

NOTICES



Thank you for the flowers this week which have been kindly donated by Tony Lunam and the late Jan Lunam in celebration of their 56th Wedding Anniversary.

Flowers have also been donated by Jeanette Ball in loving memory of losing her husband Phil on his sixth anniversary.

We have been awarded a **Green Flag Community Award 2023 for the churchyard** – Congratulations and huge thanks to Rob for all his hard work that has made this possible.

ANNUAL MYSTERY COACH TRIP – Saturday 5th August

We leave at 9.30am from church. The cost for the day is £18.00 per person and it would help me if this could be paid before the day so I don't have too much cash to look after on the day. Cash or cheque payable to P.C.C. Woodchurch. Thank you, Ian McKenzie. (677 4549, or wimckenzie139@gmail.com)

CONSIDERING CONFIRMATION? If you would like to be confirmed at Holy Cross when Bishop Julie joins us on **Sunday October 22nd**, or if it's a possibility you would like to explore, please contact Revd Josie on 07592721399 for more details.

TELEPHONE WORSHIP. You are invited to join Revd Josie for a short pre-recorded service of Night Prayer which can be accessed at any time on 0151 318 2533 for the cost of a local call and which changes every week. Please do spread the word, particularly among those who aren't able to get to church.

Frances Lester would like to thank everyone for their cards, prayers, gifts, and support during this difficult time of losing Robin – it is very much appreciated.

Thank you to Voices in the Wood Family and Friends concert last Monday which raised a fantastic £95.37 for church funds – thank you to everyone who attended.

Thank you to Beryl Robinson has collected a further £20 from her smartie tubes for the wall fund.

Holy Cross Church, Woodchurch

Growing disciples of Christ

SUNDAY 30TH JULY 2023
THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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 207 - The Common Worship Lectionary)

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion: (Page 207 – The Common Worship Lectionary)

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **Amen**

Readings for 8am and 10am – Proper 12

1st Reading (8am) 1 Kings 3. 5-12

Psalm (8am) 119. 129-136

Epistle (8am & 10am) Romans 8. 26-39

Gospel Matthew 13. 31-33, 44-52

8.00am Holy Communion – Preacher Rev Josie

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Hymn at 10am: 19 / 337 / 760 / 84 / 201 / 32

Mass Setting: 953 (Green Sheet)

12 Noon Baptism

3.00pm Baptism Preparation Meeting in Church



CHURCH DIARY FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

Tuesday 1st August 8.00pm Bible Study
Saturday 5th August 9.30am Mystery Coach Trip

SUNDAY, 6TH AUGUST 2023 THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

8.00am	Holy Communion	1 st Reading (8am)	Daniel 7. 9-10, 13-14
10.00am	Parish Communion	Psalm (8am)	97
12 Noon	Baptism	Epistle (8am & 10am)	2 Peter 1. 16-19
		Gospel	Luke 9. 28-36

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Those who live and work in:

Sun: Landican Lane. Mon: Leeswood Road.

Tue: Linden Drive. Wed: Lower Green.

Thu: Maritime Court. Fri: Mavis Drive. 

Sat: Meadow Crescent.

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

Brody David John Godwin



Those who are ill:

John, Lilian, Anne, James

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

Marion Lewis, Lilian Lomax, Robin Lester

"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:

Jessie Lees, Alex May, Phil Ball, Susan Jane Foster, John Thomas Chadwick.

Our verse for the year

"Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain."

(Psalm 127)

BIBLE READING OF THE WEEK:

8th after Trinity – Matthew 13: 31-33 & 44-52

The "kingdom of heaven" is wherever God rules. We will never manage to create it on earth. Only God can do that. But it often grows in the most unexpected places, and we all have a part to play.

Prayer: Lord, encourage me to seek the green shoots of the growth of Your rule in people's lives.