

Diary for the coming Week

Mon 16th	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	1.00pm	Quiet Afternoon
Tues 17th		No Service
Weds 18th	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Thurs 19th	9.30am	Morning Prayer/Eucharist

Next Sunday 22th October Proper 24

8am Eucharist (BCP)
10.30am Sung Eucharist/Junior Church
12.30pm Baptism

Birthdays :

Departed:

Anniversary of death : Kathleen LeMare, Frank Gilpin, Cecil Ragless, Syd Giles, Margaret Palmer, Irene Smith

Sick: Doris Anderson, Lily Hayward (11), Charlotte, Beryl Giles, Sally-Anne & Martin, Ann Smith, Richard, Graham Bryant, Peter Taylor, John Yaxley, Andrew Penwarden, Ralph Budd, Camilla, Della, Roger, Archie Morton.

Long Term Sick & Frail: Fr Nigel, Alan Williams, Lee Reeve, Jean Poplett, John Gostling, Betty Hayler, Barbara Greenshields, Peggy weeks, Gill Tourbay, Nadia, Little Mollie, Elizabeth Greaves, Petronella, Joyce Ablett, John Haddon, Dilys Walker, Margaret Hotston, Penny Enfield, Chaz & Sally, Wendy O'Neill, Eileen Harmer, Yvonne Denton, Sheila Calloway, Dulcie little child, Kathleen Bushnell-wye

Notices

Many thanks to all who made the fish & chip supper a success. Money will be going to Wateraid.

Shoe boxes need to be filled for blessing in church on 29th October 2017.

Quiet day in October on the 16th - see Reader Rosemary for details. List at back of church for catering.

Last day for £1 coins today although Tesco's and Poundland are still happy to accept them for another week.

NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS

Isaiah 45.1-7

Psalm 96.1-9/1 Thessalonians 1.1-10

Matthew 22.15-22

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October 15th 2017

HOLY CROSS

18th after Trinity Bulletin



Matthew 22.1-14

Welcome to Holy Cross Church
If you are a visitor or new to the area,
please make yourself known to the
Sidespeople, Church Wardens or
Presiding Priest.
Refreshments are served in the Hall
after the 10.30am Eucharist

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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.

All Amen.

Readings

First Reading Isaiah 25.1-9

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rain-storm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 23

Refrain: I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. **R**

He shall refresh my soul and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **R**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full. Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Second Reading

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. Philippians 4.1-9

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

Welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

All **Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Matthew*.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.' Matthew 22.1-14

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**