



Parish of St Peter, Formby
2nd Sunday before Advent

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Welcome to St. Peter's

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**The Church is open for individual
prayer each Sunday & Wednesday
10am to 11am until we can start services.**

**Our Services for
Today**

**Our Sunday Service
is available online –
please see our website.**

**12noon Children's Service on Zoom –
details on the website.**

6.30pm Evensong by Zoom
The service sheet and Zoom link are
available on our website
www.stpetersformby.co.uk
All are very welcome to join us.

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

We pray for;

Rev Beth Anderson as she is licensed as Vicar of St Nicholas' Church, Blundellsands

For the residents of; Barkfield Lane, The Evergreens, Holmfield Park, Holmwood Close

For the sick; Arthur, Barbara, Graeme, Jean, Jill, Kevin and Nicky, all those in hospital and our parishioners who are housebound or living in Nursing Homes.

For the recently departed; Bill Thorpe, Jim Rhymes, Elizabeth McCullough and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time.



The Altar flowers this week are
sponsored by
Angela Ryder-Jones
in memory of Peter.

The Collect;

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: I Thessalonians 5: 1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25: 14-30

"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter

into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

A prayer for peacemakers

History can inspire or trap. Walls can protect or divide. Words can encourage or inflame. Power can free or destroy. Touch can comfort or violate. Peace can be shared or withheld. Gracious God, on this day, when we remember past and present conflicts, we pray for the divided peoples of the world, that leaders, governments and each one of us may use our resources, our opportunities and our lives in the service of reconciliation, for the sake of future generations and to the glory of your name. Amen.

Prayer in a time of hopelessness

We entrust to you, eternal God, those times when we can see only shadows and lose sight of the hope to come; the times when suffering seems so senseless, life so fragile, war and the virus so unstoppable and death so permanent. Bless us with the assurance that you are in all things, the tragic and the beautiful, the nightmare and the dream, the light and the darkness. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the peace of the world, today, tomorrow and forever. Amen.

Prayer of hope

Dear God, Thank you that in a world of despair, You are our Hope. In a world of darkness, You are our Light. In a world of sorrow, You are our joy. Help us to share the Hope of our hearts with one another. Enable us to give Hope to others through Your work amongst us. Use us to transform our nation and to spread Your Hope to every corner of this nation. May our land flourish by the preaching of Your word and the praising of Your name. In Jesus Name. Amen.

There is a **Children’s Service today** at 12 noon by ZOOM.

The next **WOW services** for pre-school children are on **Wednesday 16th Dec.**

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

If you would like to order a shoebox then donation envelopes can be found in the Church Porch. Return the envelope with your donation to the clergy or to the Parish Office. We can accept bank payments. The bank details are:- Shoebox Express (Formby), Sort code: 30-92-93 Acc. No: 68304868. Many thanks, Vicky Hall

FOODBANK THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who continues to support our work with the Foodbank. The Church Porch is open everyday from 10am to 5pm for donations. The items needed are: **Household items (such as washing powder & washing up liquid), Chocolate bars, Crisps, Crackers, Long Life Milk, and Tinned Meat.** The Foodbank has plenty of – Soup and Baked Beans. Financial donations are also appreciated.

Asylum Seekers' Clothing – Thank You to everyone who contributed clothing for asylum seekers. Please note that we will not take another delivery until the New Year. As there is very limited storage we would be very happy if you could hang onto items until we advertise another request early in the New Year. Thank you again for your help. Peter Paine.

Word Search Puzzle

Parable of the Talents

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