

NOTICES

Christmas Fair Raffle: The raffle ticket from the Christmas Fair, **Blue Ticket No. 9**, remains unclaimed. Could it be yours? Check your pockets, bags, or wherever you might have tucked it away! If you find it, please see Wendy to claim your prize.

Christmas Flowers - Donations towards decorating the church for Christmas would be much appreciated. There will be a collection plate by the church door for your contributions.

Donations to Flowers in Church 2025 - We hope to continue with the scheme to provide weekly flowers from individual donations from members of the congregation. If you would like to select a particular Sunday for memorial flowers or to celebrate a birthday or anniversary, please get in touch with Jo Hipps (07866 955054) to select your date, the cost remains £20. All money should be paid to Sue Treanor in the Parish Office, so she can make a note of the message you would like on the pew sheet and the date you would like. *Thank you*

Changing Oranges into Christingles. We shall be making Christingles in the Parish Community Hall during coffee refreshments after the 10am Sunday service on **Sunday 22nd December**. Help would be very much appreciated, and no experience is necessary.

Annual Reports Jan-Dec 2024: Rev Janet would like information regarding the annual report to come to her ASAP.

THE UPSIDE DOWN e-mail based FESTIVE QUIZ and FUND RAISER. Attached to the Pew Sheet e-mail this week is an entry form for the Quiz. The Point is to score as few points as possible so the winner will be the person who scores the least points! (There will be a few copies in church for those who do not have e-mail access). We ask that you send the quiz sheet on to as many of your e-mail contacts as you can so that we get to many more people involved. *Ian McKenzie* (wimckenzie139@gmail.com)

Remember to save your **used postage stamps** to help support Hearing Dogs for the Deaf.

Christmas Quiz – Gwyneth has quiz sheets for your Christmas amusement. £1 each towards the wall fund

Candle Wax Appeal: This is an ongoing appeal to please save any candle wax used over the Christmas period for the following year's Tower of Light. Any colour will do and whatever bits you have.

Holy Cross Church, Woodchurch

Growing disciples of Christ

SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2024
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 741 - *The Common Worship Lectionary*)

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion: (Page 744 - *The Common Worship Lectionary*)

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen**

Readings for 8am and 10am – YEAR C

1st Reading (**8am & 10am**) Zephaniah 3: 14-end

Psalm (**8am**) Psalm 146: 4-end

Gospel (**8am & 10am**) Luke 3: 7-18

8.00am Holy Communion – *Preacher Rev Josie*

10.00am Holy Communion – *Preacher Rev Josie*
Hymns at 10am: 527/480/45/68/555/87/766
Mass Setting: Simple Mass 953

12.00 Noon **NO** Baptism



CHURCH DIARY FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

<u>Monday</u>	16 th Dec	9.00am	Morning Prayer in Church
		12.15pm	Choir practice in Church
<u>Tuesday</u>	17 th Dec	8.00pm	Bible Study via Zoom.
<u>Wednesday</u>	18 th Dec	10.00am	Holy Communion
		10.45am	Church Cleaning
		2.00pm	Messy Church Planning Meeting in RECTORY

SUNDAY, 22ND DECEMBER 2024 THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.00am	Holy Communion	1 st Reading (8am & 10am)	Micah 5: 2-5a
10.00am	Parish Communion	Psalm (8am)	Psalm 80: 1-8
12 Noon	NO Baptism	Gospel (8am & 10am)	Luke 1: 39-45 (46-55)
4.00pm	Carols by Candlelight		

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sun: Linden Drive. Mon: Lower Green.
Tue: Maritime Court. Wed: Mavis Drive.
Thu: Meadow Crescent Fri: Merton Drive.
Sat: Nantwich Close.

Those who are ill:

Maurice, Ted, Liz, Roy, Beryl, Elaine, Rosemarie, Myra,
Val, Nicci

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

John Frances



"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

Margaret Fell, Violet Stewart, Howard Coleman,
Don Sutton, Lilian Neil, Philip William Duggan,
Joe Faulkner, James Dick, Pauline Gordon

BIBLE READING FOR THE WEEK:

Third Sunday of Advent - Luke 3: 7-18

God's good news is practical. "What should we do?" was the question to be asked. John's response was about sharing, being fair and honest, and not exploiting positions of power.

Prayer: Lord, may the laser light of Your Holy Spirit show me Your ways for me to live out the Gospel

Our verse for the year

*"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!"
1 John 3:1 (NIV)*

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FORTHCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - December 22nd at 4pm - Carols by Candlelight / Tuesday 24th December at 4pm - Crib Service with Christingle and 9.30pm Midnight at Bethlehem / December 25th 8am and 10am Christmas Services / Sunday 29th December - Remembering Holy Innocents