

# Welcome to Holy Cross Church



## Newsletter for Week beginning Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2025

### **The Forth Sunday of Advent**

“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel”

8.30am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Parish Communion
4.00pm	Christingle
6.00pm	Silent Prayer

### **Ministries at our worship this morning**

Celebrant & Preacher – Revd Rob Harper

Readers – Jean – Isaiah7: 10 - 16

Luke – Romans1: 1 - 7

Intercessions – Jenny

Sidespeople – Val & Sue

Chalice – Jean and Moyra

Loop System



## **Parish diary & Bible readings**

Monday	1 Samuel 1: 24 to end, Luke 1: 46 - 56 <b>6pm Evening Prayer</b>
Tuesday	Malachi 3: 1 - 4, 4 5 to end, Luke 1: 57 - 66 <b>Companionship Club</b> <b>is closed until 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>
Wednesday	<b>9.45am - Holy Communion</b> 2 Samuel 7: 1 – 5, 8 -11, 16, Luke 1: 67 - 79  <b>4pm Children's Crib Service</b>  <b>11.30pm Christmas Eve Service</b> Isaiah 9: 2 – 7, Titus 3: 4 7, Luke 2: 1 – 14
Thursday	<b>10am Christmas Day</b> Isaiah 52: 7–10, Hebrews 1: 1 – 4, John 1: 1 - 14
Friday	2 Chronicles 24: 20 - 22, Matthew 10: 17 - 22
Saturday	Exodus 33: 7 – 11a, John 21: 19b - end
<b>Christmas 1</b>	<b>8.30am – Holy Communion</b> <b>10.00am – Holy Communion</b> <b>6.00pm – Silent Prayer</b> <b>Jeremiah 31: 15 – 17,</b> <b>1 Corinthians 1: 26 – 29,</b> <b>Matthew 2: 13- 18</b>



Happy Christmas to one and all.

## **Prayer and care through the week**

For those who have requested prayer

Robert; Reg, Irene, David, Joanne, Gary, Gail, Jill, Lyndsay, Cyril, Susie, Carole, Lisa, Alex, Dave, Jessie, Paula, Janice, Kurt, Wayne, Brenda, Sheila, and Sylvia.

For the recently departed and their families and friends

Joesph Riley, Dylan Evans, Pat Paterson, John Murgatroyd, Jacqueline and Carol McHugh.

And for those whose anniversary occurs this week:

John Olliman, Gary Johnson, Ann Denise Zlaoui, Vera Wagstaff, Fred Backhouse and Malcolm Taylor.

Sunday	<u>Heavenly Father, we thank your kingdom values of love and forgiveness, may be always be ready to live them out. For the residents of Redhill Drive, Queens Road, Kershaw Avenue and Queens Park Close.</u>
Monday	<u>For Sarah Mullally our new Archbishop of Canterbury.</u>
Tuesday	<u>For all who promote peace and unity.</u>
Wednesday	<u>For those with long term illnesses including:</u> Margaret Perry, Molly Head; Norma, Mary Hill, Doreen, Eileen; Glenis; Alan, Ian Holding, Bianca; Marjorie; Joyce, Michael; Janet; Julie; Gabbi, Anne and Edward Kasday, Robert, Julie & Neil West, Sue, Bob & Leslie Micklethwaite.
Thursday	<u>For our link parish of Kwangwa in Mara.</u>
Friday	<u>For children caught in webs of crime and exploitation.</u>
Saturday	<u>For our church to grow in faith hope and love.</u>

## **Hymns and Songs during worship**

Before Service	Mary did you know – info only, you don't have to sing
<b>Preparation</b>	<b>Page 11 – El-shaddi</b>
<b>Entrance</b>	<b>Page 23 – Jesus good above all other</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Page 49 – The angel Gabriel from heaven came</b>
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>Page 42- The Advent of our King</b>
<b>Communion</b>	<b>Page 5 – Born in the night</b>
	<b>On sheet – When Loved crossed over</b>
	<b>887 – Lord, you have my heart</b>
<b>Final</b>	<b>Page 42 - Tell out my soul</b>

### **Please Note!**



**Birthdays: Lisa Wright and Matthew**

**House Groups:** If you have further questions or a desire to look more deeply into our faith, ask Rob or Angela for details of our house group and prayer ministries.

**The Ministry of prayer for healing and wholeness** is available in this church. If you are in need of Christ's peace in any way then please ask the minister and a member of our ministry team will pray with you.

**Coming Soon  
Christmas**

**Go in peace – pray for peace – wage a little peace and, above all, love one another.**