

HOLY CROSSTIDE, 2006

Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th September

Holy Crosstide is the week-end closest to the Festival of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross which is traditionally celebrated on 14th September. At our church, we normally celebrate by a parish party which is open to all-comers on the Saturday evening and then a Feast of Title Festal Parish Mass with a guest preacher.



On the Saturday evening at 7.30pm we will have a party with live music by the same band who were so popular last year, **UNDER CONSTRUCTION**. There will be games and dancing and everyone is invited to bring and share food as well as bring your own drinks.

As usual, this party is designed for all ages and everyone is welcome to bring friends and family who are not normally in Church on Sundays.

On the Sunday, we are honoured by the presence of the Venerable Rachel Treweek, the Archdeacon of Northolt, who will preach at 8am and at the Parish Mass. There will also be children from Edward Betham School and the Youth organisations will parade.

At the end of the Mass, we will all walk out in procession into the churchyard where Rachel will lead a dedication of the works recently completed to make our church building accessible to all people. Then we will go back into church for Parish Breakfast!

Rachel Treweek (42) has been Vicar of St James the Less for almost seven years. Before that she served at St George's, Tufnell Park. As Archdeacon of Northolt, she succeeds the Rt Revd Christopher Chessun, now Bishop of Woolwich. Rachel hails from Broxbourne in Hertfordshire and originally trained as a Speech and Language therapist, becoming manager of a team across three London health authorities. A lifelong churchgoer, she became aware of a calling to the priesthood while at All Souls Clubhouse in London. She has a certificate in Couples and Family Therapy and remains fascinated by the way people connect with one another and to God.



On the Saturday and Sunday we will also be open as part of the London Open House and you are invited to participate by offering to guide people round the churches and if you prefer, make refreshments for staff and visitors. Please respond as soon as the request list goes up on the Notice Board.

But most of all, join in and enjoy our parish Holy Cross week-end!

Neil Richardson