

NOTICES



Flowers This Week

Thank you for the flowers which have been donated by Wendy Deverill with loving birthday memories of her mother Enid Bonsall.

AFTER SERVICE REFRESHMENTS ON SUNDAY MORNING:

Please be aware that because of the weather and the shortage of helpers the provision of refreshments today may be affected.

Mothers' Union Meeting - Tuesday 14th January at 2pm in the Parish Community Hall. We are having a Beetle Drive fund raising afternoon for Mothers' Union projects home and abroad. All are welcome to join us.

Advance Notice: Choral Evensong at Holy Cross Church on **Sunday 26th January at 4pm** – all welcome.

2025 Rota for the After-Service Refreshments on Sunday

Mornings: The new rota is being prepared. We urgently need extra people who can help on one Sunday morning in three for a short time after the service. Please contact us if you can help. *Barbara & Ian McKenzie (677 4549 or wimckenzie139@gmail.com)*

Join our Church Cleaning Team: We are looking for more volunteers to join our team! The commitment is just one hour a month—less if we have more people—and we meet on the third Wednesday of every month. If you are interested, please get in touch with Wendy or Mary.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CLEANING SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY 15TH JANUARY HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL WEDNESDAY 22ND JANUARY.

Calendars: Thank you to everyone who has bought a calendar; there are still a few available from Wendy if you haven't got one yet. Sales of the calendars have raised £250 for church funds.

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

Christmas Quiz – Thank you to everyone who has returned the sheets. The closing date has now been **EXTENDED** to **31st**

January 2025. Gwyneth still has quiz sheets left for any last minute entries.

Holy Cross Church, Woodchurch

Growing disciples of Christ

SUNDAY 12TH JANUARY 2025

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

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 774 - *The Common Worship Lectionary*)

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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 777 - *The Common Worship Lectionary*)

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings for 8am and 10am – YEAR C

1st Reading (**8am & 10am**) Isaiah 43: 1-7

Psalm (**8am**) Psalm 29

Gospel (**8am & 10am**) Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

8.00am	Holy Communion – <i>Preacher Elian Davies</i>
10.00am	Holy Communion – <i>Preacher Rev Canon David</i> <i>Hymns at 10am: 137/118/259/532/150/506/565</i> <i>Mass Setting: Simple Mass 953</i>
12.00 Noon	NO Baptism



CHURCH DIARY FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

<u>Monday</u>	13 th Jan	9.00am	Morning Prayer in Church
		12.15pm	Choir practice in Church
<u>Tuesday</u>	14 th Jan	2.00pm	Mothers' Union in the Parish Community Hall
		8.00pm	Bible Study via Zoom
<u>Wednesday</u>	15 th Jan	10.00am	Holy Communion
		11.30am	Funeral in Church
		1.15pm	Community Café in the Parish Community Hall
		3.30pm	Messy Church in Parish Community Hall

<p>SUNDAY, 19TH JANUARY 2025 THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY</p>

8.00am	Holy Communion	1 st	Isaiah 62: 1-5
		Reading	
		(8am & 10am)	
10.00am	Parish Communion	Psalm	Psalm 36: 5-10
		(8am)	
12 Noon	NO Baptism	Gospel	John 2: 1-11
		(8am & 10am)	

<p>PLEASE PRAY FOR:</p>

Sun: Archers Court. Mon: Archers Way.
Tue: Arrowe Court. Wed: Arrowe Park Cottages.
Thu: Arrowe Park Road. Fri: Atherton Drive.
Sat: Beechwood Court.

Those who are ill:

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



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

Edith Hughes, Madeline Lea, Edward Gleave

"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

James Birch, Pamela Fogg, Neville Hulmston,
Barbara Sherratt, Brenda Dunlop-Kidd, John Hugh Barrow,
Barbara Bollans, Brian Arthur Tranter, Brian Gregory

BIBLE READING FOR THE WEEK:

First Sunday after Epiphany - Isaiah 43:1-7

The prophet tells us just how precious we are in God's sight
Do you know how precious you are to God?
Pray for those who have no sense of self-worth, those who self-harm or indulge in other self-destructive behaviour

<p><u>Our verse for the year</u> <i>"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!"</i> <i>1 John 3:1 (NIV)</i></p>
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