



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 sick; Christine, Harry, Jonathan, Jude, Ken, Lyn, May, 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 Day

25th December 2017

Services for Today:

8.00am EUCHARIST (BCP)

10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST

(Christmas Day)

Prelude: Bach – In dulci jubilo

Gathering

26 Advent candles tell their story

Gradual

72 Joy to the world the Lord is come

Offertory

78 (omit 4&5) O come all ye faithful

During Communion

79 O little town of Bethlehem

Choir motets to include:

Rutter - What sweeter music

O little sweet one

Chilcott – O little town

Post Communion

66 Hark! the Herald-Angels Sing

Voluntary: Bach – In dir ist freude

***We wish you all a very blessed, joyful and peaceful Christmas
and pray that 2018 will bring you joy and happiness***



Gluten free wafers are available please let the Vicar know at the rails

The Festive edition of the Parish magazine is available – please take a copy.

Please take this bulletin home for your diary and prayer

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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.

**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 Collect;

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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;

Our Epistle reading today is read by;

Paul McHenry

Epistle Reading;

Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Gospel Reading;

Luke 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

Intercessions; our prayers are led by:

Rev Nathan Thorpe

Post Communion Prayer;

God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord. **Amen**

*For more details, up-to-date information, latest news, and up and coming dates
please take a copy of our **Parish Magazine** (at the church door)
If you would like a copy delivered to your home please contact: Parish Office (871171)
or refer to our web-site: www.stpetersformby.org.uk*

December 2017

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

There will be NO morning prayer, this week

Wed 27 th	NO morning Eucharist
Sun 31 st	1 st Sunday of Christmas
	8.00am Eucharist (BCP)
	10.00am Parish Eucharist
	NO Evening service

January 2018

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
Sunday	7 th		Epiphany



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.

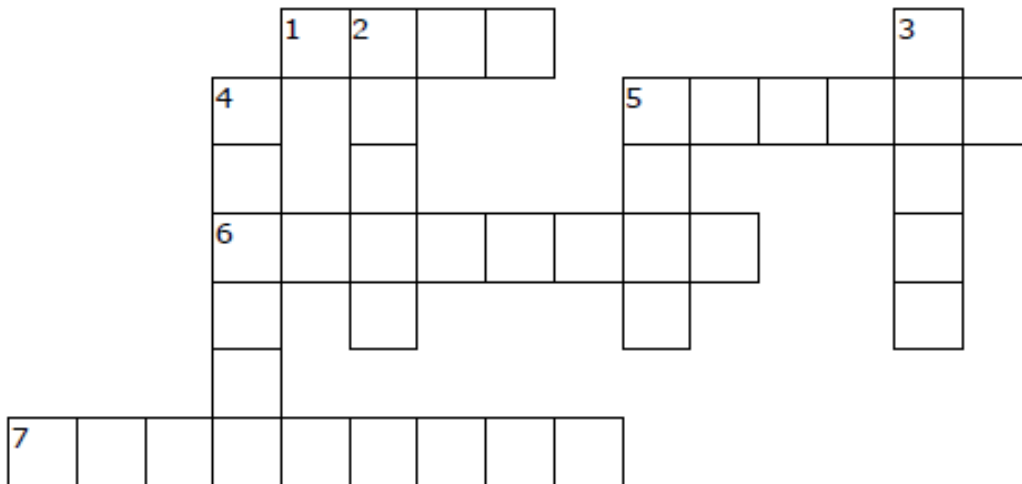


Any further details contact Helen/Pete (833173)



PLEASE REMEMBER to return your advent calendars with coins or donations to church during January to help with Christian Aids work with refugees fleeing violence . Thank you, Sue, Carol and Cliff.

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. An infant or very young child
5. The place where Mary laid the baby Jesus
6. A person who takes care of sheep
7. The city where Jesus was born

DOWN

2. Heavenly being that told the shepherds about Jesus' birth
3. The savior of the world
4. The earthly father of Jesus
5. The mother of Jesus

JOSEPH
MARY

ANGEL
SHEPHERD

BETHLEHEM
JESUS

BABY
MANGER