

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. *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 21st December**. Help would be very much appreciated, and no experience is necessary.

Carols by Candlelight: Sunday 21st December at 4pm come along to hear all your favourite carols plus traditional readings in a beautiful candlelit service, followed by refreshment and mince pies in the Parish Community Hall.

New Year Chocolate Beetle Drive on Saturday 10th January, 3pm – 5pm in the Parish Community Hall. Come along and enjoy an afternoon of laughter, friendly competition, and community spirit at our **Beetle Drive**. Whether you're a seasoned player or trying it for the first time, it's a great event for all ages. Bring family and friends and see who can complete their beetle the fastest! **Ticket Prices: Adults: £4, Children (under 12): £2, Family Ticket (2 adults + up to 3 children): £10.** Tea/Coffee and cake are included, and all are warmly welcomed. If you would like more information or tickets, please speak to **Rev. Janet**, who will be happy to help.

100 Club Draw for December – 1st = 2/2nd = 38/3rd = 32

Thank you - Tony Lunam extends his heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped celebrate his 80th birthday. He deeply appreciates your warm wishes, cards, and generous gifts.

SAVE THE DATES:

Carols by Candlelight – Sunday 21st December – 4pm

Christingle and Crib Service - Christmas Eve – 4pm

Midnight at Bethlehem – Christmas Eve – 9.30pm

Holy Cross Church, Woodchurch

Growing disciples of Christ

SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER
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: Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion: Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings for 8am and 10am – YEAR A

1st Reading (**8am & 10am**) Isaiah 35: 1-10

Psalm (**8am**) Psalm 146: 4-10

Gospel (**8am & 10am**) Luke 1: 26-56

8.00am	Holy Communion – <i>Preacher Rev Janet</i>
10.00am	Holy Communion – <i>Preacher Rev Janet</i>
	<i>Hymns at 10am: 631/574/259/182/442/299/634</i>
12 Noon	NO Baptism



CHURCH DIARY FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

<u>Monday</u>	15 th Dec	9.00am 12.15pm	Morning Prayer in Church NO Choir practice in Church
<u>Wednesday</u>	17 th Dec	10.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion Meadowside Carol Rehearsal in Church
<u>Thursday</u>	18 th Dec	10.00am	Meadowside Christmas Carol Service in Church
<u>Saturday</u>	20 th Dec	10.30am	Interment of Ashes in church, followed by churchyard

SUNDAY, 21ST DECEMBER 2025 THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.00am	Holy Communion	1 st Reading (8am & 10am)	Isaiah 7: 10-16
10.00am	Holy Communion	Psalm (8am)	80: 1-8
12 Noon	NO Baptism	Gospel (8am & 10am)	Luke 2: 13-20
4.00pm	Carols by Candlelight		

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

Those who are ill:

Audrey (S), Jenny, Daisy, Pat, Beryl, Irene, Paul,
 Joyce, Elsie, Lesley, Ray



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

Sally Felix, Carol Eccleston, Peter

"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

Francis Joseph Belton, Margaret Fell, Violet Stewart,
 Howard Coleman, Don Sutton, Lilian Neil,
 Philip William Duggan, Joe Faulkner, Anne Sumpton,
 Edith Hughes, Edward Gleave

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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