



Welcome to St. Peter's Green Lane, Formby L37 7DL

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PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

We pray for;

School & Women's Project, Kalule, Uganda

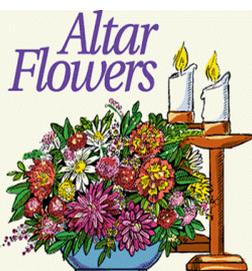
Wedding; Emma Payne & Ben Moreau

Banns; Dominic Tolley & Lauren Millar

For the residents of; Gores Lane, Deans Court and Piercefield Road.

For the sick; Barbara, Catherine, Jane, Jim, Judith, Kevin & Ann, Mike, Sheena, Theo and those in hospital and our parishioners who are housebound or living in Nursing Homes.

For the recently departed; Ian McAuley,, Vivienne Shimmin, Penny Ferguson, John Temple and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time.



Altar flowers are sponsored by Alan & Sally Payne in celebration of their daughter Emma Payne's marriage to Ben Moreau which took place on the 28th January 2022

Parish of St Peter, Formby Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

30th January 2022

Services for Today:

8.30am Eucharist (BCP)

Prelude: Bach *Mit Fried' und Freud'*

10.00am All Age Parade Service

All hymns and readings are inside this bulletin

Postlude: Mathias *Processional*

6.30pm A Service for Candlemas
The Service of Light

Preacher Revd Gordon MacLeod



The February issue of the Parish Magazine is now available. Please take a copy home. We apologise for the poor quality of the magazine. We had a printer problem at the time of the printing.

Opening Hymn: 113 v 1-6, 12, 13

When candles are lighted on Candlemas Day
the dark is behind us, and spring's on the way.

*A glory dawns in every dark place,
the light of Christ, the fullness of grace.*

The kings have departed, the shepherds have gone,
the child and his parents are left on their own.

They go to the temple, obeying the law,
and offer two pigeons, the gift of the poor.

But Anna and Simeon recognise there
the Christ-child who came at the turn of the year.

The old who have suffered and waited so long
see hope for the world as they welcome the young.

They gaze at God's wonderful answer to prayer,
the joy of the Jews and the Gentiles' desire.

Like Anna, like Simeon, may they have trust,
the eyes to see Jesus, and peace at the last.

The candles invite us to praise and to pray
when Christmas greets Easter on Candlemas Day.



The Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son Jesus Christ was presented in the Temple and acclaimed the glory of Israel and the light of the nations grant that in him we may be presented to you and in the world we may reflect his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



The Liturgy of the Word

Our Epistle reading today is read by:

A Member of our Scout Group

Romans 12: 1-5

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: 74 Like a candle flame

Like a candle flame,
flickering small in our darkness,
uncreated light shines through infant eyes.

*God is with us, alleluia,
Come to save us, alleluia.*

Stars and angels sing,
yet the earth sleeps in shadows;
can this tiny spark, set a world on fire?

Yet his light shall shine
from our lives, Spirit blazing,
as we touch the flame, of his holy fire.



Gospel Reading:

Luke 2: 22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Sermon

The Creed

Intercessions our prayers are led by:
members of our Scout Group

The Peace



Offertory Hymn: 808

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

The light that shines is the light of love,
lights the darkness from above.
It shines on me and it shines on you,
and shows what the power of love can do.
I'm gonna shine my light both far and near,
I'm gonna shine my light both bright and clear.
Where there's a dark corner in this land
I'm gonna let my little light shine.

On Monday he gave me the gift of love,
Tuesday, peace came from above.
On Wednesday he told me to have more faith,
on Thursday he gave me a little more grace.
Friday, he told me just to watch and pray,
Saturday, he told me just what to say.
On Sunday he gave me the power divine,
to let my little light shine.

THIS LITTLE
LIGHT
of mine
I'm gonna let it

shine

Choir motets: Eccard When to the Temple Mary went

Post Communion Prayer

God of truth, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life: strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Hymn: 757

- 1 One more step along the world I go,
One more step along the world I go;
From the old things to the new
Keep me travelling along with you:

*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with you.*

- 2 Round the corner of the world I turn,
More and more about the world I learn;
All the new things that I see
You'll be looking at along with me:

*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with you.*

- 3 As I travel through the bad and good,
keep me travelling the way I should;
Where I see no way to go
You'll be telling me the way I know:

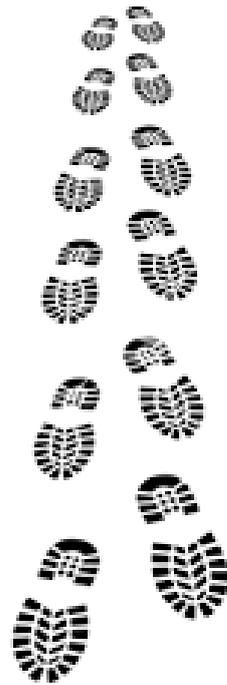
*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with you.*

