

## Diary for the coming Week

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| Mon 25th    | 9.30am  | Morning Prayer |
| Tues 26th   | 9.30am  | Morning Prayer |
| Weds 27th   | 9.30am  | Morning Prayer |
|             | 2.00pm  | Chat & Craft   |
| Thurs 28th  | 9.30am  | Morning Prayer |
| Friday 29th | 10.00am | Prayer Group   |
| Sat 30th    | 2.30pm  | Volunteers Tea |

**Next Sunday 1st July**  
**5th Sunday after Trinity Year B**  
NO 8am Eucharist/ BCP  
10.30am Sung Eucharist/ Junior Church

### Birthdays:

### Departed:

**Anniversary of death: Carl Suddaby**

**Sick:** May Phillips, Shirley Stokes, Lily Hayward (11), Martin Rollinson, Ann Smith, Richard, Graham Bryant, Peter Taylor, John Yaxley, Andrew Penwarden, Ralph Budd, Della, Roger, Archie Morton, Peter Armstrong.

**Long Term Sick & Frail:** Fr Nigel, Alan Williams, Lee Reeve, Jean Poplett, John Gostling, Barbara Green-shields, Peggy weeks, Gill Tourbay, Nadia, Little Mollie, Elizabeth Greaves, Petronella, Joyce Ablett, John Had-don, Dilys Walker, Margaret Hotston, , Chaz & Sally, Wendy O'Neill, Eileen Harmer, Yvonne Denton, Sheila Calloway, Dulcie Littlechild, Kathleen Bushnell-Wye, Doris Anderson. Phillip Allington.

## Notices

**House group on Thursday 5th July will be at Barn Cottage, Barn Lane PO22 9NY. Park in slip lane. If lost call 01243 867256**

**A volunteers tea to say 'thank you' is to be held on 30th June. If you volunteer for anything please put your name on the list at the back.**

**Messy Church on Wednesday 4th July. Helpers needed as Colin and Jill are away so we are at least two short. You will enjoy yourselves.**

### NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS

**Wisdom 1.13-15: 2.23-24/Lamentations 3.23-35**

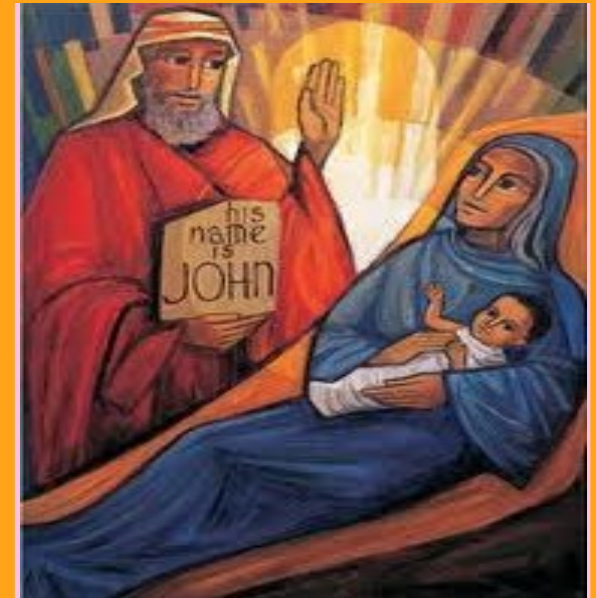
**2 Corinthians 8.7-end/Mark 5.21-end**

**During Interregnum please contact Church Warden Ted Towse or Reader Rosemary Towse: 01243 263835 or Church Warden Peter Toone: 01243 264349**

June 24th 2018

## HOLY CROSS

Birth of John the Baptist 2018



**Luke 1.57-66, 80**

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

Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour by the preaching of repentance; lead us to repent according to his preaching and, after his example, constantly to speak the truth, boldly to rebuke vice, and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake; 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.

## First Reading

*Isaiah 40.1-11*

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God**

## Psalm

*Psalm 85.7-13*

**R: The Lord will indeed grant you prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.**

Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation. I will listen to what the Lord God will say, for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful, that they turn not again to folly. **R**

Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other; Truth shall spring up from the earth and righteousness look down from heaven. **R**

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness shall go before him and direct his steps in the way. **R**

## Second Reading

*Acts 13.14b-26*

On the Sabbath day Paul and his companions went into the synagogue and sat down. After the reading of the law and the prophets, the officials of the synagogue sent them a message, saying, 'Brothers, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, give it.' So Paul stood up and with a gesture began to speak: 'You Israelites, and others who fear God, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. For about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. After he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance for about four hundred and fifty years. After that he gave them judges until the time of the prophet Samuel. Then they asked for a king; and God gave them Saul son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, who reigned for forty years. When he had removed him, he made David their king. In his testimony about him he said, "I have found David, son of Jesse, to be a man after my heart, who will carry out all my wishes." Of this man's posterity God has brought to Israel a Saviour, Jesus, as he promised; before his coming John had already proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. And as John was finishing his work, he said, "What do you suppose that I am? I am not he.

No, but one is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of the sandals on his feet." My brothers, you descendants of Abraham's family, and others who fear God, to us the message of this salvation has been sent.'

This is the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God**

## 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 Luke  
*Luke 1.57-66,80*

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

The time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, "No; he is to be called John." They said to her, "None of your relatives has this name." Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, "What then will this child become?" For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ**