

# Light *at the* Door

9.30am Eucharist All Saints Horsington Revd Sall  
9.30am Eucharist St Mary's KOB - Revd Barbara  
11am Eucharist St Peter's Woodhall Spa Revd Pam

Each year, on September 14th, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Cross, and this major feast reminds us to boast in nothing "except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Galatians 6:14). Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine, discovered what many believed to be the empty tomb and true cross of Christ during a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. According to tradition, the discovery was made on September 14th, 330, and then, after the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was built on the site, it was dedicated on September 13th or 14th, 335. From as early as the seventh century, the Church commemorated September 14th each year with a Feast of the Holy Cross.

In the high Middle Ages, after the Norman conquest, the cross became a feature of English church architecture. Cathedrals and parish churches were frequently laid out with a floor plan in the shape of a cross. Many churches also featured an elevated cross or crucifix at the entrance to the chancel called the Rood Screen. At the English Reformation, Thomas Cranmer removed the Feast of the Holy Cross from the church's official calendar, probably because it had become associated with doubtful relics and the sale of indulgences. But his communion service emphasized the significance of the cross as the site of our Lord's once-for-all sacrifice. The Feast of the Holy Cross returned to Anglicanism in the 19th and 20th centuries through the Oxford and Liturgical Movements and today, the commemoration of the Holy Cross is common throughout Anglicanism.

Almighty God, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the Cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Sheila Mullinger's FRIDAY SLOT is LIVE on  
[www.facebook.com/WoodhallSpaGoC](http://www.facebook.com/WoodhallSpaGoC)

## Collect for Holy Cross Sunday

Almighty God, who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## Lincolnshire Wolds & Coast Churches Festival

OPEN THIS WEEKEND

Displays and Refreshments

HOLY TRINITY TATTERSHALL

Sat and Sun 10.30am – 2.30pm

ALL SAINTS HORSINGTON

Saturday 10am until 3.00pm

Sunday 10.45am to 3.00pm

Bucknall closed this weekend

## SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

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## **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September HOLY CROSS DAY Trinity 13**

Numbers 21.4-9 They travelled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!" Then the Lord sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We sinned when we spoke against the Lord and against you. Pray that the Lord will take the snakes away from us." So Moses prayed for the people. The Lord said to Moses, "Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live." 9 So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.

Psalm 22.23-28

Philippians 2.6-11 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death- even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

John 3.13-17 No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

## **Harvest Festivals Dates and Times**

12 September 6pm

St Peter's Stixwold Harvest Festival & 7pm Harvest Supper - Revd Sall

28 September

11am Harvest Festival St Peter's Woodhall Spa Revd Sall

3pm Harvest Festival St Margaret's Bucknall - David - Harvest Supper 5pm

4pm Choral Harvest Evensong St Leonards Kirkstead

12 October

9.30am Bain Valley Harvest Festival - St Mary's Kirkby on Bain Revd Barbara & Sheila

3pm Harvest Festival St Margaret's Langton

Our Harvest Festivals are not Eucharist Services