Welcome to our worship especially if you are a visitor.

8.30am today Holy Communion in church, ‘Rise and Shine’ in the Pastoral Centre

Today we welcome for Holy Baptism at the 10am service Rose Watts and her family and friends

Opening Hymn 382
Hymns are not sung at 8.30 service

The Collect (prayer for the day)
God, who in generous mercy sent the Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

First Reading Isaiah 45.1-7
This is not used at the 10am service

1Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him – and the gates shall not be closed:
2I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, 3I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. 4For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. 5I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, 6so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. 7I form light and create darkness, I make woe and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

Second Reading
1 Thessalonians 1.1-10

1From Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.
2We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 4For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, 5because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you
for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Hymn 8 (v1-3) (keep your place as repeated after the Gospel!)

Gospel Matthew 22.15-22

When the chief priests and Pharisees had heard the parables, they realized that Jesus was speaking about them. Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, ‘Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality.’ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?’ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, ‘Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.’ And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, ‘Whose head is this, and whose title?’ They answered, ‘The emperor’s.’ Then he said to them, ‘Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’ When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

We repeat hymn 8 (v4) as Sunday School leaves

Sermon Fr John Richards

The Intercessions are led by
8.30am Janice Wones
10am Hilda Pouncett

Offertory Hymn 29

During this hymn the collection is taken or you can text a donation: - STLA02 (that’s zero not the letter O) followed by a space then one of £1/£2/£3/£4/£5/£10 to 70070

Hymns during the administration of Holy Communion 584, 924(several times)

Post-Communion Prayer

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Recessional Hymn 695

Please turn to face the middle of the church as the choir and clergy pass by.
NOTICES

**October calendar** is now available – it is on GREEN paper

Thank you for all the wonderful **Harvest Gifts** and to everyone who donated a ‘£ for Peas.’ We raised £169.45 beating our target of £164 and ☺.

**#Financial Champions**
10am to 4pm, Monday 23 October, in the Pastoral Centre. Lunch provided. Fr David.

**Fabric Committee** meets tomorrow evening, Monday 23 October 7pm in Pastoral Centre

**Car Boot sale** in the Pastoral Centre on Sat 28 October with setting up the previous day from 12 noon.

**Ageing Better**
Meeting to discuss how to take this forward after the 10:00 am service on 29 October. Fr David.

Meeting for **Sunday School Teachers** on Monday 30 October, 7.30pm at the Rectory.

**Gridiron Walk on Thursday 2 November** Sadly this has had to be cancelled. Apologies for disappointment.

Do you have any music of **secular Christmas songs**? Needed by Mark Reynolds for Community Christmas.

**All Souls**
We will be holding our Annual **Remembering Loved Ones** service at 4pm on Sunday 5 November. The names of those who have died in the past year where we have taken funerals or buried ashes will be read out.
If you have a close loved one who has died recently and you would like their name read one please let Canon Janet know in writing or by e-mail. Prayer Cards will be available at the service in order to remember others who have died in earlier years.

**Remembrance Day**
There will be a short act of worship by the war memorial in church on Saturday 11 November at 10.55am

**Beer and Hymns**
8pm Sunday 12 November at ‘The Great Stone.’ The hymns will take the theme of Remembrance Sunday. If you don’t like beer there are plenty of alternatives!

**Christmas Fayre** on the 18 November of course!!! We need donations of items for sale or as prizes - please see separate leaflet! So please start having a clear out - and bring in all the goodies - without these we can’t run the fayre!!!! Rowena

**Wanted** - If you have any unwanted jewellery boxes of any size we would be very happy to have them. ☺

Elaine would like to thank everyone who donated gift bags.
Coming Soon - We will be having a Christmas Jazz Evening - Friday 8th December - featuring our very own Roy Dutton. Tickets are now on sale price £10 – and are going quickly.

Rowena

Operation Christmas Child
Remember those shoeboxes? It’s that time of year again. Could you decorate a box and fill it with gifts to bring joy to a child this Christmas? No time to decorate a box? We have boxes ready for you. Other ways to help: Give money to help towards transport costs. Donate suitable gifts so that we can make up boxes. Boxes need to be ready for 12 November. Any queries see Clare Blackshaw

Choir
In order to prepare for the carol service the choir will be meeting in church on 8-9pm Mondays 27 Nov, 4 Dec, 11 Dec to learn some harmonies/descants and maybe an anthem. The Carol Service is Sunday 17 December at 4pm. Last year quite a lot of extra people joined the choir for Christmas which was great.

New sets of daily Bible Reading notes are available in church. These are free. Please do take one.

Thank you!
Hilda and Roy Pouncett would like to say thank you to whoever left them the beautiful cross stitch in church.

Weekly events

‘Stay and Play’ (Parent/carer and baby/toddler group) Mondays in term - time 9.30-11am in the Pastoral Centre.

Gridiron Coffee Morning with games! Tuesdays 10 – 11.30am in the Pastoral Centre.

Pray for those who are ill including: Richard Barber (now back home). Please pray for Steph and all the family too.

Those who have died
Marion Roberts, Barbara Kinson, Philip George Abbott

Prayer requests may be left in the book by the ‘Mary Altar.’ They are included in Morning and Evening Prayer several times a week.

Baptism & Wedding Enquiries
Please come to the Parish Surgery on 1st & 3rd Wed of month 6-7pm in the Pastoral Centre
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