

Collect:

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Post Communion:

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we shall share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

READINGS FOR TODAY:**First Reading – Ezekiel 17. 22-24**

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

Psalm 92. 1-7

It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to your name, O Most High; To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning and of your faithfulness in the night season; On the psaltery and on the lyre and to the melody of the harp. For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord; and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands. Lo, how great are your works! your thoughts are very deep. The dullard does not know, nor does the fool understand, that though the wicked grow like weeds, and all the workers of iniquity flourish, they flourish only to be destroyed for ever; but you, O Lord, are exalted for evermore.

Second Reading – 2 Corinthians 5. 6-17

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please



Sunday June 13th 2021
The Second Sunday
after Trinity

**THIS WEEK AT
HOLY CROSS, WOODCHURCH**

Sunday 13th June 2021

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

10am Morning service on Zoom

12 Noon – Baptism in Church

**6pm –Evening Service with
Baptisms in Church**

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

him. For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commanding ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view;¹⁰ even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Gospel – Mark 4. 26-34

He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

In your intercessions this week PLEASE PRAY FOR:



THOSE WHO LIVE AND WORK IN:

Sunday: Carr Bridge Road Monday: Car Hey Close
Tuesday: Cheshire Acre Wednesday: Cheswood Court
Thursday: Cheverton Close Friday: Childwall Green
Saturday: Church Lane

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, Vera, Barbara, Kath

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

YEARS MIND:

Leonie Mary Ikin,
Peter Barry Whatling,
Barbara Westcott,
John Leath

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:



"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)

Tuesday 15 th June	8.00pm – Bible Study this week via zoom
Wednesday 16 th June	10.00am – Holy Communion in Church
Sunday 20 th June	8.00am – Holy Communion service in Church 10.00am – Sunday Service via Zoom 6.00pm – Holy Communion with Prayers for Healing in Church

BIBLE READING FOR THE WEEK:

The 2nd Sunday after Trinity- Mark 4:26-34

Jesus speaks of the way that the kingdom of God grows in hidden and unexpected ways.

*Do you look for signs of the Kingdom and if so, what do you see?
Pray for God's Kingdom to grow in our time and place?*

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 permitting us to do so we are planning to resume the 10am Sunday service in church on Sunday 27th June at 10am. This has been agreed by the PCC. If we are able to proceed with this plan the last 10am Zoom Principal Service will be on Sunday 20th June at 10am.

The Leadership Team are currently exploring how we might continue to offer online and/ or telephone worship provision for worshippers who are unable to attend church in person and would welcome your thoughts about this to add to our conversation."

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

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



The flowers in church this week have been kindly donated by **Barbara Bollans** in remembrance of her husband, Chris, for his birthday on 16th June.
Also, **Audrey Neil** has kindly donated flowers in loving memory of her mother, Lilian Neil.

Holy Cross Parish Church – our chance to win £1,000.

CLOSES ON SUNDAY 13TH JUNE – HAVE YOU VOTED?

Your nomination really counts and £1,000 could make a big difference to us.

That's why we'd be really grateful if you could nominate us in the Ecclesiastical Movement for Good awards. Your nomination could be the one that wins us £1,000. In total, 500 charities stand to gain £1,000 and we'd love to be one of them. It's quick and easy to nominate us.

Nominations are open from Monday 24 May to Sunday 13 June, and you can vote for us at www.movementforgood.com (Our charity number is "1174003" to find us when you log on).

Winners will be drawn at random, and the more times Holy Cross Church is nominated the greater our chance of winning, so please spread the word to your friends and family. *Thank you in advance for your time and support. If you require any help with the online nomination, please contact Sue who will be able to help you.*

Sidespersons. When we get back to normal ways of doing things, we will require sidespersons once more. If you have been a sidesperson in the past and would like to continue or would like to join one of the teams for the first time, please let me know by calling 342 1908 or emailing me at roy.palmer@talktalk.net. Thanks Roy

Readings and Intercessions. In preparation for our services to continue in July in church, if you have been a reader and/or an intercessor or you would like to join the team, please contact Sue at the Parish Office to confirm that you would be happy to continue with being on the rota (677 5352 or email: parishoffice@holycrosswoodchurch.uk).

Hymn Books – Do you have a new hymn book at home which you have been using during our zoom services. If so, please could you bring it back to church?

Woodchurch W.I – Our meetings are re-starting on **Thursday 8th July 2021** at 1.30pm in the Parish Community Hall, Woodchurch (if the government roadmap goes to plan). We have five of our members, who will speak to us about their experiences of nursing, followed by afternoon tea of strawberries and cream. Please come along and join us – all are welcome! *Gwyneth Mills*

"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.

100 Club – The winning numbers for June: 1st = 22 / 2nd = 4 / 3rd = 34
Congratulations

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