



Welcome to St. Peter's

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PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

We pray for;

All who will attend our Christmas Services
The Samaritans
The Children's Society
The work of Shelter

For the residents of; Church Road & Close,
Cable Street, Dobbs Drive and The Hamptons.

For the sick; Amanda, Barbara, Eileen, Freda,
Baby Sarah, Yvonne and all 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 giving
thanks for the lives of Ben Tabibi and Michael
Guest.



This week's altar flowers are sponsored by Rosanne Tabibi in memory of her dear son Ben who died on Christmas Eve 2015 and by Barbara Guest in memory of her husband Michael.

Parish of St Peter, Formby

The 4th Sunday of Advent

22nd December 2019

Services for Today:

8.00am Eucharist (BCP)

10.00am Parish Eucharist (Advent)

Prelude Merkel - Weihnachtspastorale

Gathering

313 For Mary, Mother of our Lord

Gradual

317 Virgin-born, we bow before thee

Offertory

712 Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us

During Communion

315 Sing we of the blessed Mother

*Choir Motets: Chilcott - Away in a manger
Shephard - Song of Mary*

Post Communion

394 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord

Voluntary: Lloyd-Webber Good King Wenceslas

6.30pm Carols by Candlelight



Followed by mulled wine and mince pies in Church

Advent Collection

Blue envelopes are available
Collection in support of Shelter

Shelter helps millions of people every year
struggling with bad housing or homelessness
through advice, support and legal services.

www.shelter.org.uk

Shelter

The December/January Parish Magazine is available – please take a copy
If you would like a Gluten free wafer please let the clergy know when you come to the rails.
Children’s Bulletins are available please ask one of the welcome team.
Please take this bulletin home for information and your own prayers.

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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 4th 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;

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; 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 7:10-16

Our reading today is read by;

Carol Paine

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Gospel Reading;

Matthew 1: 18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Intercessions by

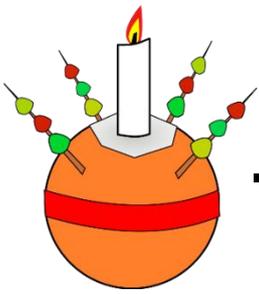
Peter Davies



(My soul rejoices in the Lord.)

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Christingle makers needed on Christmas Eve Morning

A team will be preparing 600 CHRISTINGLES at 10.00am in the Bier House
all help appreciated (children school year 5 and above) **and adults please.**

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday 23rd

9.00am Morning Prayer Formby Chapel

Christmas Eve

10.00am Christingle Making – helpers needed please Bier House

3.00pm & 4.30pm Christingle (pre-school and primary age children Church

6.00pm Christingle (All-age service with choir) Church

11.30pm Midnight Eucharist Church

Christmas Day

8.00am Eucharist (BCP) Church

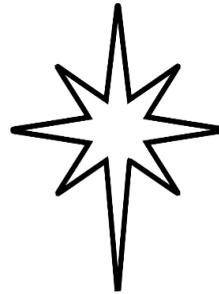
10.00am Parish Eucharist Church

Sunday 29th 1st Sunday of Christmas

8.00am Eucharist (BCP) Church

10.00am Parish Eucharist Church

6.30pm No Evensong



Morning Prayer will be at the usual time on Monday 23rd & Tuesday 24th December, then no Morning Prayer until Thursday 2nd January 2020.

Change of date for Saturday Crew from 4th to 11th January 2020

End of Year Accounts Please ensure any expenses claims, church income or unpaid bills outstanding for 2019 are with the treasurer by Sunday 29th December. Irvine Rawcliffe (870569)

Baptism Donations for the last six months have totalled £548.50. Half of the money from the donations; £274.25 has been given to Sefton Young Carers. Many thanks to all who have donated at the baptisms.

Peter Paine's book "Crumbs for the Journey: A short anthology of spiritual reflections" price £7.50, will be available from Peter in the Bier House after the morning service on the Sundays of December.

Formby Christian Aid are holding a **Ceilidh** on **Saturday 11th January 7-10pm at Holy Trinity Church Hall.** £12 adults £5 u18s incl. Hot Pot. Tickets available from Carol Paine 809517 or Cliff Cotsworth 871808.

Please remember to save **stamps** from your **Christmas cards** for the BCRT box in the porch, remembering to leave a 1cm border. Many Thanks.

The Parish Office will remain closed until Thursday 2nd January. If you need to speak to us during this time please leave a telephone message on 01704 871171, email office@stpetersformby.co.uk or contact the Clergy or Church Wardens. The phone calls and emails will be checked daily. Sonia and Caroline would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas.