



Parish of St Peter, Formby

1st Sunday of Christmas

31st December 2017

Welcome to St. Peter's

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PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

We pray for;

Whitechapel Centre for the Homeless
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; and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time.

8.00am EUCHARIST (BCP)

10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST (Christmas)

Prelude: Bach – In dulci jubilo

Gathering

59 Angels from the realms of glory

Gradual

89 While shepherds watched

Offertory

715 Lord for the years

During Communion

76 Love came down at Christmas

Choir motets: New Year Carol

Stewart – On this day

Post Communion

811 Thou didst leave thy throne

Voluntary: Bach – In dir ist freude

New Year's Day - Walk for Life

Formby Cricket Club 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.

Charity: RISE – a charity supporting young carers

We 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

The Collect;

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; 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;

Sue Parkes

Epistle Reading;

Galatians 4: 4-7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Gospel Reading;

Luke 2:15-21

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Intercessions; our prayers are led by:

Peter Hawkins

Post Communion Prayer;

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

January 2018

Thursday	4 th	2.00pm	Mothers' Union meeting in Bier House – <i>speaker Caroline Hope</i>
Friday	5 th	6.30pm	First Friday Eucharist
Saturday	6 th	9.00am	Breakfast Church in Bier House
Sunday	7 th		Epiphany



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