

Diary for Sunday 10.00am Worship (streamed through Facebook)

4th September All Ages Together - Our story begins

Genesis 2:4-10, Psalm 139:1-18

11th September Education Sunday

Proverb 2:1-6, Luke 15:1-7

18th September Holy Cross Day service

Visiting speaker John Lanchbury, readings to be advised.

25th September Fifteenth after Trinity - Ancient Hearts

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16, Luke 12:32-40

2nd October All Ages Together – **Harvest Festival**

Luke 13:18-20



Don't forget to SAVE these dates!

**Messy Church Tuesday 25th October,
10.30am – 12.30pm. More details to follow.**



Café Church Sunday 31st October

Question: Why are we church? Speaker – Revd Guy Donegan-Cross

To find out more about our faith community's services, events and hiring the community centre please contact the office:

Tel: 0121 443 1291 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9-1pm

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*Mission Statement for Holy Cross: a cornerstone in the community,
seeking faithfully to love and serve God and our neighbours,
both near and far.*



Holy Cross Billesley Common Newsletter September 2022

Curate's Reflection: A well-watered garden?

Has the summer almost gone? Well down the road at Holy Cross we can't say as we haven't enjoyed it. That could be because we made new friends at the day out to Burnham-on-Sea, on our Messy Church morning and on our Muddy Church wandering & wondering walk. It has all felt busy but in a very relaxed and loads of fun way too.

I was able to go and enjoy the Mela festival down at Cannon Hill park. I listened to vibrant beats of the bhangra drum, and stopped to rest surrounded by the delicious food stalls and the constant bustle of humanity around me. In stark comparison, I have also enjoyed an opportunity to sit quietly in the Lady chapel at Chichester Cathedral, with people slowly and silently coming in and out. Noise is often seen as being complete distraction from God, but having worked in schools and factories, I have found that even in the noise God breaks through. The difference is, you have to pay more attention when there is noise, then when its quiet you have to recognise that it's ok if your thoughts wander from this to that. Any time and space reflecting on what makes us human and trying to connect to God is time well spent.

As we turn towards September and the new possibilities of the start of an academic year, we hope once again to engage with the wonderful schools in the parish. We will be bringing the West Hill Sculptures back to inspire the children in their thinking and art work. Covid allowing, we also hope to host or be guests at special services and events in schools. So look out as we share the children's enthusiasm and creative work on Facebook.

The patches of dry grass and withered flower beds left from the hot summer have really brought alive Isaiah 58: 11 to me. He writes that if we seek God, we will be guided and be like 'well-watered gardens' and 'springs of water that never fail.' Meaning that our very roots will be watered, we

will appear beautiful and bring refreshment to those around us. My prayer is that no matter where you go to school, college, work, volunteer or where you live, this academic year you will 'flower' in such a way as to be a beautiful good friend in a 'new' or your current community. Amen

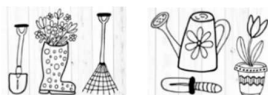


Macmillan Coffee Morning
28th Sept, 10.30am - 12pm



Come and enjoy a café styled coffee morning at Holy Cross Community centre. All proceeds will be going to the Mac Millan charity supporting those with cancer.

Calling all Gardening Volunteers: Meet up for a 'tidy up' around the grounds around the church and centre.
Saturday 17th September 10am – midday.



Did you know.....?

Saturday 1st October is not only the start of Black history Month, but it's also National Vegetarian Day.

So we thought we would set you the challenge to find a favourite vegetarian recipe and share it with us.



We've have already received some budget and eco-friendly recipes. We'll give a prize for the vegetarian recipe that is economical, nutritious and delicious. One judge has also asked that it doesn't involve much washing up either. But that's just too much to ask! 😊



Sadly, we no longer have enough volunteers to run our regular Wednesday Place of Welcome meeting providing good company and light refreshments. However, we will be running a pop up café for special events like our Macmillan Coffee morning on:

28th September, 10.30am – 12pm.

QUIZ & CHIP NIGHT



Saturday 15th October

Doors open at 6.30

for a prompt 7pm start!

Tickets £8.50each

**Teams of 6 max, bring your own drinks,
soft drinks available.**

**Please make your meal choices and arrange to
pay in person at the centre's office or 11.30am
till Midday on Sunday mornings.**

Tickets can only be held for 4 days

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