

## SERVICES IN THE NEXT WEEK

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March

10am SAID EUCHARIST

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April LENT 5 (and Audio Service)

10am ALL AGE WORSHIP & 6.30pm CELTIC EUCHARIST

### Dates for your Diary

*Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April*

10am-12pm Lenten Appeal: Coffee & Cake and Bring & Buy

*See flyers and posters around church for details.*

*Also for the Lenten Appeal - Quiz Night on **Wednesday April 20th at The Builder's Arms** organised by Allison Whiteley.*

### 'Fairtrade - Real Easter Eggs'

£5 containing a 24 page Easter story –activity book.

Please place your order by contacting Mary 01565 723277 or maryedaw@btinternet.com

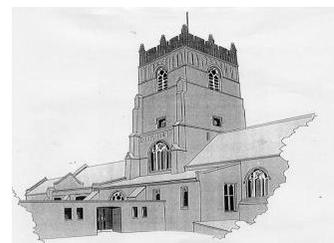
The closing date for orders is **TODAY 27<sup>th</sup> March.**



*Please leave the hymnbook in church on your seat. Take this leaflet home with you and return the service booklet to the Attendants.*

*Thank you.*

## ST CROSS CHURCH, KNUTSFORD



Faithful  
to God  
Friendly  
to all  
Flourishing  
for all

**SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022**

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**MOTHERING SUNDAY**

**8.45am and 10am Eucharists**

*Welcome to St Cross for our morning eucharist.*

### *The Collect for the Day*

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:

strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

### *A reading from the First Book of Samuel:*

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the LORD.' The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear

in the presence of the LORD, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.’ Her husband Elkanah said to her, ‘Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the LORD establish his word.’ So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, ‘Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. For this child I prayed; and the LORD has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD.’ She left him there for the LORD.

*1 Samuel 1.20-end*

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

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke:  
**Glory to you, O Lord***

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

*Luke 2.33-35*

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

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Mother’s Union Prayer**

Loving Lord, we thank you for your love so freely given to us all. We pray for families around the world. Bless the work of the Mothers' Union as we seek to share your love through the encouragement, strengthening and support of marriage and family life. Empowered by your Spirit, may we be united in prayer and worship, and in love and service reach out as your hands across the world.

In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## **NOTICES**

### **PLANNED GIVING**

If you donated regularly to the church between April 2021 and April 2022 by orange envelope and wish to continue to do so, please see Daniel Deakin who can provide you with a box for this coming tax year. Alternatively you may wish to convert to donating via standing order, in which case speak with Daniel and he can provide the relevant bank details to set up a regular payment. Equally, if you are not on a planned giving scheme please consider joining.

*Many thanks—Daniel Deakin*

### **THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL**

The Church Electoral Roll is now due for revision. If you are already on the Roll, there is no need to take any action. But if you are not and would like to be, please collect one of the forms at the back of the church. Please fill it in and put it into the adjacent Electoral Roll box by the end of the month. Thank you. *Bill Tegner Electoral Roll Officer*