



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.

Parish of St Peter, Formby

Christ The King

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Our Services for Today

Our Sunday Service
is available online –
please see our 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;

Sightsavers – a charity preventing blindness in the poorest parts of our world.

The Churchwardens and members of the PCC

For the residents of; Holmwood Gardens, Holmwood Drive, Beech Drive & Weld Drive

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; Freda Flynn, Bill Thorpe, Geoff Broadbent, Chris Innocent, Maroun Mourani, Jim Rhymes, Elizabeth McCullough and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time.



The Altar flowers this week are
sponsored by Christine Smith
in loving memory of Ian.

The Collect;

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; 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

First Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:31-46

‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” Then he will say to those at his left hand, “You that are accursed, depart from me

into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.” Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?” Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

Prayer - ‘Stir Up Sunday’

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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.

The next **WOW service** for pre-school children is on **Wednesday 16th Dec.**

Christmas Card Delivery – We will be delivering Christmas cards to every house in the Parish during December. Please let the Parish know if you are able to help.

Window Candles for Advent we would like to cover as many church clear window panes with 'Advent Candle Art' as possible. Each candle must be no taller than an A4 sheet of paper (29cms/11.5ins) & decorated on both sides so they be viewed in or outside church and preferably transparent using e.g.tissue paper. If not make them narrower so we can cut around them and they will still let light in. If you wish to create 2-3 candles on the one sheet, that's fine too. However you produce your work of art is fine by us! Please bring them to the church or the office. Many thanks for your continued support to help everyone feel included at this time.

FOODBANK The Church Porch is open everyday from **10am to 4pm** 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. Thank you for your support..

Knitted Angels - Do you knit? Would you like to knit some angels for Christmas? We have a pattern available in the Parish Office/Church Porch. Any angels knitted this year will be given to those who are on their own this Christmas. Or if you don't finish them in time, keep knitting as it is also something we would like to do in 2021!

Word Search Puzzle

Matthew 25:31-46

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