

Welcome to Holy Cross Church



Newsletter for Week beginning Sunday 21st 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

Loop System

Sidespeople – Val & Sue

Chalice – Jean and Moyra



Parish diary & Bible readings

Monday 1 Samuel 1: 24 to end, Luke 1: 46 - 56

6pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday Malachi 3: 1 - 4, 4 5 to end, Luke 1: 57 - 66

**Companionship Club
is closed until 6th January**

Wednesday **9.45am - Holy Communion**
2 Samuel 7: 1 – 5, 8 -11, 16, Luke 1: 67 - 79

4pm Children's Crib Service

11.30pm Christmas Eve Service
Isaiah 9: 2 – 7, Titus 3: 4 7, Luke 2: 1 – 14

Thursday **10am Christmas Day**
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

Christmas 1
8.30am – Holy Communion
10.00am – Holy Communion
6.00pm – Silent Prayer
Jeremiah 31: 15 – 17,
1 Corinthians 1: 26 – 29,
Matthew 2: 13- 18



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

Joseph 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 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.

Monday For Sarah Mullally our new Archbishop of Canterbury.

Tuesday For all who promote peace and unity.

Wednesday For those with long term illnesses including:
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 For our link parish of Kwangwa in Mara.

Friday For children caught in webs of crime and exploitation.

Saturday For our church to grow in faith hope and love.

Hymns and Songs during worship

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

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.