**St John the Divine Welcome to our service today**

**Chevington 14th September 2025**

**Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

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| **September 14th – Holy Cross Day**On Holy Cross Day the Church celebrates the Cross as a symbol of triumph, as the sign of Christ’s victory over death.   Holy Cross Day goes right back to 14 September 335, and we have the mother of a Roman Emperor to thank for it.Helena was a devout Christian, and after her son, Constantine, was converted, they agreed that she should travel from Rome to Israel and seek out the places of special significance to Christians.Of course, much of Jerusalem had been destroyed by the Romans around 135 AD. But even so, Helena finally located what she believed to be the sites of the Crucifixion and of the Burial (and modern archaeologists think she may well be correct).  The sites were so close together that she built one large church over them – the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.That church, built in honour of the Cross, was dedicated on 14 September 335.= . = . = . = . = . = . = . = . = . = . = . = . = . = . = . = . = . = . = . = . = . = . = . = . = . =**Harvest Festival**Our Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 28th September and we will be having lunch together after the service. Please put your name on the list if you’d like to stay for lunch and remember that you are welcome to bring family members and friends along. Cost will be £6, please give money to Sheila.For Harvest please bring gifts of non-perishable food items which will be donated to our local food bank. |  | **This week, please pray for**We pray this week for all those who live in live in Coquet Square, Queen Street and Willow Close and for the staff, children and families of Red Row school.From the memorial book

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| Margaret | Black | 2007 |
| James Robert | Elder | 1918 |
| John Ivor | Grey | 1916 |
| Frank | Hedley | 1916 |
| Denise Kathryn | Howard | 2012 |
| Arthur  | Johnson | 1916 |
| Stanley Chapman | Knox | 2019 |
| Ernest  | Logan | 1916 |
| Elsie Lowden | Luntley | 1997 |
| William | Lyall | 1915 |
| Robert | Tait | 1916 |

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