

NOTICES

THURSDAY HOLY COMMUNIONS AND LENT BREAKFASTS. If you're looking for something you can take up for Lent, why not come along to a series of extra services for Lent on Thursday mornings at 8am? These are followed by breakfast in the Parish Community Hall.

TELEPHONE WORSHIP FOR LENT. Throughout Lent you are invited to join Revd Josie for a short pre-recorded service of Night Prayer. This can be accessed at any time on 0151 318 2533 for the cost of a local call.

BISHOP MARK'S LENT COURSE. During Lent our online Bible Study Group will be looking at the Bishop of Chester's new book *Clinging to the Cross: between the stones and the firelight. Book 1.* It's about how we live well together as Christians even when we disagree about fundamental issues. Contact Revd. Josie for more details 07592 721399.

100 Club Membership: REMEMBER for those members who have paid £60 annually this is **now due** for you to be included in the draw for **March**.

February Winning Numbers: 1st = 26 / 2nd = 4 / 3rd = 2

BRF New Daylight – Regretfully I have cancelled the group order for BRF "New Daylight" notes. Numbers taking the notes have decreased dramatically recently and it is no longer viable to do a group order. Copies can easily be ordered individually from BRF. Thank you for your support over many years. *Audrey Neil*

Our speaker at our **WI meeting on Thursday 9th March at 1.30pm** in the Community Parish Hall will be Mr Nick Hughes (he is one of our congregation with his wife Angie) who is an auctioneer and has kindly offered to value items for us (one item per person for £1 donation). Please join us for an interesting afternoon.

Ongoing Appeal: John Clark would be grateful for any **left-over wax** from any candles you have. Any colour will do and whatever bits you have.

Pens and more pens..... £2.50 – please see Gwyneth.

Holy Cross Church, Woodchurch

Sunday, 26th FEBRUARY 2023

The First Sunday of Lent

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.

Welcome!

Collect: (Page 86 - The Common Worship Lectionary)

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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 89 – The Common Worship Lectionary)

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love; teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings for 8am and 10am

1st Reading (8am)	Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7
Psalm (8am)	32
Epistle (8am & 10am)	Romans 5: 12-19
Gospel	Matthew 4: 1-11
8.00am	Holy Communion – <i>Preacher Rev Josie</i>
10.00am	Holy Communion – <i>Preacher Rev Josie</i> <i>Hymn Nos for 10am: 190 / 374 / 622 / 379</i> <i>Mass Setting: Simple Mass 953</i>
12 Noon	NO Baptism
4.00pm	NO EVENING SERVICE



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CHURCH DIARY FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

<i>Tuesday</i>	28 th Feb	8.00pm	Bible Study via Zoom
<i>Wednesday</i>	1 st March	9.00am	Woodchurch CoE Primary School in Church for Imposition of Ashes
		10.00am	Holy Communion
		11.15am	Messy Church Planning Meeting in Jubilee Rooms
		1.15pm	Community Café in Parish Community Hall
		1.30pm	Choir Practice in Church
<i>Thursday</i>	2 nd March	8.00am	Holy Communion followed by breakfast in the Parish Community Hall
		1.30pm	Craft Club in Parish Community Hall 🙏

**SUNDAY, 5TH MARCH 2023
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

8.00am	Holy Communion	1 st	Genesis 12. 1-4a
		Reading	
		(8am & 10am)	
10.00am	Parish Communion	Psalm	121
		(8am)	
12 Noon	NO Baptism	Epistle	Romans 4.1-5, 13-17
		(8am)	
	NO EVENING SERVICE	Gospel	John 3. 1-17



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Those who live and work in:

Sun: New Hey Road. Mon Northbrooke Way;
Tue: Orrets Meadow. Wed : Parklands Court .
Thu: Parkway. Fri: Parkway Close.
Sat: Pemberton Road.

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



Those who are ill:

Ted, Beryl, Bill, Dorothy, Di, Peter, Geoff, Rosemarie, James

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

Edna Dale, Kath Watts

"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:

Florence May Wilkins, Joseph Chadwick, John Gadsby.
John Hathaway, John Lea.

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

1st Sunday of Lent – Matthew 4: 1-11

We sense the echo of Christ's temptations in our own lives; "If God loves us, life will be easy."; "If God is real, He will protect us from all harm." And thoughts like; "selfish, and untruthful ways of living seem to promise good outcomes.' But remember, these are Satan's lies.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, You stood strong in your time of testing. I turn to you for strength in mine.