The Week Ahead:

Monday : 9.00am Morning Prayer. Tuesday : 7.00pm Holy Communion Wednesday : 10.00am Holy Communion

11.00am Finance Meeting in Church

2.15pm Mothers' Union meeting in Parish Hall.

3.00pm Messy Church in **Jubilee Rooms**

Thursday : 10.30am History group visiting Church

1.00pm – Funeral in Church for Agnes Egan followed

by cremation.

Saturday: 9.30am Monthly car park/churchyard tidy-up.

(Open church cover for this week are John Clark and Sue Treanor)

Next Sunday, January 12th.

The Baptism of Christ

8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Parish Communion. 12.00 noon NO Holy Baptisms

Readings at 8.00a and 10.00am services (Pages 43 to 44)

Old Testament: Isaiah 42. 1-9
Psalm: Psalm 29
New Testament: Acts 10. 34-43
Gospel: Matthew 3. 13-17

Sidespersons:At 10.00 am service.

Team "C"

Roy Milne, Paul Mountford, Anne Palmer, Irene Bennett, Barbara McKenzie.

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

<u>Refreshments</u> are available in the Parish Hall following the 10-00am service each Sunday (tea, coffee or fruit juice). Do join us for a chat!

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

Welcome to HOLY CROSS, WOODCHURCH

EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 5th, 2020

Services, etc., today -

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am All Age Service with Holy Communion- **Incense**.

(Preacher : Rev. Christine)

12.00 noon Holy Baptisms

Collect: (Page 39)

O God.

who by the leading of a star

manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:

mercifully grant that we,

who know you now by faith,

may at last behold your glory face to face;

through 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: (Page 42)

Lord God,

the bright splendour whom the nations seek:

may we who with the wise men

have been drawn by your light

discern the glory of your presence in your Son,

the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings at 8.00am only (Pages 39 to 41)

Old Testament: Isaiah 60. 1-6
Psalm: Psalm 72. 1-15
New Testament: Ephesians 3. 1-12
Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

Page numbers refer to the pages in The Common Worship Lectionary, NRSV, © Archbishops' Council. Sometimes the Collect is taken from Additional Collects ©, and the Psalm may be read from a different translation of the Bible.

In your intercessions this week PLEASE PRAY FOR-

THOSE WHO LIVE AND WORK IN

<u>Sun:</u> Troutbeck Close. <u>Mon:</u> Walby Close. <u>Tue:</u> Whitefield Close. <u>Wed:</u> Woodchurch Road. <u>Thu:</u> Woodland Drive. <u>Fri:</u> Woodland Road. Sat: Woodvale Court.

THOSE BEING BAPTISED

George Philip Salisbury-Jones

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Janet Grantham, Anne Palmer, Julie Stewart, Jean Davidson, Edna Dale, Eric Dale, Jean Sherratt, Charlotte, Julie, Pauline Welch, Chris Dempsey, Fred Mutch, Doreen Green, Carol Foster, Barbara Bollans, Duncan Smith, Colin Lester.

Names in this list are normally transferred to the monthly prayer list after a few weeks; please pick up a copy from the back of church.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Agnes Egan

YEARS MIND

Ronald Tolcher, Norah Chadwick, Susan Cramton, Charles Needham, Brian Joseph Graham.

General enquiries (including baptisms and marriages) can be made at the JUBILEE ROOMS between 6.30 and 7.30pm on Wednesday evenings.

For urgent enquiries please ring 0151 - 677-5352.

or by email using holycrosswoodchurch@gmail.com

BIBLE READING FOR THE WEEK

EPIPHANY – Ephesians 3:1-12

Paul tells that God's love is for all people throughout all eternity

Just spend some time trying to grasp the enormity of God's love Open your heart to Him. Pray - for help with understanding Read carefully Live with a verse through the week Pray - use the passage to help your prayers

NOTICES. Website: holycrosswoodchurch.uk

Flowers in Church. During the last year the flowers in church have been provided by donations from members of the congregation. This has proved successful and the scheme will continue during 2020. If you would like to select a particular Sunday for memorial flowers or to celebrate a special birthday or anniversary there is a list of dates at the back of the church. The weekly cost of a pedestal of flowers is £20. Thank you

Jo Hipps

<u>Mothers' Union.</u> NEXT Wednesday, January 8th, 2020, we meet at 2.15pm for our AGM and 2019 review in the Hall.

Woodchurch W.I.: We have an interesting speaker at our meeting on Thursday, 9th January at 1.30 pm: Graham Loach will be talking on the History of Royal Variety. You are welcome to join us - it should be a good start to the New Year.

<u>Car Park and Churchyard Tidy-up.</u> The regular monthly session will be NEXT Saturday morning, January 11th, from 9.30am. More help will be appreciated. *Roy Palmer*

CHURCH YEAR PLANNER 2020: With your Pew Sheet today please see a copy of the planner showing social, fund raising and other events in the coming year. Hopefully by issuing it now we are giving plenty of notice of events, and so will avoid clashing of dates with other events in our parish. If you would like extra copies for friends or organisations please contact Sue Treanor (Parish Administrator) or Ian McKenzie.

Quiz Sheets are available at church (£1) for you to enjoy. There's plenty of time as the closing date is not until 26th January. You can bring your answers along to the Burns' Night supper on the 25th. *Gwyneth*.

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

The weekly Pew Sheet is prepared by Roy Palmer (Telephone 342 1908). Please supply any notices for next week, in written form, preferably on the preceding Sunday or, at the latest, by noon on the preceding WEDNESDAY.