

Christmas Flowers - Donations towards decorating the church for Christmas would be much appreciated. There will be a collection plate by the church door for your contributions. *Thank you*

Meadowside Community Café are holding a Christmas Bingo on Wednesday (10th). All welcome to come and join in the festive fun.

Angel Festival: We are holding an Angel Festival at Holy Cross Dec 2025, and an Open Day on **Saturday 13th December 12-4pm**. We are asking community groups and schools to give us an angel that can be displayed, with their group information. If you are part of a Community Group wanting to participate, please book in with Rev Janet and she will be able to hand you a booking form to complete. Angels of any size are to be brought to church during the daytime on **Tues. 9th December during school hours**, but please arrange this with Rev Janet, thank you.

Volunteers and Stewards are required for the day.
Please see Rev Janet.

Changing Oranges into Christingles. We shall be making Christingles in the Parish Community Hall during coffee refreshments after the 10am Sunday service on **Sunday 21st December**. Help would be very much appreciated, and no experience is necessary.

Bibles - We would be grateful for any spare Good News, NIV or NRSV bibles you might wish to donate. Please hand to Rev Janet.

SAVE THE DATES:

Angel Festival – Saturday 13th December – 12 Noon to 4pm

Carols by Candlelight – Sunday 21st December – 4pm

Christingle and Crib Service - Christmas Eve – 4pm

Midnight at Bethlehem – Christmas Eve – 9.30pm

Holy Cross Church, Woodchurch

Growing disciples of Christ

SUNDAY 7th DECEMBER
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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: Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. **Amen**

Post Communion: Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings for 8am and 10am – YEAR A

1st Reading (**8am**) Isaiah 11: 1-10

Psalm (**8am**) Psalm 72: 1-7

Gospel (**8am & 10am**) Luke 1: 5-25, 57-80

8.00am

Holy Communion – *Preacher Rev Janet*

10.00am

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All Age Service

Hymns at 10am: 527/582/406/264/655/67/332

12 Noon

NO Baptism



CHURCH DIARY FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

<u>Monday</u>	8 th Dec	9.00am	Morning Prayer in Church
		12.15pm	Choir practice in Church
		2.00pm	NO Craft Club in Jubilee Rooms
		6.30pm-7.30pm	Scouts District Carol Service in Church
<u>Tuesday</u>	9 th Dec	9am-2pm	Angels to be delivered to church
<u>Wednesday</u>	10 th Dec	10.00am	Holy Communion
		1.15pm	Community Café in the Parish Community Hall – Christmas Bingo
		3.20pm	Messy Church in Parish Community Hall
<u>Saturday</u>	13 th Dec	12 Noon-4pm	Angel Festival in Church and Parish Community Hall

SUNDAY, 14TH DECEMBER 2025 THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.00am	Holy Communion	1 st Reading (8am & 10am)	Isaiah 35: 1-10
10.00am	Holy Communion	Psalm (8am)	146: 4-10
12 Noon	NO Baptism	Gospel (8am & 10am)	Luke 1: 26-56

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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



Those who are ill:

Jenny, Daisy, Pat, Beryl, Irene, Paul, Joyce, Peter, Elsie, Lesley, Ray

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

"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

Blanche Mary Chadwick, Harry Makinson, Pam Smith, Joan Burston, Joseph Harrison, Frank Wallace, Pauline Gordon

Our verse for the year

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

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