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**PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:**

**We pray for;**

The National Health Service  
The Whitechapel Centre for the Homeless  
**For the residents of;** Mersey Avenue, The Birches, Fisherman's Close, Stanlawe Road  
**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;** Diana Fox and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time remembering especially Ben Tabibi.



Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are sponsored by Roseanne Tabibi in loving memory of her dear son Ben Tabibi.

**Parish of St Peter, Formby**  
**Christmas Day**

**25<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

**Services for Today:**

**8.30am Eucharist (CW)**

**10am Parish Eucharist**

*This service will be live streamed*

**Prelude** Lloyd-Webber *God rest you*

**Gathering**

78 O come all ye faithful (omit verses 4&5)

**Gradual**

89 While shepherds watched their flocks

**Offertory**

86 The first Nowell

**Post Communion**

65 Good Christians all, rejoice

**Organ** Dubois

**No Evening Service**

**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 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 Christ 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 Liturgy of the Word;

#### Epistle Reading; Titus 3:4-7

*Our reading today is read by;*

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds. But when the goodness and loving-kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

## Gospel Reading; Luke 2: 1-14

Shena Edwards

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

## Intercessions

### Post Communion Prayer

God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

**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

### Baptism Donations

We are pleased to announce that out of the total amount of baptism donations given in 2021, an amount of £196.15 (50% of the donations) will be given to Sefton Young Carers. Irvine Rawcliffe

**The Parish Office** will reopen on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January. If you need to speak to us during this time please leave a telephone message on 01704 871171, email [office@stpetersformby.co.uk](mailto:office@stpetersformby.co.uk) or contact the Clergy or Church Wardens. The phone calls and emails will be checked daily. Caroline would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

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

**We have a contactless payment machine for donations situated near the door of the church.**

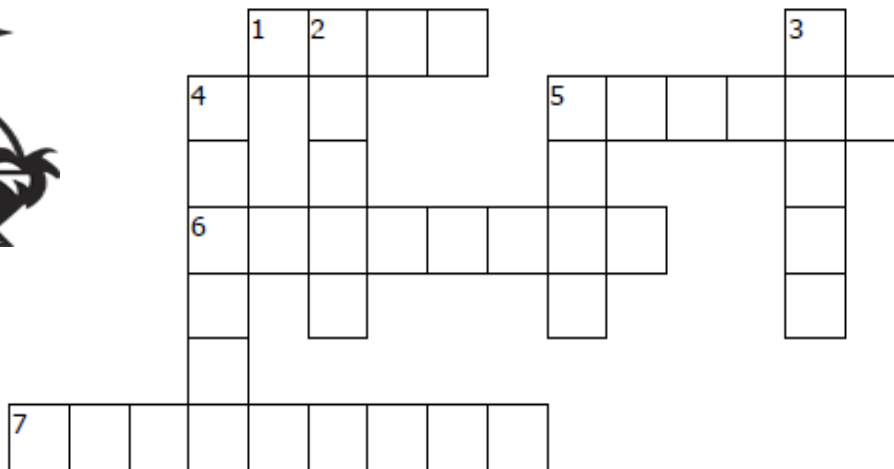


*Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December – St Stephen’s Day*  
 10.00am Parish Eucharist (Live streamed)

**Please note -**  
 \*\*\*There will be no Wednesday Eucharist on 29<sup>th</sup> December or 5<sup>th</sup> January

*Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January – The Epiphany*  
 8.30am Eucharist (BCP)  
 10.00am Parish Eucharist (Live streamed)  
*There will be no Evensong*

## Crossword Puzzle



**ACROSS**

- 1. An infant or very young child
- 5. The place where Mary laid the baby Jesus
- 6. A person who takes care of sheep
- 7. The city where Jesus was born

**DOWN**

- 2. Heavenly being that told the shepherds about Jesus' birth
- 3. The savior of the world
- 4. The earthly father of Jesus
- 5. The mother of Jesus

JOSEPH	ANGEL	BETHLEHEM	BABY
MARY	SHEPHERD	JESUS	MANGER