



Welcome to St. Peter's

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PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

We pray for;

Sam & Maria and Julie & Richard getting married.
The Whitechapel Centre for the Homeless

Baptisms today:

James & Katrina Taylor and
Lottie Quirk & Lydia Kirk being baptised today.

For the residents of; West Lane, Stanley Road, Rimmers Avenue, Massams Lane.

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; and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time.



Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are sponsored by Keith Millington in loving memory of his wife Rosemary.
"Wife, mother and grandmother"

Parish of St Peter, Formby

The 3rd Sunday of Advent

12th December 2021

Services for Today:

8.30am Eucharist (CW)

10.00am All-Age Parade Service

Prelude Guilmant *Noël Écossais*

All hymns and readings are inside this bulletin

Motet Purcell *Rejoice in the Lord alway*

Organ Guilmant *Offertoire No. 3 Joseph est bien marié*

6.30pm Bereavement Service

A simple service of prayers, readings and hymns, with the chance to light candles in memory of loved ones.

Refreshments will be served after the service.
All welcome.

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

The December/January Parish Magazine is available – please take a copy.

Children's Bulletins are available.
Please ask the stewards.

Gathering Hymn: 26

1 Advent candles tell their story
as we watch and pray;
longing for the Day of Glory,
'Come, Lord, soon,' we say.
Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness
changed for gladness on that Day.

2 Prophet voices loudly crying,
making pathways clear;
glimpsing glory, self-denying,
calling all to hear.
Through their message – challenged, shaken-
hearts awaken: God is near!

3 John the Baptist, by his preaching
and by water poured,
brought to those who heard his teaching
news of hope restored:
'Keep your vision strong and steady,
and be ready for the Lord'.

4 Mary's gift beyond all telling
we recall today:
Son of God within her dwelling,
born to show the way.
Who could guess the final story?
- cross and glory; Easter Day!

5 Advent candles tell their story
every Christmas Day.
Those who waited for God's glory:
they prepared the way.
Christ is with us: loving, giving,
in us living, here today!

The Advent Wreath

The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent, and one candle is lit each Sunday. Three of the candles are purple because the colour violet is a liturgical colour that signifies a time of prayer and preparation. The third candle, which is pink, symbolizes joy. 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 like him to be a king:
Be born in our hearts at Christmas,
be king of our lives today.

The 3rd 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;

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word;

Epistle Reading;

Philippians 4: 4-7

Our reading today is read by;

Martin Jones, Group Scout Leader

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Gradual Hymn: 27

- 1 Colours of day dawn into the mind,
the sun has come up, the night is behind.
Go down in the city, into the street,
and let's give the message to the people we meet.

*So light up the fire and let the flame burn,
open the door, let Jesus return,
take seeds of his Spirit, let the fruit grow,
tell the people of Jesus, let his love show.*

- 2 Go through the park, on into the town;
the sun still shines on; it never goes down.
The light of the world is risen again;
the people of darkness are needing our friend.
- 3 Open your eyes, look into the sky,
the darkness has come, the sun came to die.
The evening draws on, the sun disappears,
but Jesus is living, and his Spirit is near.



Gospel Reading; Luke 3: 11-16

Shena Edwards

In reply, John said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Sermon

Intercessions by



Offertory Hymn: 638

1 Give me joy in my heart, keep me
praising,
give me joy in my heart, I pray;
give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
keep me praising till the break of day:

Refrain:

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King!*

2 Give me peace in my heart, keep me
loving,
give me peace in my heart, I pray;
give me peace in my heart, keep me
loving,
keep me loving till the break of day:

Refrain:

3 Give me love in my heart, keep me
serving,
give me love in my heart, I pray;
give me love in my heart, keep me
serving,
keep me serving till the break of day:

Refrain:

Post Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion Hymn: 719

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon 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.*

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.

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.



Saturday Crew will be having a pop up stall in the Bier House after Church Parade today selling Christmas gifts, decorations and having a Lucky Dip. All proceeds will be going towards the purchase of Shoebox items for 2022. Please come along.

USED STAMPS

Please continue to save any **used stamps** for the Bone Cancer Research Trust box in the porch, remembering to leave a 1cm border. Many thanks for all your support.
For more information about BCRT visit the website:- <https://www.bcrt.org.uk/>

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

Help with Christmas Card Deliveries Around The Parish.

We need some new volunteers to deliver unclaimed bundles.

If you can sign the sheet in the porch for the unclaimed areas it would be appreciated.
Many thanks to you all.

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 13th

9.00am Morning Prayer Bier House

Tuesday 14th

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10.00am Bible Study Group – Ken Ward Bier House



Wednesday 15th

9.20am School Christmas Service for KSI Church

11.00am Eucharist *followed by refreshments* Church

2.00pm WOW service for pre-school children Church

7.30pm Primetime Group – newcomers always welcome. Parish Hall

Thursday 16th

9.00am Morning Prayer Bier House

1.30pm Carol Service in Halcyon House Halcyon House

2.30pm Carol Service in Woodlands Care Home Woodlands

Friday 17th

9.20am School Christmas Service for KS2 Church

No Little Fishes until January

3.00pm Wedding of Richard Danvers & Julie Rice Church

Saturday 18th

9.00am Morning Prayer Bier House

12noon Wedding of Sam Sutton & Maria Botterill Church

Sunday 19th

The 4th Sunday of Advent

8.30am Eucharist (BCP) Church

10.00am Parish Eucharist & Baptism and Sunday Club Church

6.30pm Carols by Candlelight *followed by mulled wine & mince pies* Church



On your own on Christmas Day this year? Please come and join us for Lunch.



Please don't spend Christmas Day on your own.
You are invited to join us for lunch at Formby Luncheon Club,
68 Rosemary Lane, Formby.

From 11.45am to 3.15pm

Volunteers to help are also needed.

To book, please contact Catie Page on 01704 832807

Churches Together Carol Singing

You are warmly invited to come carol singing on any of the following dates to collect money for The Hospices and the Homeless :

Monday 20th December 11am – 12:30 (lunchtime) in Waitrose

Tuesday 21st December 5pm – 6pm in Waitrose

Wednesday 22nd December 5pm – 6pm in Tesco

Thursday 23rd December 5pm – 6pm in Tesco

Please do come along – with or without your Santa hat. No talent required!

Just turn up 10 minutes before the start. All very welcome.



Advent Word Search Puzzle

See if you can find the Advent Words in the Puzzle below



Advent
Advent wreath
Annunciation
Bethlehem
Carols
Christmas
Coming
David
Elizabeth
Emmanuel
Epiphany
Frankincense



Gabriel
Gold
Herod
Incarnation
Isaiah
Jerusalem
Jesse tree
Jesus
John the Baptist
Joseph
Magi
Mary
Messiah



MINCE PIE APPEAL – we are asking for donations of boxes of mince pies for the Carol Service. Please bring to church or drop into the Parish Office before 17th December.

St Peter's Church
Formby

Christmas Eve 2021

Friday 24th December

Christingle Services

at 3:00pm, 4:30 pm & 6:00pm

Midnight Eucharist

at 11:30pm

All welcome

