

## NOTICES

### **Tower of Light – TONIGHT (Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 6pm.)**

Please join us for this community event. Remember to bring a torch and wear warm clothing. Refreshments in the Parish Community Hall after the service and to purchase ornaments to remember your loved ones.

**Calendars 2025** with a selection of old photographs of the church and Woodchurch village are now available from the wardens. They cost £7 each - a perfect Christmas gift.

**Changing Oranges into Christingles.** We shall be making Christingles in the Parish Community Hall during coffee refreshments after the 10am Sunday service on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**. Help would be very much appreciated, and no experience is necessary.

**Christmas Fair.** A big thank you to everybody who helped and supported the Christmas Fair last Saturday. Funds raised for church funds is an amazing £1,859.27.  
*Thank you - Churchwardens.*

**Candle Wax Appeal:** This is an ongoing appeal as a reminder to please save any candle wax used over the Christmas period. John Clark has been busy making candles for the Tower of Light this year and we would be extremely grateful if any wax can be saved for the following year's Tower of Light. Any colour will do and whatever bits you have.

**Woodchurch Methodist Christmas Fayre – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 1.30pm to 4.30pm** at Pemberton Road. Games, tombolas, books and jigsaws, children's Christmas crafts, refreshments and cakes.

**FORTHCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY** – December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4pm – *Carols by Candlelight* / Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm – Crib Service with Christingle and 9.30pm Midnight at Bethlehem / December 25<sup>th</sup> 8am and 10am Christmas Services.

## Holy Cross Church, Woodchurch

Growing disciples of Christ

### **SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024** **ADVENT SUNDAY** **THE FIRST 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:** – *Page 735 - The Common Worship Lectionary*

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### **Post Communion:** *(Page 737 - The Common Worship Lectionary)*

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

#### **Readings for 8am and 10am – YEAR C BEGINS**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading (**8am**)                      Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Psalm (**8am**)                              Psalm 25: 1-9

Gospel (**8am & 10am**)                  Luke 21: 25-36

**8.00am**                                      Holy Communion – *Preacher Sue Mountford*

**10.00am**                                     Holy Communion – *Preacher Sue Mountford*

**NO INCENSE**

*Hymns at 10am: 419/819/480/110/128/66/195*

*Mass Setting: All Age Family Service*

**12.00 Noon**                                **NO** Baptism

**6.00pm**                                      Tower of Light



**CHURCH DIARY FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:**

<u>Monday</u>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	9.00am	Morning Prayer in Church
		12.15pm	Choir practice in Church
		2.00pm	Craft Club Xmas
<u>Tuesday</u>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	8.00pm	Bible Study via Zoom.
<u>Wednesday</u>	4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00am	Holy Communion
		1.15pm	Community Café in the Parish Community Hall
<u>Thursday</u>	5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	PM	Bible Explorer in School

**SUNDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024  
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

8.00am	Holy Communion	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading <b>(8am &amp; 10am)</b>	Malachi 3: 1-4
10.00am	Parish Communion	Psalm <b>(8am)</b>	Luke 1: 68-79
12 Noon	<b>NO</b> Baptism	Gospel <b>(8am &amp; 10am)</b>	Luke 3: 1-6

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Sun: Goodacres Court. Mon: Goodacres Meadow.  
Tue: Grasswood Road. Wed: Greenwood Road.  
Thu: Home Farm Close. Fri: Home Farm Road.  
Sat: Hoole Road.

**Those who are ill:**

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**

Edward Jones, Wilf Gardiner, Joan Marjorie Timmons,  
 Blanche Mary Chadwick, Harry Makinson, Pam Smith,  
 Joan Burston.

**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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