

# The Parish of Christ Church, Waltham Cross

## Sunday 13 September 2020: Holy Cross Day

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### Notices

**Wednesday and Sunday services, update.** You can attend *both* now if you want to. However, this will make our Sunday numbers close to maximum, so it is **even more important that you let us know want to come.** Let Revd Teresa know, or tell the stewards you are coming to the following week's service (there is a tick box for this on the track and trace form we fill in at the beginning of the service). People have been forgetting to do this recently and we don't want to have to turn people away.

The wearing of **face coverings** is mandatory in churches unless you are exempt. However, CofE guidance says that those who are leading services, and those who assist them (for instance by reading, preaching, or leading prayer) do not need to wear them whilst doing so (although we will, of course, wear masks for the distribution of Communion).

**Goodbye to the Perrys.** As you may have heard, Phil, Jeanette, Alex (and Helen, sort of) moved on Friday 11th to Royston. We will miss them greatly – and we send them with our love, prayers and thanks for their service to Christ Church over many years (23 we think!)

**Music in church.** Although many of us would like the choir back in church the PCC have discussed this issue and decided that, owing to our lack of space, it is not possible at the moment. Guidance dictates only a small group of singers are permitted, that they should be socially distanced from each other and at least 2m away from anyone in front of them. Cathedrals can do this as they have more space, but we cannot; we would lose seating for congregation members. We will, however, review this in six weeks.

### Prayer intentions this week at Christ Church

# Prayer



**'O Lord, hear  
our prayer'**

#### *Today we pray for the Anglican Communion in Japan*

<i>Monday 14 September :</i>	<i>We pray for our brothers and sisters in the Greek Orthodox Church</i>
<i>Tuesday 15 September :</i>	<i>We pray for all who live in places of conflict or war</i>
<i>Wednesday 16 September :</i>	<i>We pray for all who live in Berwick Close</i>
<i>Thursday 17 September :</i>	<i>We pray for students preparing to start university</i>
<i>Friday 18 September :</i>	<i>We pray for those who will be ordained this month</i>
<i>Saturday 19 September :</i>	<i>We pray for all who work in the NHS, care workers and carers</i>

***We also hold in our prayers....***

**Those who are sick, the recently departed: and all who mourn**

#### ***Christ Church's Vision Statement – this is what we want to be...***

***Our vision is to be a church that is welcoming, inclusive and vibrant and which celebrates its diversity; a church which is growing in faith and fellowship, committed to sharing the Gospel with the community we serve***

***How can you help us achieve this?***

## Finances

Thanks to your generosity we are just about managing to keep our head above water financially. Although church has restarted, we are still going to struggle without our fundraising and hall letting income – and cash collections are down because of fewer people attending services. If you would have attended a fundraising event in August or September please consider including what you would have spent there in your giving this month, or make a donation.



**Online donations can be made to 404521 00445282, cheques payable to Waltham Cross PCC or scan the QR code on your phone camera. We now have text giving: to donate to Christ Church, text 2020CHURCH (amount) to 70085 (so, for example, to give £5, text 2020CHURCH 5 to 70085). Please use caps and leave a space between church and the number.**

**UPDATE:**

Parish share paid (8 <sup>th</sup> September)	£29 000
Parish share owed (to be paid by 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec)	£17 000

## COLLECT AND READINGS FOR SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2020 : HOLY CROSS DAY

### Collect:

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. Amen

### Readings:

#### **Numbers 21.4-9**

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

#### **Philippians 2.6-11**

Though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess 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.

### Post Communion prayer:

Faithful God, whose Son bore our sins in his body on the tree and gave us this sacrament to show forth his death until he comes: give us grace to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our hope, who reigns as Lord, now and for ever. Amen