

Collect:

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the king of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Post Communion:

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.



**Sunday November 8th
2020
REMEMBRANCE
SUNDAY
(Proper 27)**

**THIS WEEK AT
HOLY CROSS, WOODCHURCH**

Sunday 8th November

**10am Morning service on Zoom
(Service starts at 10.15am)**

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

READINGS FOR TODAY:**First Reading – 1 Thessalonians 4. 13-18**

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Psalm 70

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O Lord, make haste to help me. Let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced. Let those who say to me 'Aha!' and gloat over me turn back, because they are ashamed. Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say for ever, 'Great is the Lord!' But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me speedily, O God. You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry.

Second Reading – Amos 5. 18-24

Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no


brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Gospel – Matthew 25. 1-13

'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

In your intercessions this week PLEASE PRAY FOR:

THOSE WHO LIVE AND WORK IN:

Sunday: Landican Lane Monday: Leeswood Road
Tuesday: Linden Drive Wednesday: Lower Green
Thursday: Maritime Court Friday: Mavis Drive 
Saturday: Meadow Crescent



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, Anne, David, Shirley, Mary,
Mavis, Kenny, Di, Heather, John,
Beryl, Brian, Jayne, 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:

Thomas English, Malcolm Dutton
Hall, Sandra Crossland,
Stanley Knight, Robert John Owens.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Enid Bonsall
Alan Fletcher



THE WEEK AHEAD
(FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED WHEN
ATTENDING CHURCH)

Wednesday 11th November 12.30pm - Funeral in Church
8.00pm – Bible Study this week via Zoom
Sunday 15th November 10.00am - Sunday Service via Zoom

BIBLE READING FOR THE WEEK:

3rd Sunday before Advent – Matthew 25:1-13

The return of Jesus. Not for our speculation but to cause us to review our own personal life style. Am I ready to meet Jesus - that is always the challenge.

Question: Are you ready?



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

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NOTICES

On Saturday 30th November the government announced new national restrictions to be introduced from 5th November for 1 month including the closure of places of worship (with a number of exceptions e.g for funerals)

For us at Holy Cross this means that for the next month our **regular services in church will not be taking place**, there will be no Sunday services in church at 8am and 4pm or Wednesday service at 10am .

We will, however, be continuing to offer online services via Zoom and Facebook, our telephone service and regular bible study via Zoom all of which are detailed in the notices. Prayer and worship continue- just in a different way for the time being.

Keep on praying, God bless you Revd Christine .

NOTICES (cont'd)

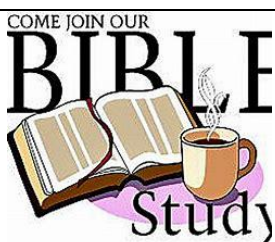


TOWER OF LIGHT – 29th November 2020

Regrettably, due to Covid-19 restrictions and to keep everyone safe, we have made the difficult decision to cancel this service in church. However, a live service via Zoom will take place at 6pm with a switch-on of the lights at 6.30pm and for you to light a candle in your

home at 6.35pm.

We are asking for a donation of £5 for a light to be switched on in memory of a loved one and Sue from the Parish Office (677 5352) will be able to give you more details and send you a form for you to complete. The lights will remain lit until 5th January 2021 to remember family and friends no longer with us and bringing light and love around our neighbourhood. PLEASE HELP SUPPORT THIS SPECIAL EVENT.



Bible Study Group

We will be meeting via Zoom on **Wednesday 11th November at 8pm**. All are welcome. Please contact Rev Josie on josie.tuplin@holycrosswoodchurch.uk for the Zoom link if you would like to be part of that.



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.

We are selling our Christmas cards for much needed church funds.

In bundles of £1 x10 cards / 50p x 10 / 25p x 10

Assorted Christmas cards and Assorted birthday cards I will deliver locally for free with social distancing in place. To order please email largejayne@yahoo.com Or text 07487828930



Gwyneth's **Christmas Quiz** is now available for £1 donation from the Parish Office or from Gwyneth.

NOTICES (cont'd)

Woodchurch C of E (Aided) Primary School Foundation Governors

Our church primary school has vacancies for volunteers to serve on the governing body as foundation governors. Serving as a governor is a wonderful opportunity to support our local school and community. Is God calling you to this role? If you would like to know more, please contact Revd Christine 07766 031757

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.

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.

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

100 Club draw – November. This took place on Wednesday 4th and the winning numbers are:
1st = 05 / 2nd = 11 / 3rd = 18

National Anthem for Sunday's Service

God save our gracious queen, long live our noble queen, God save the queen.

Send her victorious, happy and glorious, long to reign over us, God save the Queen.

Thy choicest gifts in store, on her be pleaded to pour, long may she reign.

May she defend our laws, and ever give us cause, to sing with heart and voice God save the Queen.

Not on this land alone, but be God's mercies known on every shore.

Lord make the nations see, that all humanity, should form one family, the wide world o'er.

