

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.



The Church of England

Holy Cross Church

Serving the Community of Bilbrook in the Parish of Tettenhall Regis

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(10am-12noon Monday-Friday)



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

Church Hall

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

We will be meeting this afternoon (9th Sept) at 4.30pm to complete moving furniture and equipment. This will be our last opportunity to access the Hall before the contractors take over

Janet & Mike

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 15th September. Tickets £7.50 from Simon.

New Vicar for Codsall

Rev. Margaret Mattocks is to be licensed as Vicar of Codsall at a special service on Sunday 16th September.

Sunday 9th September
Trinity 15
10.45am Sung Eucharist
 (Celebrant: Revd Jim Perry)
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: 17 – All people that on earth do dwell

Gradual: 362 – O for a thousand tongues to sing (Lyngham)

Offertory: 231 – I heard the voice of Jesus say (Kingsfold)

Communion: 53 – Be still

27 – Amazing grace

Recessional: 56 – Be Thou my vision

This Week

Mon	10	CHURCH HALL CLOSED (until November - for refurbishment)
Tues	11	2pm Craft Group in Church 7pm Eucharist
Wed	12	6.30pm Friendship Club (in Church)
Thur	13	9.30am Eucharist 10am Coffee Pop-In (in Church)
Fri	14	<u>HOLY CROSS DAY</u> 12noon Eucharist 2pm Prayer Session
Sat	15	10am Place of Welcome 7pm Cheese & Wine (Christ the King)
Sun	16	<u>HOLY CROSS TIDE</u> (Stewardship Renewal) 8am Eucharist 10.45am Sung Eucharist

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 Isaiah 35.4–7a

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING James 2.1–10,14–17

A reading from the letter of James.

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please,' while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there,' or, 'Sit at my feet,' have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,' and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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GOSPEL Mark 7.24–37

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.'

Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go – the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ

POST COMMUNION

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday 9th September 10.45am

Welcomers: Julie, Gill

Reader: Revd Patrick

Prayers: Jo

Offertory: Gill, Mary, Victor

Assist: Carole, Mike

Pebble Pool: Janet

Sunday 16th September 8am

Sides, Reader, Offertory, Assist Janet

Sunday 16th September 10.45am

Welcomers: Jean M, Mary

Reader: Mark

Prayers: Carole

Offertory: Grace, June, Rebecca

Assist: Rebecca, Mark

Pebble Pool: Mike