

NOTICES

THURSDAY HOLY COMMUNIONS AND LENT BREAKFASTS. If you're looking for something you can take up for Lent, why not come along to a series of extra services for Lent on Thursday mornings at 8am? These are followed by breakfast in the Parish Community Hall.

TELEPHONE WORSHIP FOR LENT. Throughout Lent you are invited to join Revd Josie for a short, pre-recorded service of Night Prayer. This can be accessed at any time on 0151 318 2533 for the cost of a local call.

BISHOP MARK'S LENT COURSE continues on Zoom on Tuesdays at 8pm. Contact Revd. Josie for more details 07592 721399.

The funeral of **Kath Watts** who worshipped here at Holy Cross for many years will take place on **Monday 20th March at 11am in Church** followed by cremation. All who knew Kath are welcome to attend. Please do pray for Kath's family at this sad time. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Community Hall after the funeral.

Easter Flowers: Donations towards decorating the church for Easter would be much appreciated. After the services there will be a wooden plate at the back of the church for your contributions. *Thank you.*

Electoral Roll reminder. You have no vote at the Annual Parish Meeting if You are not on the E.R. (*Ian McKenzie ER Officer*)

Volunteers needed for "MESSY EASTER" which will take place, as usual, on Good Friday. If you're interested, please speak to Rev Josie or Diane Adams for further details. We shall also need help with activities and catering on the day. There will be **NO** planning meeting as previously advertised on Tuesday 21st March.

Support the Wall Fund: A "pen" is better for you than an EASTER EGG! And lasts much longer!! £2.50. Also **sponge cake competition** - £1 entry to be tasted on Palm Sunday. *Gwyneth*

Thank You: Mary Unwin would like to thank all her friends at Holy Cross Church who helped her celebrate her 90th birthday and for all the cards and gifts.

Ongoing Appeal: John Clark would be grateful for any **left-over wax** from any candles you have. Any colour will do and whatever bits you have. 🕯️

Holy Cross Church, Woodchurch

Sunday, 19TH MARCH 2023

MOTHERING SUNDAY

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.

Welcome!

Collect: (Page 101 - The Common Worship Lectionary)

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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 104 - The Common Worship Lectionary)

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings for 8am and 10am

1st Reading (8am)	Exodus 2. 1-10
Psalm (8am)	34. 11-20
Epistle (8am & 10am)	2 Corinthians 1. 3-7
Gospel	Luke 2. 33-35
8.00am	Holy Communion - <i>Preacher Rev David</i>
10.00am	Holy Communion - <i>Preacher Rev David</i> <i>Hymn Nos for 10am: 428 / 182 / 277 / 474</i> <i>Mass Setting: All Said</i>
12 Noon	NO Baptism
4.00pm	NO EVENING SERVICE



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CHURCH DIARY FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

<i>Monday</i>	20 th Mar	11am	Funeral in Church
<i>Tuesday</i>	21 st Mar	10.30am	Interment of Ashes Church and Churchyard
		8.00pm	Bible Study via Zoom
<i>Wednesday</i>	22 nd Mar	10.00am	Holy Communion
		11.00am	Interment of Ashes in Churchyard
		1.15pm	Community Café in Parish Community Hall
		2.00pm	Choir Practice in Church
<i>Thursday</i>	23 rd Mar	8.00am	Holy Communion followed by breakfast in the Parish Community Hall

**SUNDAY, 26TH MARCH 2023
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

8.00am	Holy Communion	1 st Reading (8am)	Ezekiel 37. 1-14
10.00am	Parish Communion	Psalm (8am)	130
12 Noon	NO Baptism	Epistle (8am & 10am)	Romans 8. 6-11
2.00pm	Baptism Preparation Meeting in Church	Gospel	John 11. 1-45
	NO EVENING SERVICE		



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Those who live and work in:

Sun: Woodland Drive. Mon: Woodland Road.
Tue: Woodvale Court. Wed: Woodville Court.
Thu: Yew Tree Close. Fri: Ackers Road.
Sat: Archers Court.

Those who will be baptised "we welcome them into the fellowship of faith"

Marriage Banns to be read:

Darren James Williams and Doreen Louise Sloan



Those who are ill:

Lilian, Anne, Ted, Beryl, Bill, Dorothy, Peter, Geoff, Rosemarie, James

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

Mary Harrison, Diana (Di) Skilbeck, Edna Dale, Kath Watts

"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:

Eva Margaret Saunders, Doris Carnon, Gladys Atherton, Marjorie Rebecca Earl, William Mills, Mark Stephen McNee, Phyllis Eden, Phyllis Piggot, Ivy Russell (Gilmer), Eric Crossland, John William Sumpton, Raymond Houghton, John McGeorge.

Our verse for the year

"Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain."
(Psalm 127)

BIBLE READING FOR THE WEEK: Luke 2. 33-35

"Being the Mother of Jesus would bring great joy to Mary, but also, as Simeon prophesies, great pain and sorrow. Following God's path for her life did not guarantee Mary freedom from heartache. As Mary encountered the horrendous pain of witnessing the crucifixion of her son, as a spear pierced Jesus' side and the sword Simeon prophesied pierced her Soul God was accomplishing the awesome task of reconciling humankind to Godself.

What effect does remembering and contemplating Mary's pain have upon our understanding of the cost of our own salvation? "