

The funeral of Sally Felix, who worshipped at Holy Cross for many years, will take place on **Wednesday 14th January at 10.15am at Holy Cross**. Sally will then be laid to rest in Daresbury Churchyard, followed by a service at Daresbury All Saints Church. All who knew Sally are warmly welcome to attend. Please keep Sally's family in your prayers at this sad time.

There will be NO Holy Communion on Wednesday 14th January.

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 Higgs (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*

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.

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.

Come along and enjoy an afternoon of laughter, friendly competition, and community spirit at our **Beetle Drive**. Whether you're a seasoned player or trying it for the first time, it's a great event for all ages. Bring family and friends and see who can complete their beetle the fastest! **Ticket Prices: Adults: £4, Children (under 12): £2, Family Ticket (2 adults + up to 3 children): £10.** Tea/Coffee and cake are included, and all are warmly welcomed. If you would like more information or tickets, please speak to **Rev. Janet**, who will be happy to help.

Gwyneth has quiz sheets available for your Christmas amusement. £1 each towards the wall fund.

Holy Cross Church, Woodchurch

Growing disciples of Christ

SUNDAY 28TH DECEMBER 2026
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

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: God in Trinity, external unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Post Communion: 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 A

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

Psalm (**8am**) Psalm 124

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

8.00am Holy Communion – Preacher Rev Janet

10.00am Holy Communion – Preacher Rev Janet

Hymns at 10am: 54/736/161/56/87/17/188

12 Noon **NO** Baptism



CHURCH DIARY FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

Monday 29th Dec 9.00am **NO** Morning Prayer in Church
12.15pm **NO** Choir practice in Church

Wednesday 31st Dec 10.00am **NO** Holy Communion

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"

**SUNDAY, 4TH JANUARY 2026
THE EPIPHANY**

8.00am	Holy Communion	1 st Reading	Jeremiah 31: 7-14 (8am)
10.00am	Holy Communion – All Age Service	Psalm	147: 13-end (8am)
12 Noon	NO Baptism	Gospel (8am & 10am)	Matthew 2: 1-12

Years Mind

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

Our verse for the year

"For with you is the wellspring of life; in your light we see light"
Psalm 36 v9

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sun: Berkeley Court. Mon: Brackendale.
Tue: Brentwood Court. Wed: Bridge Farm Close.
Thu: Caldwell Drive. Fri: Carr Bridge Road.
Sat: Carr Hey Close.

Those who are ill:

Audrey (S), Jenny, Daisy, Pat, Beryl, Irene, Paul,
Joyce, Elsie, Lesley, Ray

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