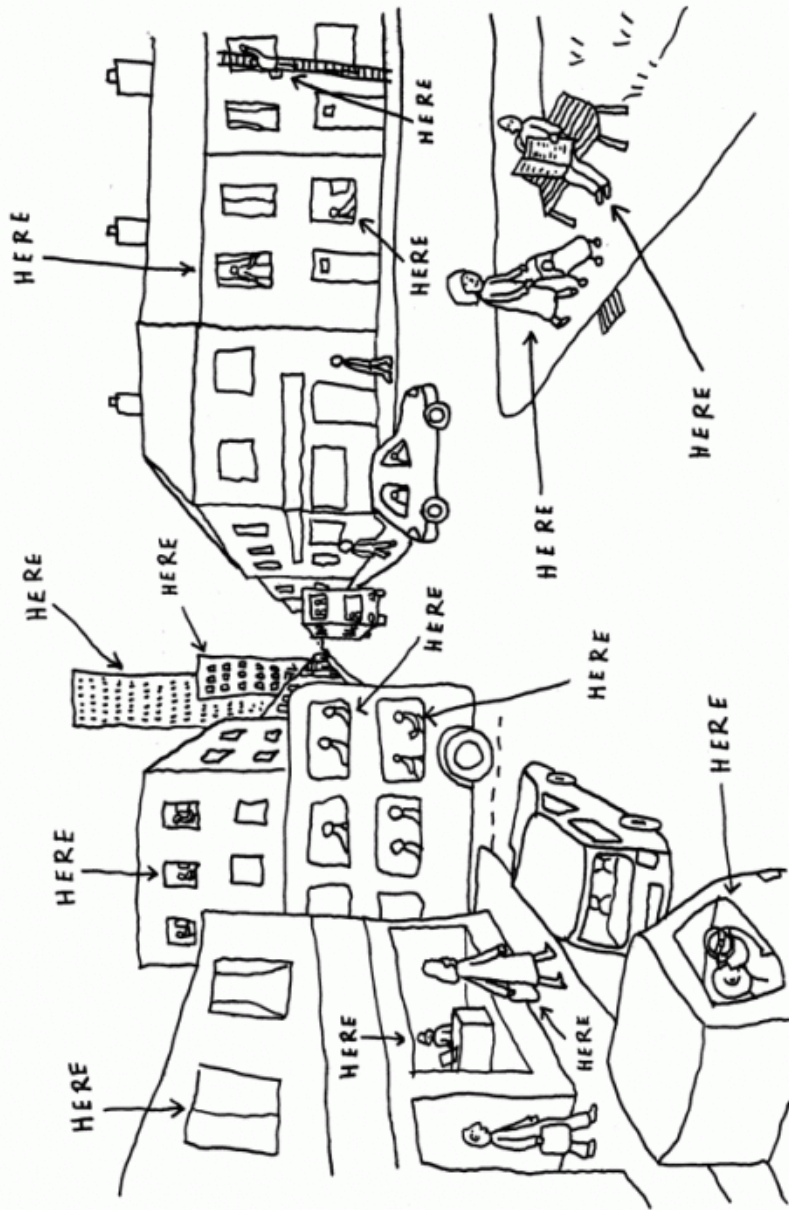


WHERE THE CHURCH IS



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ST CROSS CHURCH, KNUTSFORD

Faithful
to God
Friendly
to all
Flourishing
for all

10am Eucharist - (The 11th Sunday after Trinity - Aug. 23rd)

Collect for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Amen

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the

measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Romans 12.1-8

This is the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew:

Glory to you, O Lord

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose



*And a reminder too that our Wednesday service continues
via Audio on our website
www.stcrossknutsford.org.uk/media/
Sunday services are also pre-recorded.*

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Improvements to our Church Building The stained glass windows in the chancel on the South Side have been repaired. We await permission to install a protective mesh. During the lockdown the West Door glass was damaged. We expect the new glass will be installed early in September.

Thanks to Grahame for overseeing these essential repairs.

Staying in contact The Church building is open again and we seem to be getting used to the new ways under which we must operate. The cartoon on the back page reminds us that the Church is the people and that living life in the Kingdom of God is wherever we are and beyond the confines of the church building. Notwithstanding this, a lot of our parishioners are still at home and relying on our online services, or national broadcasts. Please can I urge everyone to be mindful of the need to keep in touch with those parishioners. A phone call is always welcome and appreciated.

Paul

Our Organ is fixed. Thanks to James Broughton for investigating this and to Steven and Phil Benson who sorted the problem out during the week. We are so fortunate to be able to call upon people like this.

Paul

on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Matthew 16.13-20

*This is the Gospel of the Lord:
Praise to you, O Christ.*

The response in our prayers of intercession today

In you, O Lord:
Is all meaning and truth.

THE COMMUNION

Remove face coverings when the assisting ministers receive. Please use the loops and hang on a kneeler hook or place in plastic bag without touching the covering.

Sanitise Hands.

After receiving replace the face covering and then sanitise your hands again.

Words of prayer as the Holy Table is cleared (186)

Firmly I believe and truly (Shipston)

1 Firmly I believe and truly
God is Three and God is One;
and I next acknowledge duly
manhood taken by the Son.

2 And I trust and hope most fully
in that manhood crucified;
and each thought and deed unruly
do to death as he has died.

3 Simply to his grace and wholly
light and life and strength belong;
and I love supremely, solely,
him the holy, him the strong.

4 And I hold in veneration
for the love of him alone:
holy Church as his creation
and her teachings as his own.

5 Adoration ay be given,
with and thro' th'angelic host,
to the God of earth and heaven,
Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Post Communion Prayer

**Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true
sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and
peace:
by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Notices - Sunday August 23rd 2020

***Please remember that social distancing of 2metres
(6feet 6inches) should be maintained
even when wearing a face covering.***

PCC: The PCC will meet (subject to the current easing of restrictions remaining in force) on Wednesday September 2nd at 7.30pm - in church.

Churchwarden—Impending Vacancy. After many years of dedicated service Judith is stepping down as a Churchwarden. We will have an opportunity to thank her at our APCM in October but in the meantime, we need to consider a successor. If you feel able to think about this and would like to know more about this rewarding and valuable ministry in God's Church please speak to Paul, Judith or Grahame.

Offerings: Collections during this pandemic are no longer taken during the service. Offerings can be left on the plate by the north door either before or after the service. You can also give online via our website. The link is on the homepage.

ZOOM Coffee every Wednesday at 11am, please let Paul or Simon know if you would like an invitation to be sent to your email address. This week's ZOOM Coffee will be hosted by Simon.