



Welcome to St. Peter's
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PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

We pray for;

Whitechapel Centre for the Homeless
The Children's Society

For the residents of;

St Anne's Rd, Path & Close, Brewery Lane,
West Lane, Stanley Rd

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 and those whose anniversary of death
falls at this time.

Parish of St Peter, Formby

Christmas Eve

4th Sunday of Advent

24th December 2017

Services for Today:

8.00am Eucharist (BCP)

10.00am Parish Eucharist (Advent)

Gathering

79 O little town of Bethlehem

Gradual

394 Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord

Offertory

81 Once in royal David's city (vs 1,2,5 & 6)

Post Communion

89 While shepherds watched their flocks by
night

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.***

11.30pm Midnight Eucharist

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

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

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 4th 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;

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word;

Epistle Reading;

Romans 16: 25 - end

Our reading today is read by;

Jane Pitts

To God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith – to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Intercessions by

Raymond Lee

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Coffee Rota –

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

New Year's Day - Walk for Life

Dear friends we would love you, your family and friends to join us for a community walk.

When: **New Year's Day** Place: **Formby Cricket Club**

Time: **1.00pm prompt**

Walk: Fisherman's Path, beach and Victoria Rd. (App. 3 ½ miles).

Walk will be followed by a party at 3.00pm in the Cricket Club (Disco, Karaoke and Food).

Charity: RISE – a charity supporting young carers

Walk will take place regardless of weather.

Any further details contact Helen/Pete (833173)



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**

There will be no **Morning Prayer** next week.

Morning Prayer will resume on **Tuesday 2nd January?**

The Parish Office will remain closed until January 2nd 2018. If you need to speak to us during this time please leave a telephone message 01704 871171 or email stpetersformby@gmail.com or contact Revd Nathan Thorpe email: nathanthorpe1@hotmail.co.uk or 01704 461841

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	4 th	2.00pm	Mothers' Union meeting in Bier House
Friday	5 th	6.30pm	First Friday Eucharist
Saturday	6 th	9.00am	Breakfast Church in Bier House

