

Diary for the coming Week

Mon 18th	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	2.00pm	B. Green school nativity
Tues 19th	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	1.45pm	B. Green Christingle
Wed 20th	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Thurs 21st	9.30am	Morning Prayer/Eucharist

Next Sunday 24th December 4th of Advent year B

NO 8am Eucharist
10.30am Family Eucharist
5.00pm Crib/Christingle
11.30pm Midnight Mass

Birthdays : Peter Toone & Stephen McNally

Departed:

Anniversary of death : Marjorie Florence Clarke

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

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 Littlechild, Kathleen Bushnell-Wye

Notices

Nine lessons and carols this afternoon at 4.00pm to be followed mince pies and mulled wine. Please join us.

Thank you to the choir and all who attended the carol service at Chalcraft Hall last Sunday afternoon. The residents seemed to enjoy joining in with the singing. The next event is at the Pink pub on 19th . Choir have agreed to wear robes.

NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS

2 Samuel 7.1-11, 16

Psalms 89.1-4, 19-26/Romans 16.25-end

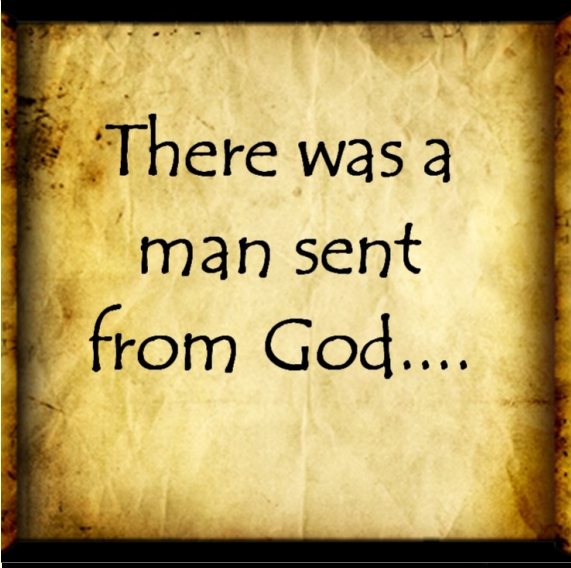
Luke 1.26-38

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December 17th 2017

HOLY CROSS

3rd Sunday of Advent Bulletin



There was a
man sent
from God....

John 1.6-8, 19-28

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

The Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *All Amen.*

First Reading

The servant of the Lord said: The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion - to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as

a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. *Isaiah 61.1-4,8-end*

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm Psalm 126

R: The Lord has done great things for us

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter and our tongue with songs of joy. **R**

Then said they among the nations, The Lord has done great things for them.' The Lord has indeed done great things for us, and therefore we rejoiced. **R**

Restore again our fortunes, O Lord, as the river beds of the desert. Those who sow in tears shall reap with songs of joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed, will come back with shouts of joy, bearing their sheaves with them. **R**

Second Reading

A Reading from I Thessalonians

My brothers and sisters, Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this. *I Thessalonians 5.16-24*

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Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening. You have the

words of eternal life.

All Alleluia.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not. 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord,"' as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing. *John 1.6-8,19-2*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.