



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

We pray for;

Formby Village Nativity
Our uniformed organisations

Wedding Blessing;

Matthew and Helen Thorpe

For the residents of;

College Avenue & Path, Vicarage Rd & Close,
Vaughan Close, Lenton Avenue.

For the sick; Anthea, Helen, Lyn, Michael, those
in hospital and our parishioners who are
housebound or live in Nursing Homes.

For the recently departed; Jean Pritchard,
Chris Cottrill and those whose anniversary of
death falls at this time.

*Altar
Flowers*



Altar flowers in loving
memory of
George Bell and
Arthur Worthington

Parish of St Peter, Formby

First Sunday of Advent

2nd December 2018

Services for Today:

8.00am Eucharist (BCP)

10.00am All-Age Parade Service

Parade Service Booklet:

Prelude: Lloyd-Webber: Noel nouvelet

All hymns and readings are inside this bulletin

During Communion

Choir Traditional: People look east

Walford-Davies: Hark! the glad sound

Voluntary: Mathias: Processional

6.30pm Advent Festival



Come Lord Come

A service in expectation of the coming of Jesus,
the Son of God.

followed by refreshments in Church

Advent Collection

Blue envelopes are available
Collection in support of **The Samaritans**

**The DECEMBER/JANUARY Parish Magazine is
available – please take a copy**

*Melody & large print versions of the hymn book
are available at the door.*

*Please take this bulletin home for your diary
and prayer.*

Gathering Hymn: Light an Advent Candle

1 Light an Advent candle
See it from afar,
How it shines so brightly
Like the guiding star.
Light an Advent candle
So we'll make a space,
Clear away the rubbish
From God's dwelling place.

2 Light an Advent candle
As the time draws near,
Thinking of the birthday
That will soon be here.
Now the Advent candles
Shed their Christmas glow,
See them burning brighter
With the truth we know

3 Lord, bless us together,
As today we come,
On this Advent Sunday
To prepare for your Son,
Who was born at Christmas,
Leaving all above
Telling us so clearly
Of our Father's love.

The Advent Wreath

The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent, and one candle is lit each Sunday. Three of the candles are purple because the color violet is a liturgical color that signifies a time of prayer and preparation. The first candle, which is purple, symbolizes hope. In the centre of the circle is a fifth candle, the Christ Candle, which is lit on Christmas Day.

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 1st 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;

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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;

Isaiah 11: 1-6, 9-10

Our reading today is read by;

Brownies

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the awe of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Gradual Hymn: Colours of day dawn into the mind

1 Colours of the day dawn into the mind,
the sun has come up, the night is behind.
Go down in the city, into the street,
and let's give the message to the people we meet.

*So light up the fire and let the flame burn,
open the door, let Jesus return,
take seeds of his Spirit, let the fruit grow,
tell the people of Jesus, let his love show.*

2 Go through the park, on into the town;
the sun still shines on; it never goes down.
The light of the world is risen again;
the people of darkness are needing our friend.

3 Open your eyes, look into the sky,
the darkness has come, the sun came to die.
The evening draws on, the sun disappears,
but Jesus is living, and his Spirit is near.

Gospel Reading;

Luke 1: 57-59, 67-79

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy: "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favourably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty saviour for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Sermon

Intercessions by

Brownies

Offertory Hymn: **Make way, make way, for Christ the King**

(please note: there will be a plate collection during this hymn)

1 Make way, make way, for Christ the King
In splendour arrives.
Fling wide the gates and welcome Him
Into your lives.

*Make way! Make way for the King of kings!
Make way! Make way and let His kingdom in!*

2 He comes the broken hearts to heal,
The prisoners to free.
The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance,
The blind shall see.

Chorus

3 And those who mourn with heavy hearts,
Who weep and sigh;
With laughter, joy and royal crown
He'll beautify.

Chorus

4 We call you now to worship him
As Lord of all.
To have no other gods but Him,
Their thrones must fall.

Chorus

During Communion Hymn: Be still for the presence of the Lord

- 1** Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.
Come, bow before him now, with
reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found, we stand on holy
ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.
- 2** Be still, for the glory of the Lord is
shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendour
he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant
King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is
shining all around.
- 3** Be still, for the power of the Lord is
moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal, to
minister his grace.
No work too hard for him, in faith
receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is
moving in this place.