- 4 Give me courage when the world is rough;
Keep me loving though the world is tough;
Leap and sing in all I do,
Keep me travelling along with you:

*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with you.*

- 5 You are older than the world can be,
You are younger than the life in me;
Ever old and ever new,
Keep me travelling along with you:

*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with you.*



DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 31st

9.00am	Morning Prayer	Bier House
1.00pm	Funeral of John Temple	Bier House
7.30pm	Christian Basics Course (see notice)	Bier House
7.30pm	PCC Meeting	Church

Tuesday 1st

9.00am	Morning Prayer	Bier House
10.00am	Bible Study Group – Ken Ward	Bier House
11.00am	Woodlands Care Home Eucharist	Woodlands



Wednesday 2nd

11.00am	Eucharist with Mothers' Union prayers	Church
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Thursday 3rd

9.00am	Morning Prayer	Bier House
2.00pm	Mothers' Union – Revd Peter Paine's talk on Ethiopia	Bier House

Friday 4th

9.30am	Little Fishes Pre-school Group	Parish Hall
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Saturday 5th

9.00am	Morning Prayer	Bier House
10.00am	Saturday Crew – all things crafty! All welcome	Bier House

Sunday 6th

The 4th Sunday before Lent		
8.30am	Eucharist (BCP)	Church
10.00am	Parish Eucharist	Church
6.30pm	Choral Evensong	Church

THE FOODBANK

The Foodbank urgently needs **Cereal, Tea bags & Instant Coffee, UHT Milk, Long life fruit juice & cordial (1 litre) and Laundry Tabs (small packs)**

The Church Porch is open everyday from 10am to 4pm for your donations.

Many thanks. Glyn Jones.



CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is an affirming of faith and a very meaningful step. Confirmation is available to anyone who feels ready to make this decision from Year 6 through to adulthood.

Those who wish to be confirmed, either as a young person

or an adult, please contact the Vicar.

For young people in Year 6 preparation for Confirmation will be after school.

For any adult who would like to be confirmed please attend the Christian Basics Course

If you are interested in being confirmed or if you have further questions please do contact us.

The Confirmation Service will be on **Sunday 10th July at 6.30pm here in St Peter's Church.

***Please note date change.*



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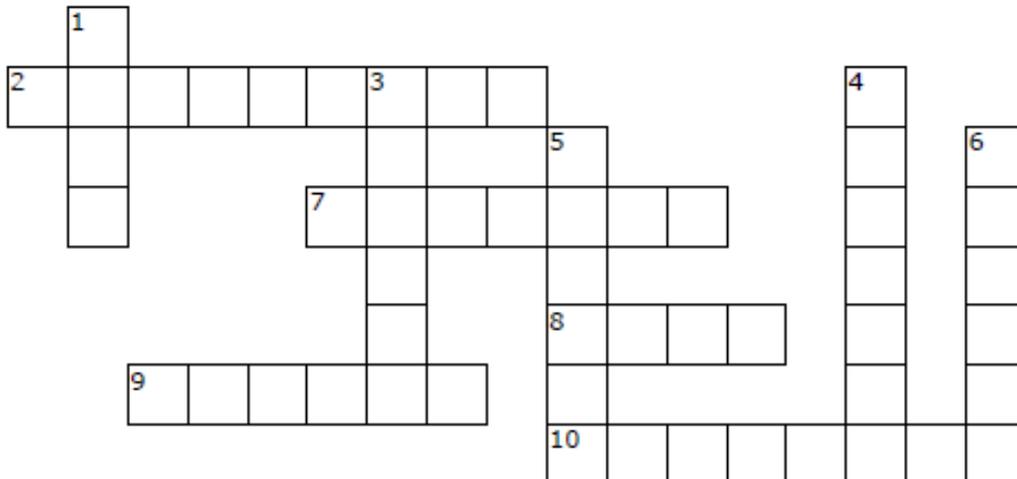
We have a contactless payment machine for donations situated near the door of the church.

CHRISTIAN BASICS COURSE

There is still time to come along to the last of this series of the Christian Basics Course on Monday evening. The next topic will be:- **Baptism & Holy Communion** In the Bier House (beside the church gate), on **Monday 31st January at 7.30pm**. All welcome. If there is interest we will arrange further sessions.

Please save any **used stamps** from your for the Bone Cancer Research Trust box in the porch, remembering to leave a 1cm border. Many thanks for all your support.

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

2. Deliverance from the penalty of sin
7. Something you said that you would do
8. The organs for seeing in the faces of humans and animals
9. A building dedicated to religious ceremonies or worship
10. The town where Mary, Joseph, and Jesus lived

DOWN

1. The mother of Jesus
3. The homeland of the Jewish people
4. A person who is not Jewish
5. The man who was promised he would not die until he had seen the Messiah
6. The earthly father of Jesus

TEMPLE
SIMEON

SALVATION
JOSEPH

MARY
GENTILE

NAZARETH
PROMISE

ISRAEL
EYES