

## What's On in June

### **Mondays**

**2-4pm Monday Together**

### **Tuesday 11 June**

**7.30pm Lectio Divina**

### **Thursday 20 June**

**2pm Mothers' Union**

### **Sunday 30 June**

**2.30pm - Civic Service (followed by refreshments)**

### **Wednesdays**

**1.30pm Alpha Course (run by Hope Central) Church Room**



## **St Cross Newsletter June 2024**



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### *The Vicar writes...*

This year, due to Easter being early, we enter the season of 'Ordinary Time' at the beginning of June. It's that time when we count up the weeks after Trinity and with the exception of saints' days, the liturgical colours are Green. Ordinary Time may seem like a boring name, but perhaps we can imagine that, rather like a long summer road trip that we experienced as children, this 'Ordinary Time' is week by week a countdown towards our goal of celebrating at the end of November, Christ the King, and ultimately the return of Christ in Advent.

This is a long period of time then, but this period presents an opportunity away from the intense focus of other Christian events to grow in faith. It is appropriate that the liturgical colour is green because green is a colour we associate with growth. Due to the mixed weather recently, with good rainfall and strong spells of sun, our lawns have grown rampantly and shrubs have really become alive. In the Church our readings become more focused on the general life and ministry of Jesus, his miracles, his prayer time, his friendships and sorrows. We become more immersed in his day to day life. This time of Church life that almost passes in comparative silence gives us the time to come closer to Jesus, and grow in faith and love.

Beyond the life of the Church and looking towards the community we will welcome the Mayor, Cllr Colin Banks as the Town Mayor, at St Cross on Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm. Before then, I will be acting as the Chaplain in the Town Centre on June 6<sup>th</sup> at the lighting of a beacon to

commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy (Operation Overlord): a time when we recall the huge operation that was a decisive turning point in World War 2 and came with a great cost to human life. As one veteran commented in a televised documentary, we gave so much to bring an end to war, and the wars are still happening.

As Christians we continue to do our best to strive for peace, support people who are suffering the effects of conflict and pray for the needs of the world, and that God's kingdom will come.

I would like to thank everyone for their support in the recent collection of warm coats, children's books, and medical aids as a contribution to the efforts of Knutsford Rotary in sending old, refurbished ambulances, full of such items and taking them to the Ukrainian people in a handover just over the border in Eastern Poland. There is more information about this on our notice board and the website. I would also like to thank Reader Hil for making this happen.



Yours, in Christ

*Paul*

### Occasional Offices in May

#### Baptisms

1 May Theodore George Litliernhurst

5 May Alfie Charlie Way

#### Funeral

24 May Kathleen Agnes Cottier

#### Wedding

31 May Craig Harry Williamson & Sarah Kate Wilbraham



### Readings for Eucharistic Services

	Morning Services	Evening Service
<b>Sunday</b> <b>2 June</b> <b>Trinity 1</b>	Matthew 14.22-33	Psalms 35.1-10 Luke 7.1-10
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>5 June</b> <b>Boniface</b>	Isaiah 49.5-10 Acts 20.24-28 Luke 10.1-11	
<b>Sunday</b> <b>9 June</b> <b>Trinity 2</b>	Genesis 3.8-15 2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1 Mark 3.20-end	
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>12 June</b>	1 Kings 18.20-39 Psalm 16.1,6-end Matthew 5.17-19	
<b>Sunday</b> <b>16 June</b> <b>Trinity 3</b>	Ezekiel 17.22-end 2 Corinthians 5.6-10,14-17 Mark 4.26-34	
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>19 June</b>	2 Kings 2.1,6-14 Psalm 31.21-end Matthew 6.1-6,16-18	
<b>Sunday</b> <b>23 June</b> <b>Trinity 4</b>	Job 38.1-11 2 Corinthians 6.1-13 Mark 4.35-end	
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>26 June</b>	2 Kings 22.8-13; 23.1-3 Psalm 119.33-40 Matthew 7.15-20	
<b>Sunday</b> <b>30 June</b> <b>Trinity 5</b>	Lamentations 3.22-33 2 Corinthians 8.7-end Mark 5.21-end	

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