



Parish of St Peter, Formby

Second Sunday of Advent

10th December 2017

Welcome to St. Peter's

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Services for Today:

8.00am Eucharist (BCP)

10.00am Parish Eucharist

Advent

Prelude: Bach – Nun komm der Heiden Heiland
Gathering

(words inside) There's a light upon the mountains

Gradual

51 The Lord will come and not be slow

Offertory

46 On Jordan's bank the Baptists cry

During Communion

Choir Rutter – A Clare Benediction

This is the truth

52 The people that in darkness sat

Post Communion

41 Lo he comes with clouds descending

Voluntary: Lloyd-Webber – God rest you merry

Baptism 12 noon

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Prelude: Lloyd-Webber Coventry Carol

Introit Basque Carol The Angel Gabriel

46 On Jordan's bank the Baptists cry

391 The prophets spoke in days of old

320 The great forerunner of the morn

Anthem Walford-Davies hark the glad sound

First reading: Romans 15:4-13

read by Joyce Sherman

Second reading: Matthew 11:2-11

read by Pat Smith

Voluntary: Lloyd-Webber – The Holly & the Ivy

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

We pray for;

Formby Village Nativity

Lucy Loftus & Alexander Cornwall being baptised here today

The Food Bank

For the residents of;

Paradise Lane, York Close, Kenton Close, Old Lane

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

For the recently departed; Sue Cork, Leslie Hague, Rev Dale Oldham and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time.



TODAY

"Nativity Musical"
TODAY - 2.00pm
Formby Pool Gardens



Advent Collection

Blue envelopes are available

Collection in support of **Whitechapel Centre**,
Liverpool. A local charity for the homeless.

www.whitechapelcentre.co.uk

Gathering hymn: There's a light upon the mountains

- 1 There's a light upon the mountains; and the day is at the spring,
When our eyes shall see the beauty and the glory of the King;
Weary was our heart with waiting, and the night-watch seemed so long;
But his triumph-day is breaking, and we hail it with a song.
- 2 There's a hush of expectation, and a quiet in the air;
And the breath of God is moving in the fervent breath of prayer:
Forth the suffering, dying Jesus is the Christ upon the throne,
And the travail of our spirit is the travail of his own.
- 3 He is breaking down the barriers, he is casting up the way;
He is calling for his angels to build up the gates of day:
But his angels here are human, not the shining hosts above;
For the drum-beats of his army are the heart-beats of our love.
- 4 Hark! We hear a distant music, and it comes with fuller swell;
'Tis the triumph song of Jesus, of our King, Immanuel:
Zion, go ye forth to meet him; and, my soul, be swift to bring
All thy finest and thy noblest for the triumph of our King!

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 2nd 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, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word;

Epistle Reading;

Isaiah 40:1-11

Our reading today is read by;

Ros Jackson

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd;

Gospel Reading;

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight"', John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

Intercessions by

Rev Nathan Thorpe

Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Next Sunday – Carols by Candlelight – 6.30pm

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday 11th

9.00am	Morning Prayer	Formby Chapel
10.45am	No Meditation - will resume on Jan 8th	

Tuesday 12th

9.00am	Morning Prayer	Bier House
10.00am	Bible Study	Bier House



Wednesday 13th

11.00am	Eucharist (<i>followed by refreshments</i>)	Church/Bier House
2.00pm	WOW service for children	Church
7.30pm	Primetime Christmas Party	Bier House

Thursday 14th

9.00am	Morning Prayer	Formby Chapel
2.00pm	Carol Service at Halcyon House	Halcyon House

Friday 15th

9.15am	Little Fishes	Parish Hall
2.00pm	Bible Study with Peter Paine <i>(Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-end; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28)</i>	Bier House
3.00pm	Funeral of Sue Cork	Church

Sunday 17th

Third Sunday of Advent		
8.00am	Eucharist (BCP)	Church
10.00am	Parish Eucharist & Sunday Club	Church/Bier House
2.30pm	Dementia Friendly Christmas Service	Church
6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight	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

Uganda Trip 2018 – the dates have been arranged – **Sunday 27th May to Wednesday 6th June** – and flights are being booked. There are possibly 2 places available. Total cost of flights and accommodation is **£755.00**. Please talk to Anne or Ted if interested – deadline Thursday (14th Dec).

Christingle Services – Christmas Eve – 3.00pm, 4.30pm and 6.00pm

Once again, we are holding 3 Christingle Services on Christmas Eve. We require help for the following:

10.00am Christmas Eve - help required for making up to 800 Christingles. Please come along to the Bier House.

3.00pm, 4.30pm and 6.00pm – help required at the services – please contact the Parish Office

Ladies, are you free on **Wednesday 13th December**? **Primetime** Ladies group are holding their Christmas party 7.30 – 9.30pm in the Bier House. Everyone is welcome, particularly anyone who has not been before, so do bring a friend for some festive fun. Contact Elaine for further details on 874635/07932 665128

Singers needed at **Halcyon House Carol Service Thursday 14th December** 2.00pm – please join us there.