

Diary for the coming Week

Mon 20th	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	2.15pm	Bible Study
Tues 21th	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Weds 22th	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	2.15pm	Chat & Craft
Thurs 23th	9.30am	Morning Prayer/Eucharist
	7.15pm	Deanery Synod
Fri 24th	10.00am	Prayer Group

Next Sunday 26th November

Christ The King

NO 8am Eucharist

10.30am Family Eucharist

12.30am Baptism

Birthdays : Lee Reeve, Thomas Masters

Departed: Irene Lewis

Anniversary of death : David Launder

Sick: Doris Anderson, Lily Hayward (11), Charlotte, Beryl Giles, Sally-Anne & Martin, Ann Smith, Richard, Graham Bryant, Peter Taylor, John Yaxley, Andrew Penwarden, Ralph Budd, Camilla, Della, Roger, Archie Morton., Peter Armstrong

Long Term Sick & Frail: Fr Nigel, Alan Williams, Lee Reeve, Jean Poplett, John Gostling, Betty Hayler, Barbara Greenshields, Peggy weeks, Gill Tourbay, Nadia, Little Mollie, Elizabeth Greaves, Petronella, Joyce Ablett, John Haddon, Dilys Walker, Margaret Hotston, Penny Enfield, Chaz & Sally, Wendy O'Neill, Eileen Harmer, Yvonne Denton, Sheila Calloway, Dulcie Littlechild, Kathleen Bushnell-wye

Notices

Thank you to all who made yesterday's Christmas Fayre such a wonderful Success. Many new faces and we raised £573.49

Don't forget Holy Cross to be prayed for at Chichester Cathedral on 7th December - 8.00am Holy Communion or 5.30pm Evensong. Tea in the Cloisters at 4.30pm. If you would like to attend please let Peter know.

NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS

Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24

Psalm 95.1-7/Ephesians 1.15-end

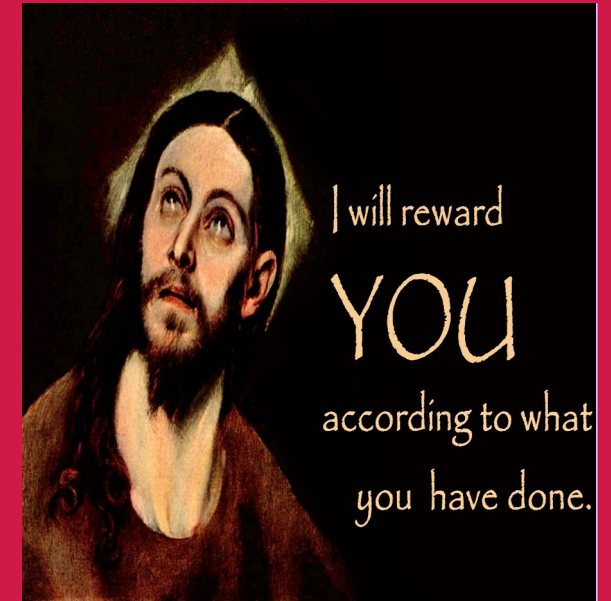
Matthew 25.31-end

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November 19th 2017

HOLY CROSS

2nd Before Advent Bulletin



Matthew 25.14-30

Welcome to Holy Cross Church
If you are a visitor or new to the area,
please make yourself known to the
Sidespeople, Church Wardens or
Presiding Priest.

Refreshments are served in the Hall
after the 10.30am Eucharist

The Collect

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm.' Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Zephaniah 1.7,12-18

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 90.1-8(9-11)12

R: Satisfy us by your loving-kindness; so shall we rejoice and be glad

Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another. Before the mountains were brought forth, or the earth and the world were formed, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. You turn us back to dust and say: Turn back, O children of earth.' **R**

For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday, which passes like a watch in the night. You sweep

them away like dream; they fade away suddenly like the grass. In the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered. **R**

For we consume away in your displeasure; we are afraid at your wrathful indignation. You have set our misdeeds Before you and our secret sins in the light of your countenance. **R**

So teach us to number our day that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. **R**

Second Reading

A reading from 1 Thessalonians

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security,' then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breast-plate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing. *1 Thessalonians 5.1-11*

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Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia. Welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls

All Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Matthew*.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 25.14-30

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability.

Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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