



Parish of St Peter, Formby

Candlemas

3rd February 2019

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PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

We pray for;

Our Lady of Compassion, Formby
Our Uniformed Organisations
St Peter's School, Kalule, Uganda

Banns:

Jamie Craggs & Lauren Pennington
Samuel Crick & Natalie Owen

For the residents of;

Broad Lane, Southport Old Road, Southport
Road, The Spinney, Heather Close

For the sick: Alan, Elizabeth, Margaret, Michael,
those in hospital and our parishioners who are
housebound or living in Nursing Homes

For the recently departed; Penny Campbell,
Betty Swearman, Noel Chambers,
Paul Bourhill, and those whose anniversary of
death falls at this time.

Services for Today:

8.00am Eucharist (BCP)

10.00am All Age Parade Service

All hymns and readings are inside this bulletin

6.30pm A Service for Candlemas
The Service of Light



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There will be a **plate collection** during our
Parade service. If you are a tax payer we can
claim tax relief on your offering if you complete
the front of the envelope.

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**The February issue of the Parish Magazine
is now available please take a copy home.**

Gathering hymn: 743

- 1 O God beyond all praising,
 we worship you today
 and sing the love amazing
 that songs cannot repay;
 for we can only wonder
 at every gift you send,
 at blessings without number
 and mercies without end:
 we lift our hearts before you
 and wait upon your word,
 we honour and adore you,
 our great and mighty Lord.
- 2 Then hear, O gracious Saviour,
 accept the love we bring,
 that we who know your favour
 may serve you as our king;
 and whether our tomorrows
 be filled with good or ill,
 we'll triumph through our sorrows
 and rise to bless you still:
 to marvel at your beauty
 and glory in your ways,
 and make a joyful duty
 our sacrifice of praise.

The Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son Jesus Christ was presented in the Temple and acclaimed the glory of Israel and the light of the nations grant that in him we may be presented to you and in the world we may reflect his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



The Liturgy of the Word

Our Epistle reading today is read by:

A Member of our Scout Group

Romans 12: 1-5

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: 113

When candles are lighted on Candlemas Day
the dark is behind us, and spring's on the way.

*A glory dawns in every dark place,
the light of Christ, the fullness of grace.*

The kings have departed, the shepherds have gone,
the child and his parents are left on their own.

They go to the temple, obeying the law,
and offer two pigeons, the gift of the poor.

But Anna and Simeon recognise there
the Christ-child who came at the turn of the year.

The old who have suffered and waited so long
see hope for the world as they welcome the young.

They gaze at God's wonderful answer to prayer,
the joy of the Jews and the Gentiles' desire.

The light is increasing and spring's in the air.
Look back with thanksgiving! Look forward with awe.

Like Anna, like Simeon, may they have trust,
the eyes to see Jesus, and peace at the last.

The candles invite us to praise and to pray
when Christmas greets Easter on Candlemas Day.



Gospel Reading:

Luke 2: 22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Sermon

The Creed

Intercessions our prayers are led by: members of our Scout Group

The Peace



Offertory Hymn: 808 (Please note: there will be a plate collection during this hymn)

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

The light that shines is the light of love,
lights the darkness from above.
It shines on me and it shines on you,
and shows what the power of love can do.
I'm gonna shine my light both far and near,
I'm gonna shine my light both bright and clear.
Where there's a dark corner in this land
I'm gonna let my little light shine.

On Monday he gave me the gift of love,
Tuesday, peace came from above.
On Wednesday he told me to have more faith,
on Thursday he gave me a little more grace.
Friday, he told me just to watch and pray,
Saturday, he told me just what to say.
On Sunday he gave me the power divine,
to let my little light shine.



Communion Hymn: 665

I am the Light whose brightness shines
on every pilgrim's way,
and brings to evil's darkest place
the glorious light of day.

I am the Gate that leads to life
along the narrow way,
the Shepherd who will tend my sheep
that none are lost or stray.

I am the Well from whose fresh springs
life-giving water flows
and on each side the tree of life
with leaves for healing grows.

I am the Bread, God's gift from heaven,
sent down to satisfy

that hunger which cries out for food;
who eats shall never die.

I am the Vine whose branches grow
united in one root;
who dwell in me, and I in them,
shall live and bear much fruit.

I am the Resurrection life,
the power of God whereby
whoever truly trusts in me
shall live and never die.

