

### **Please remember in your prayers**

Pray for those who are not well at this time and pray for the souls of the recently departed, may they rest in peace.



### **School stationery folders for TWAM**

TWAM are not supplying folders this year but will accept them if you wish to donate one with the required contents;

- A4 writing pad
- Pencil Crayons
- Pack of Ball-Point Pens
- Geometry Set
- Rubber
- Pencils
- Small Calculator

This year they are asking for cash donations to buy 'Gifts for the Journey' There is a list of suggested gifts at the back of Church. These gifts are for the journey of Life and the use and appreciation of them can be found in the TWAM booklets. If you wish me to arrange for folders or gifts to be collected please get them to me by Sunday September 23rd. Thank you  
Rosemary

### **Children's Society Boxes**

Thank you to everyone who has let me have their box for emptying. If you have not yet done so, please let me have your box as soon as you can.

If you would like to **START** collecting your loose change for the Children's Society, please let me know.  
Mike

### **The Well**

Thank you – another 7.55kg of gifts deposited.

### **Church Hall**

The Hall is to be refurbished and will be closed from **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September** for about 7 weeks.

We are very grateful for the work that has been done so far in moving crockery, books, etc. in preparation for the work.

We have arranged two sessions:

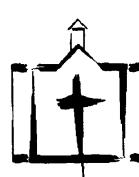
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September from 3pm, and
- Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September from 4.30pm.

We would be grateful for help on either of these occasions.  
Janet & Mike

Many of the activities that regularly take place in the Church Hall will transfer to the Church – please check with your activity leader.

### **StreetLight**

This year, we at Holy Cross, are planning to donate £250 to StreetLight's work in the Philippines. Simon has organised a Cheese and Wine evening at Christ the King in support of this charity. This will be at 7pm on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September. Tickets £7.50 from Simon.



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# **Holy Cross Church**

Serving the Community of Bilbrook  
in the Parish of Tettenhall Regis

Team Vicar:

**Revd. Simon Douglas** (212405)

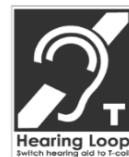
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(10am-12noon Monday-Friday)



## **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** **Trinity 14**

### **8am Eucharist**

(Celebrant: Revd Simon Douglas)

### **10.45am Sung Eucharist**

(Celebrant: Revd Simon Douglas)

(Preacher: Mark Cadwallader)

**Coffee/Tea will be served at the back of church after the 10.45am Eucharist.**  
**Please stay and join us.**

### **Hymns for Sung Eucharist**

**Introit:** **393** O worship the King

**Gradual:** **137** For the beauty of the Earth  
(England's Lane)

**Offertory:** **428** Purify my heart

**Communion:** **Choir** Longing for light

**Recessional:** **372** O Jesus, I have promised  
(Wolvercote)

### **This Week**

Mon	3	8pm Hymn Practice (Holy Cross)
Tues	4	2pm Craft Group <b>7pm Eucharist</b>
Wed	5	6.30pm Friendship Club
Thur	6	<b>9.30am Eucharist</b> 10am Coffee Pop-In 7.30pm Churches Together Meeting (at Holy Cross)
Fri	7	<b>12noon Eucharist</b>
Sat	8	10am Place of Welcome 10am – 4pm Ride & Stride Sponsored Event
Sun	9	<b>10.45am Sung Eucharist</b>

## **Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

### **COLLECT**

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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 forever.

### **FIRST READING Deuteronomy 4.1–2, 6–9**

#### **A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.**

Moses spoke to the people; he said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!’ For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

### **SECOND READING James 1.17–27**

#### **A reading from the letter of James.**

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God’s righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act – they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless.

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

### **GOSPEL Mark 7.1–8, 14–15, 21–23**

**Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.**

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

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, ‘Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?’ Jesus said to them, ‘Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, “This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.” You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.’ Then he called the crowd again and said to them, ‘Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.’

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord

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

### **POST COMMUNION**

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Sunday 2nd September 8am**  
**Sides, Reader, Offertory, Assist:** Mike

**Sunday 2nd September 10.45am**  
**Welcomers:** Jean H, Ruth  
**Reader:** Jo  
**Prayers:** Mark  
**Offertory:** Rita, Sheila, Jill  
**Assist:** Janet, Mark  
**Pebble Pool:** Katie, Jessica

**Sunday 9th September 10.45am**  
**Welcomers:** Julie, Gill  
**Reader:** Revd Patrick  
**Prayers:** Jo  
**Offertory:** Gill, Mary, Victor  
**Assist:** Carole, Mike  
**Pebble Pool:** Janet