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**PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:**

**We pray for;**

The Whitechapel Centre  
The Mothers' Union

**Banns:**

Richard Danvers & Julie Rice  
Sam Sutton & Maria Botterill

**For the residents of;** Wrigleys Close, Green Lane, The Paddock and Canterbury Close

**For the sick;** Ann & Kevin, Barbara, Catherine, Jane, Jim, Margaret, Mike, Penny, Rosemary, those in hospital and our parishioners who are housebound or living in Nursing Homes.

**For the recently departed;** David Oliver, Frederick Martin and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time

**Parish of St Peter, Formby**  
**The First Sunday of Advent**  
**28<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

**Services for Today:**

**8.30am Eucharist (CW)**

**10.00am Parish Eucharist**

*This service will be live streamed*

**Prelude**

Guilmant *Élévation sur un noel de Saboly*

**Gathering**

41 Lo, he comes with clouds descending

**Gradual**

30 Come thou long expected Jesus

**Offertory**

160 Make way, make way for Christ the King

**During Communion**

36 Hark the glad sound the Saviour comes

**Motet** Besançon *Melody People, look east*

**Post Communion**

Mine eyes have seen the glory (words on bulletin)

**Organ** Guilmant *Offertoire sur un noel "Allons Pasteurs"*

**12noon Children's Haribo Service**

**6.30pm From Darkness to Light Service**

**A service to begin the Season of Advent**

**Prelude** Guilmant *Offertoire No.6 sur un noël Espagnol*

**Organ** Praetorius *Mattechins*

**Blue Envelope Advent Collection**

**Advent Collection is in support of  
The Whitechapel Centre**

The Whitechapel Centre is the leading homeless and housing charity for the Liverpool region. They work with people who are sleeping rough, living in hostels or struggling to manage their accommodation.

[www.whitechapelcentre.co.uk](http://www.whitechapelcentre.co.uk)

## The Advent Wreath

The purple candles represent penance. One of which is lit on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of Advent. The Rose Candle is lit on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday (Gaudete Sunday) representing joy. Finally the white candle is lit on Christmas Morning ~ the Birth of Christ.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.**

*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;

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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; I Thessalonians 3:9-13

*Our reading today is read by;*

**Mike Hastie**

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

**Gospel Reading; Luke 21:25-36**

**Keith Millington**

‘There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in a cloud” with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’

Then he told them a parable: ‘Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.’

‘Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.’

**Intercessions**

**David Poole**

**Post Communion Hymn: Mine eyes have seen the glory**

1 Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;  
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword:  
his truth is marching on.

*Glory, Glory Hallelujah; Glory, Glory Hallelujah;  
Glory, Glory Hallelujah; his truth is marching on.*



2 He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;  
he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat:  
O be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on:

3 In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,  
with a glory in his bosom which transfigures you and me:  
as he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,  
while God is marching on:

4 He is coming like the glory of the morning on the wave;  
he is wisdom to the mighty; he is succour to the brave:  
so the world shall be his foot-stool, and the soul of time his slave:  
our God is marching on:

## Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

## Advent Service – TONIGHT 6.30pm

A beautiful service in expectation of the coming of Jesus, the Son of God followed by sherry and shortbread in Church.

**THE FOODBANK** The Church Porch is open everyday from 10am to 4pm for donations. The items particularly needed are: tinned custard, UHT milk, Tea (80 bag packs), tinned fruit, crackers, pot noodles, brown sauce, tomato sauce, tinned meat, cereal, toilet rolls (4 packs), laundry tabs (small packs). Many thanks

## DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

### Monday 29<sup>th</sup>

9.00am Morning Prayer

Church

### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>

9.00am Morning Prayer

Church

10.00am Bible Study Group – Ken Ward

Bier House

### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>

11.00am Eucharist with Mothers' Union prayers followed by refreshments

Church

### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>

9.00am Morning Prayer

Church

1.00pm Mothers' Union Christmas Lunch

Parish Hall

### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>

9.30am Little Fishes pre-school Group

Parish Hall

### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>

9.00am Morning Prayer

Church

10.00am Saturday Craft Crew

Bier House

4.00pm Carol Singing at the Harrington Road shops – please do join us.

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>

#### The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

8.30am Eucharist (BCP)

Church

10.00am Parish Eucharist and Sunday Club

Church

12noon Service of Baptism

Church

6.30pm Compline

Church



## Children in Church

We love to have children in church but we don't want them to be bored and we want to make it as easy as possible for children and parents to attend services. There are boxes with books, toys etc for the children. Please do help yourself or ask the welcome team for help. The Bier House (beside the church gate) is open during services in case anyone needs a toilet break please do not worry about coming in and out. The service is also relayed onto a screen in the Bier House so you will not miss anything! Please feel welcome.