

# Welcome to Holy Cross Church



# Newsletter for Week beginning **Sunday 28th December 2025**

## **The first Sunday of Christmas**

**“Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt”**

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

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

Celebrant & Preacher – Revd Rob Harper  
Readers – Janet Prudhoe – Jeremiah 31: 15 - 17  
Jenny – 1 Corinthians 1: 26 - 29



## Parish diary & Bible readings

Monday 1 John 2: 3 - 11, Luke 2: 22 - 35

**6pm Evening Prayer**

Tuesday 1 John 2: 12 - 17, Luke 2: 36 - 40

**Companionship Club  
is closed until 6<sup>th</sup> January**

Wednesday **9.45am - Holy Communion**

1 John 2: 18 - 21, John 1: 1 - 18

Thursday Numbers 6: 22 – end, Luke 2: 15 - 21

Friday 1 John 2: 22 -28, John 1: 19 - 28

Saturday 1 John 2: 29 – 3: 6, John 1: 29 - 34

**Epiphany**

**8.30am – Holy Communion**

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**6.00pm – Silent Prayer**

Isaiah 60; 1 - 6,

Ephesians 3: 1 - 12,

Matthew 2: 1 - 12



Happy New Year to you 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

Jacqueline, Carol McHugh and Louise Bodker.

And for those whose anniversary occurs this week:

Those know to you.

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 Park Crescent, The Paddock, Nidd Drive and Newton Drive.</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: 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 &amp; Neil West, Sue, Bob &amp; Leslie Micklethwaite.</u>
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

<b>Before Service</b>	<b>Page 51 The Holy and the Ivy – info only, you don't have to sing</b>
<b>Preparation</b>	<b>Page 47 – See amid the winters snow</b>
<b>Entrance</b>	<b>Page 6 – Christians awake</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Page 52 – Unto us a boy is born</b>
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>Page 48 – See him lying on a bed of straw</b>
<b>Communion</b>	<b>Page 4 – Away in a manger</b>
	<b>Page 12a - Emmanuel</b>
	<b>Page 38 – Once in Royal David's city</b>
<b>Final</b>	<b>Page 24 – Joy to the world</b>

### Please Note!



**Birthdays:**

**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  
2026**

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