



Welcome to St. Peter's Green Lane, Formby L37 7DL

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PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

We pray for;

Matthew Parkes & Sorel Huggan and
Jordan Whiffing & Emily Belford being married
in church this week.

Whitechapel Centre for the Homeless

For the residents of;

Wrigleys Lane & Close, Green Lane,
The Paddock & Canterbury Close.

For the sick; Christine, Harry, Jonathan, Jude,
Ken, Lyn, May, Noah, Stuart, those in hospital and
our parishioners who are housebound or live in
Nursing Homes.

For the recently departed; Rosemary
Millington, Sue Cork and those whose
anniversary of death falls at this time.



TODAY

Parish of St Peter, Formby

Third Sunday of Advent

17th December 2017

Services for Today:

8.00am Eucharist (BCP)

10.00am Parish Eucharist

Advent

Prelude: Lloyd-Webber - Good King Wenceslas

Gathering

45 O come, O come, Emmanuel

Gradual

816 Thy Kingdom come, O God

Offertory

387 Rise & hear! The Lord is speaking

During Communion

Choir Basque Carol - The Angel Gabriel

Wood - O thou the central orb

37 Hark what a sound & too divine for hearing

Post Communion

26 Advent candles tell their story (vs 1-3 only)

Voluntary: Daquin - Noel Suisse

6.30pm CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT



Followed by refreshments in Church

Advent Collection

Blue envelopes are available
Collection in support of **Whitechapel Centre,**
Liverpool. A local charity for the homeless.
www.whitechapelcentre.co.uk

The DECEMBER/JANUARY Parish Magazine is available – please take a copy
Melody versions of the hymn book are available at the door

The Advent Wreath

The purple candles represent penance. One of which is lit on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays of Advent. The Rose Candle is lit on the 3rd Sunday (Gaudete Sunday) representing joy. Finally the white candle is lit on Christmas Morning ~ the Birth of Christ.

Minister: Lord Jesus, Light of the world,
born in David's city of Bethlehem,
born like him to be a king:
Be born in our hearts at Christmas,
be king of our lives today.

The 3rd candle of the Advent Wreath is lit as the following verse is sung:

**Come and light the candles on the Advent ring
scattering the darkness till the world shall sing.
We are all God's people, waiting in this place
Hoping that in Jesus we shall see God's face.**

The following response is used:

Minister: In our watching and waiting
All: **Come Lord Jesus**
Minister: In our hopes and in our fears
All: **Come Lord Jesus**
Minister: In our homes and in our world
All: **Come Lord Jesus**
Minister: Come, Lord Jesus, bless us and surprise us.
All: **AMEN**



The Collect;

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word;

Epistle Reading;

Our reading today is read by;

I Thessalonians 5:16-24

Nick Philpott

My brothers and sisters, Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Gospel Reading;

John 1: 6-8, 19-28

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord"', as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Intercessions by

Peter Shaw

Post Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

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Christmas Eve Christingle Services

3.00pm - pre-school & primary school age children

4.30pm - pre-school & primary school age children

6.00pm - for all ages with choir

Everyone is warmly welcome to all /any of the services.

→→→ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED on Christmas Eve Morning

A team will be preparing 600 CHRISTINGLES at 10.00am in the Bier House
all help appreciated (we suggest children are school year 5 and above) **and adults please.**

We will also require **adult helpers** at each of the Christingle services.

Please advise the parish office (871171) if you are available to help

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday 18th

9.00am Morning Prayer Formby Chapel
No Meditation - will resume on Jan 8th

Tuesday 19th

9.00am Morning Prayer Bier House
10.00am Bible Study Bier House
1.30pm Funeral of Rosemary Millington Church



Wednesday 20th

11.00am Eucharist (followed by refreshments) Church/Bier House

Thursday 21st

9.00am Morning Prayer Formby Chapel
2.00pm Halcyon House Eucharist Halcyon House

Friday 22nd

2.00pm Wedding of Matthew Parkes & Sorel Huggan Church

Saturday 23rd

11.30am Wedding of Jordan Whiffing & Emily Belford Church

Sunday 24th

10.00am Parish Eucharist Church
10.00am Christingle making Bier House
3.00pm Christingle – pre-school & primary school age Church
4.30pm Christingle – pre-school & primary school age Church
6.00pm Christingle – all-age service with choir Church
11.30pm Midnight Eucharist Church

Monday 25th

Christmas Day

8.00am Eucharist (BCP) Church
10.00am Parish Eucharist Church

Parish Administrator Required - based in the Parish Office, Paradise Lane

3 mornings per week – Wednesday to Friday

For further information and job specification please see the advert on our website www.stpetersformby.co.uk
or contact the Parish Office: tel: 01704 871171 e-mail: stpetersformby@gmail.com

Closing date for applications is Monday 8th January 2018

Coffee Rota – help needed for 2018. If anyone would like to join the Coffee Rota please let Ken Ward know on 871927.

End of Year Accounts Please ensure any expenses claims, church income or unpaid bills outstanding for 2017 are with the treasurer by Friday 22nd December. Irvine Rawcliffe (870569)

Please note there will be no 11.00am Eucharist on Wednesday 27th December.

Sunday 31st December **8am Eucharist (BCP) 10am Parish Eucharist**
No Evensong

Thursday 4th 2.00pm Mothers' Union meeting in Bier House

Friday 5th 6.30pm **First Friday Eucharist**

Saturday 6th 9.00am Breakfast Church in Bier House



Please take this bulletin home with you for your diary and prayers