

NOTICES

PCC meeting at 11.30am in the Parish and Community Hall on **Sunday 9 March** 2025 for formal approval to the audited accounts for 2024.

LENT STUDIES: Prayer is a key part of our Christian lives but often gives rise to anxiety and questions. This Lent you're invited to join Revd Josie on Tuesdays at 8pm on Zoom (5 weeks) or Revd Janet in person Thursdays at 7pm at the Rectory (6 weeks), for *the Prayer Course* by Pete Greig. The course explores what the Bible and Christians down the years have said about prayer and ending with a quiet service of Compline. Speak to Janet or Josie if you'd like to take part. Course details and resources are on <https://prayercourse.org/>

Living Hope is a resource produced by the Church of England for Lent 2025. If people would like to receive emails each day during lent on these themes, they need to sign up at [Living Hope - Lent reflections | The Church of England](https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-life/what-we-believe/lent-holy-week-and-easter/living-hope-lent-reflections)
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RENEWING OF THE ELECTORAL ROLL 2025. A reminder that completed Application Forms should be returned to the Electoral Roll Officer (Ian McKenzie) ASAP. Forms are available at the back of church.

PCC POSITIONS AND CHURCHWARDEN POSITION: We encourage everyone to prayerfully reflect on the 4 to 5 vacant positions on the PCC and to also consider if you might be called to serve as our next Churchwarden following Roy's faithful service. If you know someone who would be a good fit, we encourage you to invite them to step forward. Nomination forms are available at the back of the church.

JOIN THE 100 CLUB LOTTERY – MARCH DRAW!

Support Holy Cross Parish Church and win amazing prizes!

Membership: £60/year (March–Feb) or £5/month

Prizes: 1st (50%), 2nd (30%), 3rd (20%) of the prize fund

Funds: Half supports church upkeep, half goes to prizes

Eligibility: 18+ to join

How to Join: Contact Sue Treanor, Parish Administrator, for an application.

Join now—support our parish, have fun, and win a prize.

Save the Date! Get ready for a **Barn Dance. Friday, 6th June.** Details to follow soon! Mark your calendars – you won't want to miss it!

Holy Cross Church, Woodchurch

Growing disciples of Christ

SUNDAY 2ND MARCH 2025 THE SECOND NEXT BEFORE LENT

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 807 - *The Common Worship Lectionary*

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross; give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion: (Page 809 - *The Common Worship Lectionary*)

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings for 8am and 10am – YEAR C

1st Reading (**8am & 10am**) Exodus 34: 29-end

Psalm (**8am**) Psalm 99

Gospel (**8am**) Luke 9: 28-36

8.00am Holy Communion – Preacher Rev Janet
10.00am Holy Communion – Preacher Rev Janet
Hymns at 10am: 314/sheet/45/277/87/574/419
Mass Setting: Family Service – All Said
12.00 Noon **NO** Baptism



CHURCH DIARY FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

<u>Monday</u>	3 rd March	9.00am	Morning Prayer in Church
		12.15pm	Choir practice in Church
		2.00pm	Craft Club in the JUBILEE ROOMS
<u>Tuesday</u>	4 th March	8.00pm	Bible Study via Zoom
<u>Wednesday</u>	5 th March	9.00am	KS2 School in Church
		10.00am	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion
		1.15pm	Community Café in the Parish Community Hall

SUNDAY, 9TH MARCH 2025 THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

8.00am	Holy Communion	1 st Reading (8am & 10am)	Deuteronomy 26: 1-11
10.00am	Holy Communion	Psalm (8am)	Psalm 91: 1-11
11.30am	PCC Meeting in Parish Community Hall		
12 Noon	NO Baptism	Gospel (8am & 10am)	Luke 4: 1-13

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

Those who are ill:

Peter, Daniel, Frances, Phil, Maurice, Ted, Liz, Roy, Beryl, Rosemarie, Myra, Val

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

Vera Jones (Snr), John Hathaway, John Lea, Diana Skilbeck, Constance Roberts, Alan Roberts, Colin Edward Iveson

BIBLE READING FOR THE WEEK: Sunday next before Lent – Luke 9. 28 - 36

Jesus' glory is revealed to his disciples

*Think of a time when God has seemed very close to you.
Ask God to open your eyes to recognise his hidden presence in the world*

Our verse for the year

*"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!"
1 John 3:1 (NIV)*

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