

## NOTICES

**RENEWING OF THE ELECTORAL ROLL 2025.** A reminder that completed Application Forms should be returned by **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** to the Electoral Roll Officer (Ian McKenzie) ASAP. Forms are available at the back of church.

**PCC POSITIONS AND CHURCHWARDEN POSITION:** We encourage everyone to prayerfully reflect on the 4 to 5 vacant positions on the PCC and to also consider if you might be called to serve as our next Churchwarden following Roy's faithful service. If you know someone who would be a good fit, we encourage you to invite them to step forward. Nomination forms are available at the back of the church.

**Confirmation:** There is a Confirmation Service booked at Holy Cross on 10am, **11th May** and St Saviour will be sending a number of candidates. Anyone interested in being Confirmed or renewing their promises, please have a word with Rev Janet. *Thank you.*

All members of the church and clergy are cordially invited to celebrations, for my **90th Birthday** in the **Parish Community Hall TODAY** where refreshments including tea/coffee will be available. *Lilian*

### **Sponge Cake Competition – Judging on 13th April (Palm Sunday)**

Put your baking skills to the test! To enter, purchase the provided recipe for £1 from Gwyneth and follow it exactly. The cake judged the best will be crowned the winner. After judging, cakes can be reclaimed or donated for sale to support church funds. Join in for some friendly competition and a great cause!

**100 Club Draw for March:** 1<sup>st</sup> = 20 / 2<sup>nd</sup> = 99 / 3<sup>rd</sup> = 17

**Save the Date!** Get ready for a **Barn Dance. Friday, 6th June.** Details to follow soon! Mark your calendars – you won't want to miss it!

## Holy Cross Church, Woodchurch

Growing disciples of Christ

### SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

*Welcome!*

**Welcome to everyone here today!** A particular welcome if you are with us for the first time. Please do stay for refreshments after the 10am service in the Parish Community Hall.

**Gluten free wafers** are available; please ask one of the Sidespeople.

#### **Collect:** – Page 820 - *The Common Worship Lectionary*)

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of our truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### **Post Communion:** (*Page 823 - The Common Worship Lectionary*)

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way may we come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

#### Readings for 8am and 10am – YEAR C

1<sup>st</sup> Reading (**8am & 10am**) Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18

Psalm (**8am**) Psalm 27

Gospel (**8am & 10am**) Luke 13: 31-end

**8.00am** Holy Communion – *Preacher Rev Janet*

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*Hymns at 10am: 572 (v1,2,3,6)/562/489/Holy Holy/944/68/54*  
*Mass Setting: Simple Mass 953*

**12.00 Noon** **NO** Baptism



**CHURCH DIARY FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:**

<u>Monday</u>	17 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am	Morning Prayer in Church
		12.15pm	Choir practice in Church
		2.00pm	Craft Club – <b>JUBILEE ROOMS</b>
<u>Tuesday</u>	18 <sup>th</sup> March	8.00pm	Bible Study via Zoom
<u>Wednesday</u>	19 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00am	Holy Communion
		10.45am	Church Cleaning <b>postponed</b> to 26 <sup>th</sup> March
		1.15pm	Community Café in the Parish Community Hall
<u>Thursday</u>	20 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am	School Service in Church
		7.00pm	Lent group at The Rectory

**SUNDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2025  
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

8.00am	Holy Communion	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading <b>(8am &amp; 10am)</b>	Isaiah 55: 1-9
10.00am	Holy Communion with HEALING	Psalm <b>(8am)</b>	Psalm 63: 1-9
12 Noon	<b>NO</b> Baptism	Gospel <b>(8am &amp; 10am)</b>	Luke 13: 1-9
4.00pm	Evensong		

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Sun: Pemberton Road. Mon: Pool Lane.  
Tue: Poolwood Road. Wed: Robin Way.  
Thu: Sandfield Road. Fri: Schoolfield Close.  
Sat: Schoolfield Road.

**Those who are ill:**

Peter (Rev), Mary, Veni, Wendy, Elaine, Peter, Frances, Phil, Ted, Liz, Roy, Rosemarie

**We remember those who have died and pray for those who mourn their passing:**



***"Give rest O Christ to your servants with the saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing but life everlasting. Amen"***

**Years Mind**

Pamela Spowart, Peter Romaniak, Frederick Caine, Albert Hammond, Doris Carnon, Gladys Atherton, Marjorie Earl, William Mills, Mark Stephen McNee, Phyllis Eden, Phyllis Piggot

**BIBLE READING FOR THE WEEK:**

**Second Sunday of Lent - Luke 13: 31-35**

Jesus the brave! He knew that the agony of the cross lay ahead. But He got down to day to day living. He showed the compassion of God. He demonstrated the power of God. His security lay not in other people, or being defensive, but in His openness to what God wanted.

**Prayer:** *Holy Spirit, we dare to rest our weary search for security in trusting you.*

**Our verse for the year**

***"For with you is the wellspring of life;  
in your light we see light"***  
**Psalm 36 v9**

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