

**Collect:** (Page 192)

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending 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.



**Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup> 2020**

**PENTECOST**  
**(Whit Sunday)**

**THIS WEEK AT  
HOLY CROSS, WOODCHURCH**

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

**Post Communion:** (Page 197)

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.

The church buildings are closed until further notice, but your local church is continuing to worship, pray and care.

**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**

**READINGS FOR TODAY:**

**First Reading – Numbers 11. 24-30**

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, 'My lord Moses, stop them!' But Moses said to him, 'Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!' And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

**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. 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 7. 37-39**

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

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



**THOSE WHO LIVE AND WORK IN:**

Sunday: Merton Drive Monday: Nantwich Close  
Tuesday: New Bridge Close Wednesday: New Hey Road  
Thursday: Northbrooke Way Friday: Orrets Meadow  
Saturday: Parklands Court

**THOSE WHO ARE ILL:**

Allan, Julie, Jenny, Jan, Neil,  
Barbara, Carol, Pam, Robert, Jean,  
Michael, Paul, Chris

**YEARS MIND:**

Charles Hunt, Jane Richards,  
Eve Williams, Margaret Jones  
James Stanley Bellenger,  
Thomas Stanley Bellenger,  
Thomas Bertram Saunders

**THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:**



**THE WEEK AHEAD**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 8.00pm Bible Study  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 10.00am Sunday Service via Zoom

**BIBLE READING FOR THE WEEK:**

**Pentecost – John 7. 37-39**

Jesus invites all who believe and trust in him to come to him to receive the living water which is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit empowers us to live the lives of service to which we are called by God, that is to each fulfil our God given vocation.

*Have you asked Jesus to give you the living water and received his gift today?  
How will you use your gift to serve God this week in the power of the Holy Spirit?*



**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](mailto:parishoffice@holycrosswoodchurch.uk)

## NOTICES

**Keeping in touch.** The leadership team would like to thank everybody for the lovely conversations we have enjoyed over the past few weeks as we have telephoned around the congregation each week to keep in touch. We are intending to continue keeping in touch with the congregation by telephoning fortnightly from June. If you would like us to contact you more frequently than fortnightly (or less frequently) please let Sue know by calling the Parish Office 0151 677 5352. If you need to speak to one of us at all at other times we are very happy to hear from you our telephone numbers are given below:  
Rev Christine (07766 031757), Rev Josie (07592 721399),  
Jan Lupton (07835 063466), Paul Jackson (0151 648 4291)  
Sue Mountford (678 6620)



**Messy Church:** The Messy Church Team have been busy planning Messy Church for June which we are planning to deliver via the YouTube, the parish website and Facebook on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June**. Please keep an eye on our website and Facebook 📺 page for the link nearer the time.

### **Bible Study Group**

We will be meeting via Zoom on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 8pm**. All are welcome. Please contact Josie on [josie.tuplin@holycrosswoodchurch.uk](mailto:josie.tuplin@holycrosswoodchurch.uk) for the Zoom link if you would like to be part of that.

**Rood Screen Update:** Thank you to everyone who has already donated to save our rood screen. The really good news about the appeal is that thanks to the generosity and hard work of donors we are about three-quarters of the way towards our target - the challenge, though is that we still have around £6,000 to raise. So, we do still have some way to go - donations are still welcome and may be sent to the Parish Office - Let's try and achieve our target soon!



### **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*

## NOTICES (cont'd)

**The Day of Thanksgiving for Holy Communion- Corpus Christi** falls this year on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June**. We are invited to join in worship with our Mother Church Chester Cathedral. The service will be on the Cathedral YouTube channel starting at 7:30pm. Here is the link:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfTBv9K29kok\\_zzLCT7xSiQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfTBv9K29kok_zzLCT7xSiQ) . The guest preacher at the service will be our Rector - Revd Christine Broad.

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.

### **Sunday Service via Zoom**

If you would like to join in our online Sunday service please e-mail the Parish Office [parishoffice@holycrosswoodchurch.uk](mailto:parishoffice@holycrosswoodchurch.uk) to request the link.

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

**A Big Thank You** *Thank you to everyone who is giving to support the work of Holy Cross Church at this time - your generosity is much appreciated especially in the present circumstances. Coronavirus has many consequences. Here at Holy Cross, as with other churches, there are now no funerals taking place in the church, no marriages, no baptisms, no Sunday or midweek services and consequently no cash collections - they have been stopped in their tracks. But some of us can help. If you give cash to the church through the envelope scheme, or even by way of the church plate or donations box, please consider switching to bank standing order. It's safe and secure and makes life much easier for the church treasurer. Phone Sue at the Parish Office (677 5352) for a form.*

**Foundations for Ministry Course** - This course is open to anyone who wants to grow and develop in Christian ministry in the Church and the wider world. It forms the first year of training for Reader and Pastoral Worker ministries. The next course will begin in late September, running in an exciting new format from previous years with the inclusion of online learning sessions. Please speak to Revd Christine for further information regarding the course and how to apply.

## **MORE NOTICES!!**

Please see our **Website** ([www.holycrosswoodchurch.uk](http://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](mailto:parishoffice@holycrosswoodchurch.uk) Or [Christine.broad@holycrosswoodchurch.uk](mailto:Christine.broad@holycrosswoodchurch.uk)

An invitation from Chester Cathedral to share in studying the gospel according to St Mark

**'READ MARK, learn and inwardly digest.'**  
**Each Wednesday from May 13 until August 5 between 1.10pm and 2.00pm, come and listen to clergy in Chester Diocese talking about Mark's gospel.**

You can find the framework for the sessions and further material on the gospel of Mark on: <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/course/knowning-bible-mark/#week-2-introduction-mark-11-20>.

Each session will be placed on YouTube after the event.

To sign up to receive the link, please email 'READ MARK' to [deansoffice@chestercathedral.com](mailto:deansoffice@chestercathedral.com).

Once you have received the link, you can use the same one each week.