

NOTICES

Thank you for the flowers this week which have been kindly donated by Pat and John Clark.

WELCOME: We are delighted to welcome Neil Baldwin this morning. Neil is a Stoke on Trent celebrity; a former clown, Stoke City FC kit man and star of the book, film and play 'Marvellous' which seasoned in the West End last year.

APPEAL: We urgently require extra sidesperson's to help at baptisms – if you are interested, please phone Sue at the Parish Office.

Heather Cross is organizing tickets (NOT transport) to the Floral Pavilion New Brighton on **Wednesday 30th October 2024 at 2pm to see "Christmas Memories."** If anyone is interested in going can I please have definite names and £17 (the price of ticket) by Monday 16th September. Cheque or cash. Heather is on 07713544610.

Advance Notice: Standing Committee meeting at the Rectory on Wednesday 18th September at 7pm.

MacMillan Coffee Morning: Our annual coffee morning in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support will be on **Friday 27th September** from **9am to 12 Noon** in the Parish Community Hall. There will be various stalls and refreshments (including bacon butties!) on sale and all proceeds going to MacMillan.

Donations of cakes and suitable raffle prizes would be most welcome.

Volunteers are required to help on this morning. Please see Jenny Davies or Barbara McKenzie if you can help.

GENEROSITY WEEK 2024 is almost here (**29th of September until 6th October**) which sees the start of the Church of England's Generosity Week when we celebrate generosity. This is timed to culminate on Harvest Sunday so that, as we thank God for his generosity to us, we also have the opportunity to think about how we might respond to that generosity.

Shoe Box Appeal at the Methodist: The Shoebox appeal starts in September. Donations of goods or money needed before 10th November as the boxes will be sent after a special service on 17th November.

Holy Cross Church, Woodchurch

Growing disciples of Christ

SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2024
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.**

Post Communion: (Page 1184 - The Common Worship Lectionary)

Faithful God, whose Son borne our sins in his 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 – YEAR B – PROPER 19

1st Reading (**8am & 10am**) Numbers 21: 4-9

Psalm (**8am**) Psalm 22: 22-27

Gospel (**8am & 10am**) John 3: 13-17

8.00am Holy Communion – Rev Janet in conversation with Neil Baldwin

10.00am Holy Communion – Rev Janet in conversation with Neil Baldwin

INCENSE Hymns at 10am: 394/448/109/658/67/74/511
Mass Setting: Simple Mass 953

12.00 Noon NO Baptism



CHURCH DIARY FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

<i>Monday</i>	16 th Sept	9.00am	Morning Prayer in Church
		12.15pm	Choir practice in Church
		2.00pm	Craft Club in Parish Community Hall 🕯️
<i>Tuesday</i>	17 th Sept	8.00pm	Bible Study via Zoom.
<i>Wednesday</i>	18 th Sept	10.00am	Holy Communion
		10.45am	Church Cleaning
		1.15pm	NO Community Café in the Parish Community Hall
		7.00pm	Standing Committee meeting in Rectory

SUNDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER 2024 THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
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8.00am	Holy Communion	1 st Reading (8am & 10am)	Proverbs 31: 10- end
10.00am	Parish Communion and Healing	Psalm (8am)	Psalm 1
12 Noon	NO Baptism	Gospel (8am & 10am)	Mark 9: 30-37
2.00pm	Baptism Preparation Meeting		
6.00pm	Evensong		

BIBLE READING FOR THE WEEK:**Holy Cross Day – John 3. 13-17**

There is no small print in the Christian Gospel. Jesus is very clear about the cost of following him.

Consider what the cost is to you of following Jesus. Pray for all who have found the cost too great and have given up their faith

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sun: Hoole Road. Mon: Houghton Road.
Tue: Huddleston Close. Wed Ivy Farm Cottages.
Thu: Kiln Road. Fri: Kindale Road.
Sat: Landican Lane.

Those who are ill:

Marj, Elsie, Jean, Ian, Val, Margaret, Nicci,
Baby Hazel

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

Christine Hendry, Anthony Jordon, Jane Wills

"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

Irene Syndodia Saunders. William Skilbeck,
Robert William Evans, Margaret Fell, Edward Jones,
William Eric Siggins.

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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