

## Dates for your Diary

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

**7.30pm CHORAL EVENSONG for ALL SOULS' DAY**

Music provided by the Lydian Singers

Names of recently departed loved ones to be read out can be given to Mary or Paul.

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

**7.30pm PCC meeting**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

**2pm MOTHERS' UNION** *Malyn Stekovic talks about her life*

We are introducing a new Gloria (which has been used for over a year on the Audio Service) NEXT SUNDAY. This will supplement the Glorias we use, not replace them. If music group members, organists, or anyone else for that matter, would like to come to a practice with Malyn on Wednesday October 27th at 11.15am after the midweek service you are most welcome.

If you would like to order the **REAL ADVENT CALENDAR** for any younger person at a price of £5 please speak to Mary (723277) or email *maryedaw@btinternet.com*

It contains 25 Fairtrade chocolate shapes, a 24 page Christmas Story Activity Book and a line from the Christmas Story behind each window. **Closing date: SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7TH**

There will be a toy collection through November and more details will be available in the near future. *Mary.*

***Please take this leaflet with you, and leave all other books and leaflets in church on your seat.***

## ST CROSS CHURCH, KNUTSFORD



Faithful  
to God  
Friendly  
to all  
Flourishing  
for all

**SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

**THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY - BIBLE SUNDAY**

**8.45am Eucharist and 10am Eucharist with Holy Baptism**

***Welcome to St Cross for our morning eucharist.***

***As per the pink safety leaflet please remember  
'Hands - Face - Space' at ALL times.***

### ***The Collect for the day***

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**Only at 8.45am**

***A reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah:***

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out

**Faith overcomes! The life of Christ, abundant, spent and exhausted in the hour of death, bursts from the tomb in mystery triumphant, makes us alive through his own Spirit's breath.**

**Faith overcomes! Christ's witnesses have spoken: we have not seen, yet now we dare believe in him is freedom, peace and joy unbroken, a gift to share with all who will receive.**

**Faith overcomes! In Jesus' love abiding, we yield ourselves to follow his commands, willing to suffer for his name, confiding our needs and hopes and fears into his hands.**

**SERVICES IN THE NEXT WEEK**

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October  
10am SAID EUCHARIST**

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October Fourth Sunday before Advent  
(and Audio Service)  
10am SUNG EUCHARIST  
(please note: the next 8.45am Eucharist is on November 14th—  
Remembrance Sunday)**

## Post Communion Prayer

God of all grace,  
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry  
with the bread of his life  
and the word of his kingdom:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your true and living bread;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

*(Tune: Highwood)*

## Recessional Hymn

**Faith overcomes! The light of Christ is shining,  
piercing the doubt and darkness of our world.  
Walking in trust, we find the way inclining  
to follow in the footsteps of our Lord.**

**Faith overcomes! The truth of God, unfolding  
Wisdom and Word, in cosmic time and space,  
dwells in a single life for our beholding:  
eternal glory in a human face.**

**Faith overcomes! In Jesus God is teaching,  
healing, forgiving, loving to the end,  
to all who know him not his arms outreaching  
from Calvary's cross, our Shepherd and our Friend.**

from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

*Isaiah 55.1-11*

*This is the word of the Lord:*

**Thanks be to God**

**Only at 10am**

**A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy**

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own

desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

*2 Timothy 3.14—4.5*

*This is the word of the Lord:  
Thanks be to God*

### **At both services**

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John:  
Glory to you, O Lord (sung at 10am)*

Jesus said, ‘But I have a testimony greater than John’s. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent. ‘You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father’s name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. ‘How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before

the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?’

*John 5.36b-end*

*This is the Gospel of the Lord:  
Praise to you, O Christ. (sung at 10am)*

### **Sermon**

### **Baptism**

*Éabha Winnie Deakin*

*(Tune: Stuttgart)*

**Child of blessing, child of promise,  
God’s you are, from God you came.  
In this sacrament God claims you:  
live as one who bear’s Christ’s name.**

### **Hymn**

**Child of God, you bear God’s image;  
learn to listen for God’s call;  
grow to laugh and sing and worship,  
trust and love God more than all.**

### **Offertory Hymn**

**66 Be thou my vision (Slane)**

*(Please note that during this pandemic the offertory plate is not passed around. If you had not had a chance to make an offering and would like to do so you can leave one on the plate by the door as you leave, or via the link on the homepage of our website)*