

NOTICES

TODAY - Sunday 29th December we will be remembering Holy Innocents - children who have died through miscarriage, born sleeping, cot death, and whose lives have been taken through war or violence. Please pray for any for whom this will be an emotional time and please invite anybody you feel it might be relevant to. *Thank you, the Rector.*

Donations to Flowers in Church 2025 - We hope to continue with the scheme to provide weekly flowers from individual donations from members of the congregation. 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*

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

Christmas Quiz – Gwyneth has quiz sheets for your Christmas amusement. £1 each towards the wall fund. Remember the closing date is **Sunday 19th January 2025**.

Candle Wax Appeal: This is an ongoing appeal to please save any candle wax used over the Christmas period for the following year's Tower of Light. Any colour will do and whatever bits you have.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER UNTIL MONDAY 6TH JANUARY. THEREFORE ANY CORRESPONDENCE MAY NOT BE SEEN IMMEDIATELY.

Holy Cross Church, Woodchurch

Growing disciples of Christ

SUNDAY 29TH DECEMBER 2024 **THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS** **THE HOLY INNOCENTS**

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 762 - *The Common Worship Lectionary*)

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion: (Page 764 - *The Common Worship Lectionary*)

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings for 8am and 10am – YEAR C

1st Reading (**8am & 10am**) Jeremiah 31: 15-17

Psalm (**8am**) Psalm 124

Gospel (**8am & 10am**) Matthew 2: 13-18

8.00am Holy Communion – *Preacher Rev Janet*
10.00am Holy Communion – *Preacher Rev Janet*
Hymns at 10am: 776/399/654/217/60/762/755
Mass Setting: Simple Mass 953
12.00 Noon **NO** Baptism



CHURCH DIARY FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

Monday 30th Dec 9.00am **NO** Morning Prayer in Church
 12.15pm **NO** Choir practice in Church

Tuesday 31st Dec 8.00pm **NO** Bible Study

Wednesday 1st Jan 10.00am Holy Communion

Thursday 2nd Jan 1.00pm Funeral in Church

SUNDAY, 5TH JANUARY 2025			
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS			
EPIPHANY			

8.00am	Holy Communion	1 st Reading (8am)	Isaiah 60: 1-6
10.00am	Parish Communion	Psalm (8am)	Psalm 72
12 Noon	NO Baptism	Gospel (8am & 10am)	Matthew 2: 1-12

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:

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:

John Frances



"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

Gerald (Ged) Malone, Joyce McAsey, Florence Ann Luff,
Sarah Oakes, Mary Louisa King, Charles Harvey Williams,
Donald Stewart, Charles Arthur Piggott

<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>

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