I am the Way, the Truth, the Life,
and truth shall set you free
to seek and find the way to life
and live that life in me.

Choir motets: Eccard - When to the temple Mary went
 Batten- O sing joyfully

Post Communion Prayer

God of truth, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life: strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Hymn: 719

1 Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine on us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.

*Shine on me, shine on me.
Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.*

2 Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
From the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

3 As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
So our faces display your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory;
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

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All are welcome for refreshments in the Bier House after the service.



Books of the Bible

J J R Z B Y S R E B M U N W F
 V O Z E M T I M O T H Y I C W
 L E E P N O Z H A I D A B O P
 S L H H W E H T T A M C N K S
 N S N A I N O L A S S E H T A
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 R G Y E H E B R E W S Y G B Q
 A M O S S N A I S E H P E A X

AMOS
 CHRONICLES
 COLOSSIANS
 CORINTHIANS
 DEUTERONOMY
 EPHESIANS
 GALATIANS
 GENESIS
 HEBREWS
 HOSEA
 JOEL
 JOSHUA
 JUDGES
 MATTHEW
 NUMBERS
 OBADIAH
 PROVERBS
 PSALMS
 REVELATIONS
 THESSALONIANS
 TIMOTHY
 ZECHARIAH
 ZEPHANIAH

Bridge Afternoon to be held at St Jerome's Parish Hall on Friday 8th March at 2pm
 in aid of St Peter's Uganda Project. Raffle * Afternoon Tea * Prizes Tickets £40 per table
 Tickets available from Sue Smith 01704 873078

Men, Beer & Topical Issues!
Tuesday 5th February at 8pm in the Bier House
Moving to Universal Credit with Rod Jacques




St. Peter's Church Presents
**A John Nelson
 Quiz Night**
 In aid of the Uganda Project

Wednesday 20th February 2019
 Formby Cricket Club,



RAFFLE

7.30pm

Tickets **£5.00**

Bar Open



Monday 4th

9.00am	Morning Prayer	Formby Chapel
10.45am	Meditation with Helen	Bier House
2.00pm	Singing For Fun	Bier House
7.30pm	Bible Study Series – see below	Bier House

Tuesday 5th

9.00am	Morning Prayer	Bier House
10.00am	Bible Study (with Ken Ward)	Bier House
7.00pm	Timeout – see notice	Bier House

Wednesday 6th

11.00am	Eucharist (<i>followed by refreshments</i>)	Church/Bier House
2.00pm	WOW service	Church
3.15pm	Fishy Club	Parish Hall

Thursday 7th

9.00am	Morning Prayer	Formby Chapel
11.00am	Funeral of Penny Campbell	Church
2.00pm	Mothers' Union AGM & Bring & Buy	Bier House

Friday 8th

9.15am	Little Fishes Baby & Toddler Group	Parish Hall
2.15pm	Bible Study (with Peter Paine)	Bier House
2.30pm	Funeral of Betty Swearman	Church



Sunday 10th

4th Sunday before Lent

8.00am	Eucharist (BCP)	Church
10.00am	Eucharist & Sunday Club	Church
6.30pm	Evensong	Church

Back by Popular Demand! 'The Unfamiliar in a Nutshell'

Following on the series on New Testament books we will have another series. This time three unfamiliar books of the Old Testament – **each book in a nutshell with a cup of coffee!**

Each talk will begin at 7.30pm and will be held in the Bier House.

Monday 4th, 11th 7 18th February. Please do come along as we learn together



TEXT GIVING HAS BEEN DISCONTINUED BY THE COMPANY THAT FACILITATED THE SCHEME. PLEASE DO NOT GIVE ANY FURTHER DONATIONS BY TEXT UNTIL WE FIND A NEW SUPPLIER. MANY THANKS

New Electoral Roll – 2019

Church Representation Rules require the compilation of a new Electoral Roll before this year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Application forms are available in Church or from the Parish Office; completed forms should be placed in the box-file on the cabinet adjacent to the lectern or returned to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Closing date: 7th April 2019. David Manning-Fox Electoral Roll Officer

Garden of Remembrance - As in recent years, the churchyard team have been relaxed over the placing of seasonal tributes, such as Christmas wreaths, in the Garden of Remembrance. However, any items other than flowers placed in the approved spikes have now been placed at the rear of the garden awaiting collection by families. Items not removed by the end of the first week in February will be recycled to keep the churchyard neat and tidy.