

NOTICES

Donations to Flowers in Church 2025 - We hope to continue with the scheme to provide weekly flowers from individual donations from members of the congregation. 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*

Remember to save your **used postage stamps** to help support Hearing Dogs for Deaf People.

Christmas Quiz – Gwyneth has quiz sheets for your Christmas amusement. £1 each towards the wall fund. Remember the closing date is **Sunday 19th January 2025**.

Candle Wax Appeal: This is an ongoing appeal to please save any candle wax used over the Christmas period for the following year's Tower of Light. Any colour will do and whatever bits you have.

Holy Cross Church, Woodchurch

Growing disciples of Christ

SUNDAY 5TH JANUARY 2025 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS THE EPIPHANY

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 771 - *The Common Worship Lectionary*)

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion: (Page 774 - *The Common Worship Lectionary*)

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Readings for 8am and 10am – YEAR C

1 st Reading (8am)	Isaiah 60: 1-6
Psalm (8am)	Psalm 72
Gospel (8am & 10am)	Matthew 2: 1-12

8.00am	Holy Communion – Preacher Rev Josie
10.00am	Holy Communion – Preacher Rev Josie
NO INCENSE	Hymns at 10am: 724/825/641/85/49/760/332 Mass Setting: All Age Service
12.00 Noon	NO Baptism



CHURCH DIARY FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

<u>Monday</u>	6 th Jan	9.00am	NO Morning Prayer in Church
		12.15pm	Choir practice in Church
<u>Tuesday</u>	7 th Jan	8.00pm	Bible Study via Zoom - TBC
<u>Wednesday</u>	8 th Jan	10.00am	Holy Communion
		1.15pm	NO Community Café in the Parish Community Hall

SUNDAY, 12TH JANUARY 2025 THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

8.00am	Holy Communion	1 st Reading (8am & 10am)	Isaiah 43: 1-7
10.00am	Parish Communion	Psalm (8am)	Psalm 29
12 Noon	NO Baptism	Gospel (8am & 10am)	Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

Those who are ill:

Frances, Phil, Maurice, Ted, Liz, Roy, Beryl, Elaine,
Rosemarie, Myra, Val, Nicci

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

Ronald Tolcher, Norah Chadwick, Susan Crampton,
Charlie Needham, Brian Joseph Graham

BIBLE READING FOR THE WEEK:**Epiphany - Matthew 2: 1-12**

The "wise men" were from a different culture; no "bible background", with a faith that their destiny was written in the stars. But they were "thrilled and excited".... and "they knelt down and worshipped Him", when they found Jesus. Disturbing? Reassuring? Showing the width of God's love?

Prayer: Lord, may we not grow weary in the faith. Renew within us the thrill and excitement of living in Your presence

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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