



Welcome to St. Peter's Green Lane, Formby L37 7DL

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PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

We pray for:

The work of the Samaritans

Baptism;

Sonny and Remi being baptised today

Wedding;

Stuart Leyland & Barbara Smallwood

For the residents of;

Barkfield Lane, The Evergreens & Holmfield Park

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

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



This Sunday's altar flowers have been sponsored by Chris & Wendy Thorpe in celebration of Matthew & Helen's Wedding Blessing

Parish of St Peter, Formby

The 2nd Sunday of Advent
9th December 2018

Services for Today:

8.00am Eucharist (BCP)

10.00am Parish Eucharist

Advent Booklet

Prelude: Lloyd-Webber: The Holly and the Ivy

Gathering

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

Gradual

51 The Lord will come and not be slow

Offertory

41 Lo he comes with clouds descending

During Communion

320 The great forerunner of the morn

Choir Motets: Traditional: The Angel Gabriel

Traditional: This is the Truth

Post Communion

46 On Jordan's bank the Baptists cry

Voluntary: Lloyd-Webber: God rest you merry



12 noon Baptism

2.30pm Relaxed Christmas Service

6.30pm Service of Wholeness

Prelude: Bach: Liebster Jesus

Introit - Traditional Carol: This is the truth

766 Praise my soul the King of Heaven

52 The people that in darkness sat (omit v 3)

816 Thy kingdom come O God

676 Immortal invisible

Motets: Jones: Draw nigh

Gounod: Spirit of God

First reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

read by Cliff Cotsworth

Second reading: Matthew 8:5-13

read by Gordon MacLeod

Voluntary: Lloyd-Webber: Coventry Carol

The Gathering Hymn

- 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

During each Sunday of the Advent season, we focus on one of the four virtues Jesus brings us: Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. 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 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;

Our reading today is read by;

Philippians 1:3-11

Marilyn Siddons-Smith

My brothers and sisters, thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel Reading;

Luke 3: 1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Intercessions by

Michael Pitts



(Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten; those who seek God shall never go wanting. God alone fills us.)

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.**

Mince Pies – if you would like to donate some mince pies for the Carol Service (16th) please bring to church at 10am next Sunday or leave in the office. Many thanks. 

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday 10th

9.00am	Morning Prayer	Formby Chapel
1.30pm	Christmas Service in St Joseph's with Yr6 TSP	St Joseph's Care Home

Tuesday 11th

9.00am	Morning Prayer	Bier House
10.00am	Bible Study (<i>with Ken Ward</i>)	Bier House

Wednesday 12th

11.00am	Eucharist (<i>followed by refreshments</i>)	Church
2.00pm	WOW pre-school service	Church
7.30pm	Bible Study (<i>with Alison Woodhouse</i>)	Bier House

Thursday 13th

9.00am	Morning Prayer	Formby Chapel
2.00pm	Halcyon House Carol Service with Yr5 TSP – all welcome	Halcyon House

Friday 14th

9.15am	Little Fishes Christmas Party	Parish Hall
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Saturday 15th

2.00pm	Service of Interment - Hilda Stamp	G of R
5.00pm	Wedding of Stuart Leyland & Barbara Smallwood	Church

Sunday 16th

3rd Sunday of Advent

8.00am	Eucharist (BCP)	Church
10.00am	Eucharist & Sunday Club	Church/Bier House
6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight (followed by mulled wine & mince pies)	Church

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! If you can take one of unclaimed bundles to help us it would be very much appreciated.

Christmas Day - Catie Page is organising lunch on Christmas Day in the Luncheon Club for anyone who may be on their own over Christmas. Transport can be provided. If you know of anyone who may be on their own this Christmas and who would like to come please contact Catie Page on 01704 832807.

Church Coffee Rota – A new coffee rota for Sundays is soon to be produced. If anyone would like to join the coffee rota please let Ken Ward know on 871927.

End of Year Accounts Please ensure any expenses claims, church income or unpaid bills outstanding for 2017 are with the treasurer by Friday 22nd December. Irvine Rawcliffe (870569)

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

Come along and support the choir and friends. All proceeds towards the work of the Samaritans.