

Diary for the coming Week

Mon 25th	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Tues 26th	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Weds 27th	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	2.30pm	Chat & Craft
Thurs 28th	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Fri 29th	10.00am	Prayer Meeting

Next Sunday 1st October

Harvest

8am Eucharist - BCP

10.30am Sung Eucharist
& Junior Church

12.30pm Baptism/1.30 Baptism

Birthdays : Fenton McNally, Alan Williams.

Departed:

Anniversary of death : Joyce Tucker-Hawkins, James Wallace

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

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 little-child

Notices

Next Sunday is Harvest. Home grown produce is needed to decorate the church and for auction afterwards. All donations gratefully received.

Two quiet days coming up in October on the 2nd and on the 16th - see Reader Rosemary for details. List at back of church for catering.

Harvest fish and chip supper quiz coming up on 14th October 2017. Another list at back of church for numbers.

NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS

Deuteronomy 28.1-14

Psalm 65/2 Corinthians 9.6-15

Luke 17.11-19

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September 24th 2017

HOLY CROSS

15th After Trinity Bulletin



Let us go forth to work with the Lord.

Blessing

Matthew 20.1-16

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

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ you Son our Lord; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

First Reading

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, 'O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the Lord said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.' But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the Lord said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right

hand from their left, and also many animals?'
Jonah 3.10-4.11

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm *Psalm 145.1-8*
R: The Lord is near to those who call upon him.

I will exalt you, my God the King, and bless your name for ever and ever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name for ever and ever. **R**

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; there is no end to his greatness. One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power. **R**

I will ponder the glorious splendour of your majesty and all your marvellous works. They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, and I will tell of your greatness. **R**

They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; they shall sing of your righteous deeds. The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great kindness. **R**

Second Reading

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.
Philippians 1.21-30

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Gospel Reading

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

Alleluia.
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Matthew 20.1-16

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.