

NOTICES



Thank you for the flowers this week which have been kindly donated.

We are delighted today to welcome the Revd Dr Joe Kennedy as our **guest preacher today** for our Feast of Title. As well as being vicar of our daughter parish of Oxton, Joe is also our Rural Dean, and has been supporting us wonderfully throughout our vacancy.

ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL. On Saturday at 4pm in church we're holding out annual family-friendly service where we give thanks for the joy that our pets bring us. If you're a pet owner do bring your pet (or a photo of your pet) along for a blessing. If you don't have a pet of your own, please do come along too to enjoy a very special service of celebration for the variety of God's creation and the delight that we take in it.

INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIANITY. Would you like to find out more about the Christian faith? Do you feel in need of a refresher, or would you like to explore a bit further? are there questions you've always wanted to ask? On Wednesday evenings (starting on **September 27th - at 7.30pm in church** - and lasting for four weeks) Josie will be hosting a series of get-togethers to look at what Christian faith is all about. These meetings form part of our preparation for confirmation or adult baptism but everyone is welcome to come along and spend a few evenings just thinking afresh about what we believe and how that shapes our lives as Christians.

COFFEE MORNING FOR MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT: is on **Friday, September 29th from 9.30am**. We would like to have a mammoth food hamper as a Draw prize. If you could donate something towards this, please let either Barbara McKenzie or Jenny Davies know. **We also have some excellent posters about the event. If you know of a shop or other premises that could display one please let me know and I will get them to you.** *Ian McKenzie 677 4549 or wimckenzie139@gmail.com.*

SMARTIE COLLECTION – Beryl Robinson has collected a further £40 towards the church wall fund. Thank you.

TELEPHONE WORSHIP – pre-recorded service of Night Prayer can be accessed at any time on 0151 318 2533 (cost of a local call)

Holy Cross Church, Woodchurch

Growing disciples of Christ

SUNDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2023

HOLY CROSS DAY

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 1182 - *The Common Worship Lectionary*)

Almighty God, who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Collect: Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: we praise you for the many blessings you have given to those who worship you here: and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you, and, being filled with the Holy Spirit, may become a living temple acceptable to you; 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 1184 – *The Common Worship Lectionary*)

Faithful God, whose Son bore our sins in the body on the tree and gave us this sacrament to show forth his death until he comes: give us grace to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our hope, who reigns as Lord, now and for ever. **Amen**

Readings for 8am and 10am – Proper 19

1st Reading (8am) Numbers 21. 4-9

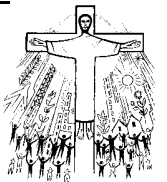
Psalm (8am) 22. 23-28

Epistle (8am & 10am) Philippians 2. 6-11


Gospel John 3. 13-17

8.00am Holy Communion – *Preacher Rev Dr Joe Kennedy*
10.00am Holy Communion – *Preacher Rev Dr Joe Kennedy*
INCENSE Hymn at 10am: 633 / 714 / 374 / 324 / 409/ 394
Mass Setting: Simple Mass 953

12 Noon **NO** Baptism



CHURCH DIARY FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

<i>Monday</i>	18 th Sept	12.15pm 1.30pm	Choir practice in Church Craft Club in the Parish Community Hall 
<i>Tuesday</i>	19 th Sept	8.00pm	Bible Study via Zoom
<i>Wednesday</i>	20 th Sept	10.00am 10.45am 1.15pm 7.00pm	Holy Communion Church Cleaning Community Café in the Parish Community Hall PCC Meeting in Jubilee Rooms

**SUNDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER 2023
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
GENEROSITY WEEK BEGINS**

8.00am	Holy Communion	1 st Reading (8am)	No reading
10.00am	Parish Communion	Psalm (8am)	No reading
12 Noon	Baptism	Epistle (8am & 10am)	2 Corinthians 8. 1-15
		Gospel	Luke 21. 1-4

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Those who live and work in:

Sun: Caldwell Drive. Mon: Carr Bridge Road.
Tue: Carr Hey Close. Wed: Cheshire Acre.
Thu: Cheswood Court. Fri: Cheverton Close.
Sat: Childwall Green.

Those who will be baptised "we welcome them into the fellowship of faith"



Marriage Banns to be read:

Ricky Talman and Stacey Williams

Those who are ill:

Ethel, Jean, Chris, John, Lilian, Anne, James

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:

William Skilbeck, Robert William Evans, Margaret Fell,
 Edward Jones, William Eric Siggins, Molly Curtis,
 Patricia Ann Dykes.

Our verse for the year

"Unless the Lord builds the house,
 those who build it labour in vain."
(Psalm 127)

BIBLE READING FOR THE WEEK

Holy Cross Day – John 3. 13-17

In John's gospel the glory of Jesus is the cross. He is, "lifted up". An Old Testament story tells of a metal snake on a pole which was, "lifted up" by Moses. To look upon it was the antidote to the snake bites experienced by the Israelites. "Lifted up" therefore refers to being rescued or healed.

Prayer: Praise You Lord that the cross brings us both salvation and wholeness in our lives, and for eternity.