

## NOTICES



**Thank you to John and Pat Clark for the flowers donated this week in loving memory of Joan Clark who worshipped here for most of her life.**

**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.

**PCC POSITIONS AND CHURCHWARDE 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 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2025**  
**THE SECOND SUNDAY 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 803 - *The Common Worship Lectionary*)

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; 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 806 - *The Common Worship Lectionary*)

God our creator; by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

1<sup>st</sup> Reading (**8am & 10am**) Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-end

Psalms (**8am**) Psalm 65

Gospel (**8am & 10am**) Luke 8: 22-25

**8.00am** Holy Communion – Preacher Rev Josie  
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**PLUS** Hymns at 10am: 672/84/359/200/428/572/221

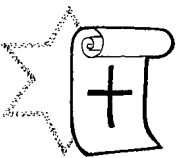
**HEALING**

*Mass Setting: Simple Mass 953*

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

**1.30pm** Baptism Preparation Meeting in Church

**4.00pm** Choral Evensong



**CHURCH DIARY FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:**

<u>Monday</u>	24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.00am	Morning Prayer in Church
		12.15pm	Choir practice in Church
		2.00pm	<b>NO</b> Craft Club in the Parish Community Hall
<u>Tuesday</u>	25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	8.00pm	Bible Study via Zoom
<u>Wednesday</u>	26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am	Holy Communion
		1.15pm	Community Café in the Parish Community Hall
		2.00pm	Messy Church planning meeting in Parish Community Hall
<u>Thursday</u>	27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7.00pm	START Course at Rectory

**SUNDAY, 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2025  
THE SECOND NEXT BEFORE LENT**

8.00am	Holy Communion	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading <b>(8am &amp; 10am)</b>	Exodus 34: 29- end
10.00am	Family Service	Psalm <b>(8am)</b>	Psalm 99
12 Noon	<b>NO</b> Baptism	Gospel <b>(8am)</b>	Luke 9: 28-36

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Sun: Houghton Road. Mon: Huddleston Close.  
Tue: Ivy Farm Cottages. Wed: Kiln Road.  
Thu: Kindale Road. Fri: Landican Lane.  
Sat: Leeswood Road.

**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**

Stuart Wright, Mildred Jackson, Norah Coleman, Peter Fogg,  
 Florence Wilkins, Joseph Chadwick, Rev John Gadsby

**BIBLE READING FOR THE WEEK:**

**Second Sunday before Lent – Genesis 2: 15-25**

God has given responsibility for the earth to human beings

*Think what actions you can take to help care for the world.  
 Pray for those who have the power to make decisions concerning the  
 future of our planet*

**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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