

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

The church at the heart of our community

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(10am-12noon Monday-Friday)



The Sung Eucharist is at 10 o'clock next Sunday!

Next Sunday is the 100th Anniversary of the end of the First World War. The Sung Eucharist will begin at 10am and at about 10.45am there will be an opportunity to process to the Village Green for the Act of Remembrance.

Prayer Session

There will be a Prayer Session in Church at 2pm on Friday 9th November, when the theme will be 'Remembrance'. Join us if you can.

Sunday Refreshments

The facilities at the Church Hall are available to us again and the serving of drinks after the 10.45am Eucharist will resume.

If you agree that this is a valuable aspect of our Church life you may want to ensure that it continues by signing up for duty at forthcoming services. (Full training & support!)

If there is insufficient support, we will not be able to guarantee the provision of refreshments after the 10.45am service on a regular basis.

Mike

Have you got a DBS Certificate?

Everyone who has a DBS Certificate must complete a Safeguarding Course. The first two sessions (C0 and C1) are done 'on-line'.

The link is: -

www.lichfield.anglican.org/Volunteer%20Safeguarding%20Training/

Church Hall - back in use!

Work on the Church Hall is now complete, and groups are resuming their meetings there.

We would like to thank Rosemary, Pat, Rita, Jean, Gary, Nathan and Jill for their help in making sure the Hall was at its best for the Open Afternoon.
Janet & Mike

Sunday 4th November

All Saints

8am Eucharist

(Celebrant: Revd Simon Douglas)

10.45am Sung Eucharist & Baptism

We welcome into our family through Baptism

Roman Edward Oliver Platek

Please pray for Roman, for his parents, and for his Godparents

4pm All Souls Service

Hymns for Sung Eucharist

Introit: **13** All hail the power of Jesus' name (miles lane)

Gradual: **172** God is working his purpose out (omit verses 2 & 4)

Offertory: **134** For all the saints

Communion: **72** Broken for me, broken for you

442 Seek ye first the kingdom of God

Recessional: **164** Go forth and tell (Woodlands)

This Week

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| Mon | 5 | 2pm Bible Study Group |
| Tues | 6 | 2pm Craft Group 7pm Eucharist |
| Wed | 7 | 12noon BATC Social Group 6.30pm Friendship Club |
| Thur | 8 | 9.30am Eucharist 10am Coffee Pop-In |
| Fri | 9 | 12noon Eucharist 2pm Prayer Session 'Remembrance' |
| Sat | 10 | 10am Place of Welcome |
| Sun | 11 | Remembrance Sunday 10am Sung Eucharist with an Act of Remembrance on the Village Green at 11am. |

All Saints

COLLECT

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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 6. 1-9

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances - that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children's children may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you. Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING Hebrews 9. 11-14

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL Mark 12. 28-34

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

All: Glory to you, O Lord

One of the scribes came near and heard the religious authorities disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?' Jesus answered, 'The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself."

There is no other commandment greater than these.' Then the scribe said to him, 'You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that "he is one, and besides him there is no other"; and "to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength," and "to love one's neighbour as oneself" – this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.' When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ

POST COMMUNION

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday 4th November 8am

Sides, Offertory, Assist: Malcolm

Reader: Carole

Sunday 4th November 10.45am

Welcomers: Jean H, Ruth

Reader: Andrea

Prayers: Jo

Offertory: Rita, Sheila, Rebecca

Assist: Carole, Mark

Sunday 11th November 10am

Welcomers: Gill, Malcolm

Reader: Megan Barrow (Parish Councillor)

Prayers: Carole

Offertory: Mary, Gill, Malcolm

Assist: Janet, Rebecca