

Collect:

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Post Communion:

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



**Sunday September 6th
2020
The Thirteenth Sunday
after Trinity
(Proper 18)**

**THIS WEEK AT
HOLY CROSS, WOODCHURCH**

**Sunday 6th September
8am short said service of Holy
Communion in church**

10am Morning service on Zoom

**6pm – Holy Communion with
Prayers for Healing**

**Wednesday 9th September
10am short said service of Holy
Communion in church**

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

READINGS FOR TODAY:**First Reading – Ezekiel 33. 7-11**

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, 'O wicked ones, you shall surely die', and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: 'Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?' Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Psalms 119. 33-40

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end. Give me understanding and I shall keep your law; I shall keep it with all my heart. Make me go in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire. Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain. Turn my eyes watching what is worthless; give my life in your ways. Fulfil your promise to your servant, which you make to those who fear you. Turn away the reproach which I dread, because your judgements are good. Behold, I long for your commandments; in your righteousness preserve my life.

Second Reading – Romans 13. 8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Gospel – Matthew 18. 15-20

'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

In your intercessions this week PLEASE PRAY FOR:

THOSE WHO LIVE AND WORK IN:

Sunday: Schoolfield Close Monday: Schoolfield Road
Tuesday: Selbourne Close Wednesday: Sherry Lane
Thursday: Springfield Close Friday: The Meadow
Saturday: Troutbeck 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:

Pat, Heather, John, 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:

Elsie Mercer
Gary Charles Barker
Sally Dempsey

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:



THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Wednesday 9th September 10.00am – Short said service of Holy Communion in church

8.00pm – **NO** Bible Study via Zoom this week 🧐

Sunday 13th September – Holy Cross Day

8.00am – Short said service of Holy Communion in church

10.00am - Sunday Service via Zoom

6.00pm – Evening Prayer

BIBLE READING FOR THE WEEK:

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity – Matthew 18:15-20

Fallen out with someone? Here is the Jesus pattern to put it right. Instead of moaning to others, talk to the one who has upset you and tell them why you are hurting. If that doesn't work, agree a mutually trusted (and brave!) person who will meet with you both and help resolve things. You may end up with a deeper friendship.

Challenge: It doesn't work? Then treat them like Jesus treated unbelievers or dishonest people. He welcomed them with love!



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

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) 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

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 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.

NOTICES (cont'd)



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**

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or Rector: 07766 031757

Find us on Facebook! - Holy Cross Church Woodchurch- Approved

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.

Standing Committee Meeting

There will be a meeting on Wednesday 16th September at 7.30pm in the Parish Community Hall with appropriate social distancing and hygiene measures in place.

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.