

Christmas Flowers: Thank you to everyone for their generous contributions to the Christmas flower fund.

Donations to Flowers in Church 2026 - 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*

The Parish Leadership Team would like to thank you for all your cards and good wishes for this Christmas Season. May you and those you love have a very happy and blessed Christmas.

Annual Reports for Jan-Dec 2025 are due in asap, at the latest 5th January please. Rev Janet cannot start writing her report until she has others in, thank you.

NO Refreshments – Just to let you know that there will not be coffee/tea served after the 10am service on **Thursday 25th December**.

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: TODAY (Sunday 21st December) at 4pm come along to hear all your favourite carols plus traditional readings in a beautiful candlelit service.

There will be **NO** Holy Communion Service on **Wednesday 31st December at 10am**.

New Year Chocolate Beetle Drive on Saturday 10th January, 3pm – 5pm in the Parish Community Hall. A fun, family-friendly afternoon for all ages. **Tickets:** Adults £4 / Children (under 12) £2 / Family ticket (2 adults + 2 children): £10. Light refreshments included. Please see **Rev. Janet**.

Thank you - Angel Festival. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped with the Angel Festival last Saturday – whether you assisted on the day or contributed in the preparations beforehand. Your time, effort, and enthusiasm were greatly appreciated and helped make the event a wonderful success. *Rev Janet*

Holy Cross Church, Woodchurch

Growing disciples of Christ

SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2025
THE FOURTH 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: Almighty God, as one dark night the angels announced good news to the shepherds, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Post Communion: O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings for 8am and 10am – YEAR A

1st Reading (**8am & 10am**) Isaiah 7: 10-16

Psalm (**8am**) Psalm 80: 1-8

Gospel (**8am & 10am**) Luke 2: 13-20

8.00am	Holy Communion – <i>Preacher Rev Janet</i>
10.00am	Holy Communion – <i>Preacher Rev Janet</i> <i>Hymns at 10am: 36/745/641/263/121/114/266</i>
12 Noon	NO Baptism
4.00pm	Carols by Candlelight



CHURCH DIARY FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

<u>Monday</u>	22 nd Dec	9.00am	Morning Prayer in Church
		10.00am	Church Cleaning
		12.15pm	NO Choir practice in Church
<u>Wednesday</u>	24 th Dec	10.00am	NO Holy Communion
		4.00pm	Blessing of the Crib and Christingle Service
	Incense	9.30pm	Midnight in Bethlehem
<u>Thursday</u>	25 th Dec	8.00am	Holy Communion
		10.00am	Festive Holy Communion

**SUNDAY, 28TH DECEMBER 2025
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**

8.00am	Holy Communion	1 st	
		Reading	Jeremiah 31: 15-17
		(8am & 10am)	
10.00am	Holy Communion	Psalm	124
		(8am)	
12 Noon	NO Baptism	Gospel	Matthew 2: 13- end
		(8am & 10am)	

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

James Dick, Lavinia Haslam, Jack Morgan,
Arthur Heseltine, Albert Joseph Edmonds, John Patrick
Edwards, Elsie Skilbeck, Doreen Lee, Patricia Ivey

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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