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Post Communion Hymn: Mine eyes have seen the glory

- 1** Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword:
his truth is marching on.
- Glory, Glory Hallelujah; Glory, Glory Hallelujah;
Glory, Glory Hallelujah; his truth is marching on.*
- 2** He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat:
O be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on:
- 3** In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
with a glory in his bosom which transfigures you and me:
as he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,
while God is marching on:
- 4** He is coming like the glory of the morning on the wave;
he is wisdom to the mighty; he is succour to the brave:
so the world shall be his foot-stool, and the soul of time his slave:
our God is marching on:

Women in the Bible

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ABIGAIL	ELISHEBA	KEZIA	PHEBE
ADAH	EPHAH	LEAH	PUAH
ANNA	ESTHER	LOIS	RACHEL
BATHSHEBA	EUNICE	LYDIA	RAHAB
CANDACE	EVE	MARA	REBEKAH
CHLOE	GOMER	MARTHA	RUTH
COZBI	HAGAR	MARY	SAPPHIRA
DAMARIS	HERODIAS	MERAB	SARAH
DEBORAH	HOGLAH	MICHAL	SERAH
DELILAH	HULDAH	MILCAH	SHUA
DIANA	JAEL	MIRIAM	TAMAR
DINAH	JEZEBEL	NAOMI	ZILLAH
EGLAH	JULIA	ORPAH	ZILPAH



Carol Singing – Tuesday 18th December at 7.30pm – The Grapes

Come along and support the choir and friends.
Enjoy complimentary mulled wine & mince pies.
All proceeds towards the work of the Samaritans.
The more the merrier so please come along!



House Boxes

If your box is reasonably full, and you would like me to count it before Christmas, please bring it into church and I will return the empty box into the church porch. Otherwise the next counting date will be mid-March, before the annual return. Thank you for your continuing support. Tricia (833013)

CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERIES AROUND THE PARISH

Thank you to all who have signed up to deliver cards –
your bundles are in the porch, ready for you!

Unassigned bundles include:

- Hawksworth Drive, Close & Longton Drive
- Gores Lane, Hurstwood, Deans Court
- Borrowdale, Cummins Avenue, Queens Avenue
- Old Town Lane, Bredon Court, Old Town Court etc
- Old Mill Lane, Willow Grove & The Warren
- Alderson Crescent
- Smithy Green
- Watchyard Lane & Hayward Court
- Moss Side & Fallowfield Close
- Shaw Crescent, Moss Green, Cattan Green etc
- Warren Green & Ince Crescent



If you can take one/some of these bundles to help us it would be really appreciated.

Churches Together in Formby, Altcar & Hightown present

Formby Musical Nativity Sunday 8th December at 11am & 12.15pm Formby Pool Gardens

The Village Nativity is a well-established event having been held in the centre of the village for the past 10 years in preparation for Christmas.

Please support this local event.



Rotary Club of Formby Trust Fund present...

Carol Concert with Aughton Male Voice Choir – **St Luke's Church, Formby**
Friday 14th December 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Admission £5.00 by ticket only.
Tickets available from Peter Connor (382349) Proceeds to Diabetes UK (NW)

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday 3rd

9.00am Morning Prayer
2 to 3.30pm Singing for Fun

Formby Chapel
Bier House

Tuesday 4th

9.00am Morning Prayer
10.00am Bible Study

Bier House
Bier House



Wednesday 5th

11.00am Eucharist (*followed by refreshments*)
8.00pm Timeout – Men, Beer & Topical Issues!

Church/Bier House
Bier House

Thursday 6th

9.00am Morning Prayer
1.00pm Mothers' Union Christmas Party

Formby Chapel
Parish Hall

Friday 7th

9.15am Little Fishes
6.30pm First Friday Eucharist

Parish Hall
Church

Saturday 8th

11.00am Blessing of the Marriage of Matthew & Helen Thorpe

Church

Sunday 9th

The Second Sunday of Advent

8.00am Eucharist (BCP)
10.00am Parish Eucharist & Sunday Club
12 noon Baptism of Sonny & Remi Clarke
2.30pm Relaxed Christmas Service
6.30pm Service of Wholeness

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Advent Festival – TONIGHT 6.30pm

A beautiful service in expectation of the coming of Jesus, the Son of God
followed by refreshments in Church



Christian Aid Ceilidh with live music from The Canty Band – Holy Trinity Church Hall, Formby

Friday 19th January 7.00pm Admission £10.00, under 18's £5 by ticket only.

Includes hot pot meal. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Tickets available from Carol Paine .

A Relaxed Christmas Service

A 30 minute service for older people with well-known carols and readings.

Followed by refreshments in the Bier House.

TIMEOUT

Men, Beer & Topical Issues!

How I helped the Conservatives to stay in power in 1987!

Speaker – Andrew Greenyer,

Raise the Roof Marketing & Churchwarden

Wednesday 5th December at 8pm in the Bier House

