

NOTICES

Christmas Flowers: Donations towards decorating the church for Christmas would be much appreciated. After the 10.00am service there will be a plate at the back of the church for any contributions. Thank you

Church Treasurer. Holy Cross needs to recruit a new treasurer. The simple spreadsheet requires about two hours a week to update. If you are interested in this important role, please have a word with Nick Broad. He is prepared to work with the new treasurer for 2-3 months to ensure a smooth changeover.

Tower of Light – TONIGHT (Sunday 27th November at 6pm.) Please join us for this community event. Additional parking will also be available at Meadowside School. Remember to bring a torch and wear warm clothing. Refreshments in the Parish Community Hall after the service and to purchase ornaments to remember your loved ones.

Advance Notice – Christmas Fair – Saturday 3rd December from 11am to 2pm in the Parish Community Hall. Bric-a-brac wanted together with donations of raffle prizes please.

*Gwyneth would be grateful for any good toys for the Teddy Tombola.
* Donations of bottles to Diane Adams for the bottle stall please.

Changing Oranges into Christingles. This will happen on **Saturday 3rd December at 2pm** in the Jubilee Rooms. Please join us, even for a short period of time. Music, refreshments, and friendly chatter will make the time pass very quickly. All welcome – newcomers and old hands – experience is not needed! *Rev Josie*

Save the date! Revd Canon Christine's last service as incumbent of Woodchurch will take place at Holy Cross Church on **Sunday 8th January at 10am**- all welcome!

Revd Canon Christine's licensing as incumbent of St Luke's Goostrey CW4 8PE will take place on Tuesday 24th January 2023 at 7pm. Places at this service are limited by the small capacity of St Luke's church but if you would like to attend please email christine.broad@holycrosswoodchurch.uk or telephone 0151 678 4825 to leave a message no sooner than Sunday 27th Nov and no later than Sunday 11th December and the places available will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Woodchurch Pens: Good news - have arrived in time for Christmas. They'll make an ideal present to give to your friends, and yourself! Only £2.50, long lasting!! Also available from the Parish Office. "Supporting the Wall Fund" *Gwyneth Mills.*

100 Club November Draw: 1st = 17 / 2nd = 21 / 3rd = 27

Holy Cross Church, Woodchurch

Sunday, 27th November 2022

ADVENT 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 3 - *The Common Worship Lectionary*)

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion: (*Page 5 – The Common Worship Lectionary*)

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 BEGINS

**1st Reading
(8am)**

Isaiah 2: 1-5

Psalm

122

Epistle

Romans 13: 11-14

Gospel

Matthew 26: 36-46

8.00am

Holy Communion – *Preacher Sue Mountford*

10.00am

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INCENSE

Hymn Nos for 10am: 227 / 480 / 674 / 511

Mass Setting: A simple mass 953

12 Noon

NO Baptism

6.00pm

Tower of Light



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CHURCH DIARY FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

<i>Tuesday</i>	29 th Nov	8.00pm	Bible Study via Zoom
<i>Wednesday</i>	30 th Nov	10.00am 1.15pm	Holy Communion Community Café in Parish Community Hall
<i>Thursday</i>	1 st Dec	9.15am	School in Church
<i>Saturday</i>	3 rd Dec	11am- 2pm	Christmas Fair in the Parish Community Hall
	3 rd Dec	12 Noon 2.00pm	Interment of Ashes in church and churchyard Making Christingles in the Jubilee Rooms

SUNDAY, 4TH DECEMBER 2022 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.00am	Holy Communion	1 st Reading (8am)	Isaiah 11: 1-10
10.00am	Parish Communion	Psalm (8am)	72: 1-7
12 Noon	NO Baptism	Epistle (10am)	Romans 15: 4-13
4.00pm	Christingle	Gospel	Matthew 3: 1-12

Forthcoming Dates for your Diary:

Tower of Light – November 27th – 6pm / *Christmas Fair* –
December 3rd 11am-2pm / Christingle – December 4th – 4pm /
Carols by Candlelight – December 11th – **4pm** / Crib Service –
December 24th – 4pm / *Midnight in Bethlehem* – December 24th –
9.30pm / Christmas Day Sunday 25 December Holy Communion –
8am & 10am All Together All Age Communion (NO evening
service) / Sunday 1st January – 8am and 10am (NO evening
service)

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Those who live and work in:

Sun: Leeswood Road. Mon: Linden Drive.
Tue: Lower Green. Wed: Maritime Court.
Thu: Mavis Drive. Fri: Meadow Crescent.
Sat: Merton Drive.



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

Those who are ill:

Sally, John, Rosemarie, Di, Joyce, James, Jan, Ian, Matthew, Ethel

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

Leonora North, Patricia Garry

"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:

Rev. Harry Taylor, Michael Dougherty, Stanley Drinkwater, Rosalie Frances Belton, Wilfred Harry Hathaway.

Our verse for the year

"Speak Lord, for your servant is listening"
(1 Samuel 3: 9b)

NIGHT PRAYER BY TELEPHONE:

The service of Night Prayer is a lovely way to end the day. For the cost of a local landline call you can now listen every night to a short service of Night Prayer for the season of All Saints to Advent. The number to call is (0151) 318 2533.

BIBLE READING FOR THE WEEK:

Bible Reading Matthew 26: 36-46

Jesus asked his disciples to stay awake and pray with him. Their own tiredness and anxieties overwhelmed them and they fell asleep. How often do our own anxieties and tiredness prevent us from seeing the needs of others? Can we pray this Advent that the Holy Spirit will help us to be alert to the needs of those around us, to pray for them and respond in practical ways.