTENDING CHURCH)

Monday 24 th May	7.00pm – PCC Meeting IN CHURCH
Tuesday 25 th May	8.00pm – Bible Study this week via zoom
Wednesday 26 th May	10.00am – Holy Communion in Church 6.30pm – Prayer Walk around the parish
Friday 28 th May	11.00am – Funeral in church followed by burial in churchyard
Sunday 30 th May	8.00am – Holy Communion service in Church 10.00am – Sunday Service via Zoom 6.00pm – Choral Evensong in Church

BIBLE READING FOR THE WEEK:

Day of Pentecost - Acts 2:1-21

Amazing things happened on the first day of Pentecost. People kept asking "what does all this mean?" Peter's sermon gave the explanation and told about Jesus and the forgiveness of God. People turning to God's love was the result.

Prayer: Lord, may Your Spirit allow my daily life to be so influenced by Jesus that people ask why.

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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NOTICES

Covid-19 Update

As we await further information from the government regarding regulations for gatherings our services in church will continue on Sundays 8am and 6pm, and Wednesday 10am.

We are hoping that it will be possible for the 10am service in church to resume at the end of June.

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

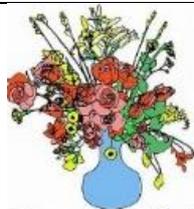
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Or visit the website www.holycrosswoodchurch.uk

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.



Flowers This Week

The flowers in church this week have been kindly donated by **Kath Watts** in remembrance of John – especially so on May 20th, our Wedding Anniversary (May 20th 1961 – Whit Saturday).

Also, **Vera Gibson** has kindly donated flowers in loving memory of her dear husband, Jack.

Ecumenical prayer walk There will be an ecumenical prayer walk to pray for the community of Woodchurch on the evening on **Wednesday 26th May commencing at 6.30pm from the car park at Holy Cross Woodchurch.** It is intended that the prayer walk will last about an hour. It would be lovely to see you if you would like to join the prayer walk, - just come along and join in!



CAN YOU HELP – DO YOU HAVE A CAR WITH A TOWBAR

(we have a trailer) to drive to West Kirby and back to church. We will supply the muscle to collect 2 cupboards from West Kirby? Please contact Sue 🐶 at the Parish Office for further details (677 5352) **OR** a van?

“Birthday Card Bundles” We still need your support for funds for the Wall. After raising £550 from the Christmas and Easter card bundles - we are offering birthday bundles - these include men, women birthday cards but also blank cards for you to write your own sentiments. Same values £10 £5 for a mixed bag - cards are 25p, 50p and £1. We will meet your needs and requests, and I can deliver free of charge if needed, - all covid safe.



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.



Wall Fund – THANK YOU to everyone who supported the wall fund. We did “the trick by buying a brick” and raised **£400**.



The winners are:

Audrey Neil – blanket / Sheila Hughes – car rug –

congratulations to both.

If you were unlucky this time I have made another double size blanket for you for Christmas!!

RSCM Music Sunday – Sunday 6th June at 4pm invites everyone to join in online with the Big Music Sunday Service from Lichfield Cathedral. Whether you want to participate in the singing or just listen, you will find all the information you need at www.rscm.org.uk/music-sunday

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