

NOTICES

NEW ELECTORAL ROLL 2025. Please note that today, March 23rd, is the last day to submit an Application form for inclusion in the new roll until after the Annual Church Meeting on April 6th. Only those on the Roll can vote or stand for office at the Annual Meeting. Ian McKenzie. (E.R. Officer)

CHORAL EVENSONG today at 4pm in Church – All welcome.

PCC POSITIONS AND CHURCHWARDEN POSITION: We encourage everyone to prayerfully reflect on the 4 to 5 vacant positions on the PCC and to also consider if you might be called to serve as our next Churchwarden following Roy's faithful service. If you know someone who would be a good fit, we encourage you to invite them to step forward. Nomination forms are available at the back of the church.

APCM - The annual parochial church meeting will take place on **Sunday 6th April at 11.30am** in the Parish Community Hall. Please save the date and do come along to this important annual meeting.

EASTER FLOWERS: Donations towards decorating the Church for Easter would be much appreciated. There is a plate by the church door for your donations. Thank you.

Confirmation: There is a Confirmation Service booked at Holy Cross on 10am, **11th May** and St Saviour will be sending a number of candidates. Anyone interested in being Confirmed or renewing their promises, please have a word with Rev Janet. *you.*

Our **Community Craft Club** has been hard at work creating beautiful Easter gifts, available for purchase in the Parish Community Hall every Sunday after the service until Easter Sunday. Prices range from just 50p to £3, with all proceeds supporting church funds. **PLUS**, don't miss our weekly raffle for a chance to win a charming crochet bunny! Tickets are £1, and the draw will take place during refreshments each week. Come along, support a great cause, and find the perfect Easter treat!

Sponge Cake Competition – Judging on 13th April (Palm Sunday) Put your baking skills to the test! To enter, purchase the provided recipe for £1 from Gwyneth and follow it exactly. The cake judged the best will be crowned the winner. After judging, cakes can be reclaimed or donated for sale to support church funds. Join in for some friendly competition and a great cause!

Holy Cross Church, Woodchurch

Growing disciples of Christ

SUNDAY 23RD MARCH 2025
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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 823 - *The Common Worship Lectionary*)

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 826 - The Common Worship Lectionary*)

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings for 8am and 10am – YEAR C

1st Reading (**8am & 10am**) Isaiah 55: 1-9

Psalm (**8am**) Psalm 63: 1-9

Gospel (**8am & 10am**) Luke 13: 1-9

8.00am Holy Communion – *Preacher Rev Josie*
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PLUS *Hymns at 10am: 70/47/298/312/88/67/565*

HEALING
Mass Setting: Simple Mass 953

12.00 Noon **NO** Baptism

4.00pm Choral Evensong



CHURCH DIARY FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

<u>Monday</u>	24 th March	9.00am	Morning Prayer in Church
		12.15pm	Choir practice in Church
<u>Tuesday</u>	25 th March	8.00pm	Bible Study via Zoom
<u>Wednesday</u>	26 th March	10.00am	Holy Communion
		10.45am	Church Cleaning
		1.15pm	Community Café in the Parish Community Hall
		7.00pm	PCC in Parish Community Hall
<u>Thursday</u>	27 th March	9.00am	Contractors in Church
		7.00pm	Lent group at The Rectory

**SUNDAY, 30TH MARCH 2025
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MOTHERING SUNDAY**

8.00am	Holy Communion	1 st Reading (8am & 10am)	Exodus 2: 1-10
10.00am	Holy Communion	Psalm (8am)	Psalm 34: 11-20
12 Noon	NO Baptism	Gospel (8am & 10am)	Luke 2: 33-35

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sun: Selbourne Close. Mon: Sherry Lane.
Tue: Springfield Close. Wed: The Meadow.
Thu: Troutbeck Close. Fri: Walby Close.
Sat: Whitefield Close.

Those who are ill:

Peter (Rev), Mary, Wendy, Elaine, Peter, Frances

**A NEW MONTHLY PRAYER DIARY WILL BE AVAILABLE
AT BACK OF CHURCH**



**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

Ivy Russell, Eric Crossland, John Sumpton,
 Raymond Houghton, John McGeorge, Raymond Sanderson,
 Harry Pugh, Joan Lunam, Bert Carter, John Harrison Fisher

BIBLE READING FOR THE WEEK:

Third Sunday in Lent – Luke 13: 1-9

Our God is the God of the second chance! Gardeners need patience. With a little help and care that weakly plant can thrive. Give it a second chance! At the funeral of a friend of mine, it was said that he always gave people a second chance... and many more! Now, there's a picture of our amazing compassionate Heavenly Father.

Prayer: Praise you Jesus for the many "second chances" you have given each one of us. Grant us your heart towards others.

Our verse for the year

***"For with you is the wellspring of life; in
your light we see light"***

Psalm 36 v9

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