

NOTICES

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

Christmas Flowers: Thank you to everyone for their generous contributions to the Christmas flower fund.

Donations to Flowers in Church 2025 - 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 Hipps (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*

The Parish Leadership Team would like to thank you for all your cards and good wishes for this Christmas Season. May you and those you love have a very happy and blessed Christmas. *Janet, Josie, David, Sue M and Sue T*

NO Refreshments – Just to let you know that there will not be coffee/tea served after the 10am service on **Wednesday 25th December**.

Sunday 29th December we will be remembering Holy Innocents - children who have died through miscarriage, born sleeping, cot death, and whose lives have been taken through war or violence. Please pray for any for whom this will be an emotional time and please invite anybody you feel it might be relevant to. *Thank you, the Rector.*

Don't forget our **Festive Quiz** which was sent out via email last week. Please remember to send the email to your friends and family. Please contact the Parish Office via email if you would like another copy sending to 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

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.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER UNTIL MONDAY 6TH JANUARY. THEREFORE ANY CORRESPONDENCE MAY NOT BE SEEN IMMEDIATELY.

Holy Cross Church, Woodchurch

Growing disciples of Christ

SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER 2024
THE FOURTH 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 744 - *The Common Worship Lectionary*)

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion: (Page 744 - *The Common Worship Lectionary*)

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen**

Readings for 8am and 10am – YEAR C

1st Reading (**8am & 10am**) Micah 5: 2-5a

Psalm (**8am**) Psalm 80: 1-8

Gospel (**8am & 10am**) Luke 1: 39-45 (46-55)

8.00am Holy Communion – *Preacher Elian Davies*
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Hymns at 10am: 128/411/182/654 (choir)/
759/759/631
Mass Setting: Simple Mass 953

12.00 Noon **NO** Baptism

4.00pm Carols by Candlelight



CHURCH DIARY FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

<u>Monday</u>	23 rd Dec	9.00am	NO Morning Prayer in Church
		12.15pm	NO Choir practice in Church
<u>Tuesday</u>	24 th Dec	4.00pm	Crib Service with Christingle
		8.00pm	NO Bible Study
	INCENSE	9.30pm	Midnight at Bethlehem
<u>Wednesday</u>	25 th Dec	8.00am	Christmas Service
	NO	10.00am	Christmas Service – NO
	INCENSE		REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE SERVICE TODAY.

**SUNDAY, 29TH DECEMBER 2024
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
HOLY INNOCENTS**

8.00am	Holy Communion	1 st Reading (8am & 10am)	Jeremiah 31: 15-17
10.00am	Parish Communion	Psalm (8am)	Psalm 124
12 Noon	NO Baptism	Gospel (8am & 10am)	Matthew 2: 13-18

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sun: Pemberton Road. Mon: Pool Lane.
Tue: Poolwood Road. Wed: Robin Way.
Thu: Sandfield Road. Fri: Schoolfield Close.
Sat: Schoolfield 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:

John Frances



"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

Lavinia Haslam, Jack Morgan, Arthur Heseltine,
 Albert Joseph Edmonds, John Patrick Edwards,
 Elsie Skilbeck, Doreen Lee, Patricia Ivey

BIBLE READING FOR THE WEEK:

Fourth Sunday of Advent – Luke 1: 46-55

Mary's song of praise "The Magnificat" rejoices in God's actions in the world. To some, though, He comes as a threat. *Is God's message a threat or a promise to you? Pray for those who seek to keep God out.*

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)*

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – December 22nd at 4pm – Carols by Candlelight / Tuesday 24th December at 4pm – Crib Service with Christingle and 9.30pm Midnight at Bethlehem / December 25th 8am and 10am Christmas Services / Sunday 29th December - Remembering Holy Innocents

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