



FIRST SUNDAY
OF
Advent

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PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

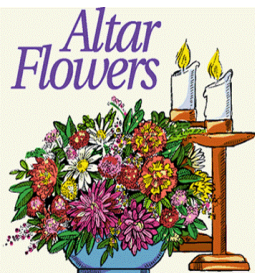
We pray for;

Refugees and the Homeless
St Stephen's, Hightown, in interregnum

For the residents of; Wrigleys Lane, Wrigleys
Close and Canterbury Close

For the sick; Colin, Jenny, Kate, Malcolm,
Margaret, Trevor and those in hospital and our
parishioners who are housebound or living in
Care Homes

For the recently departed; Oonagh Killen,
Alma Lines, and those whose anniversary of
death falls at this time.



Altar flowers are sponsored by
John Ryan in loving memory of
his wife Helen and his younger
brother Colin.

Parish of St Peter, Formby

Advent Sunday

27th November 2022

Services for Today:

8.30am Eucharist (CW)

10.00am Parish Eucharist & Sunday Club

This service will be live streamed

We welcome our preacher

Reverend Joan Foster

Prelude: Bach *Herr Christ, der ein'ge Gottes-Sohn*
Gathering

44 Lo, he comes with clouds descending

30 Come thou long expected Jesus

Offertory

36 Hark the glad sound the Saviour comes

Motet: Walford-Davies *Hark! the glad sound*
Traditional People, look east

Post Communion

Words on bulletin Mine eyes have seen the glory

Organ: Bach *Watchet aus uns ruf die Stimme*

12noon Children's Haribo Service

6.30pm Advent Carol Service

A service to begin the Season of Advent

Prelude: Bach *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland*

Organ: Praetorius *Mattechins*

Readings – Exodus 24:12-17 / Isaiah 11:1-6 /
John 1: 19-29 / Luke 1:26-35, 38

Service followed by sherry and shortbread

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

**December Parish Magazine is now available – please take a copy. Children's Puzzle Sheets,
books and activity bags are available. Please help yourself or ask the welcome team for help**

The Advent Wreath

The purple candles are lit on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays of Advent. The Rose Candle is lit on the 3rd Sunday. The four candles represent Hope, Peace, Love and 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 1st 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.**

Epistle Reading; Romans 13: 11-14

Our reading today is read by;

Sue Robertson

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Gospel Reading; Matthew 24: 36-44

Shena Edwards

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 'About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of

the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Intercessions;

Fred Nye

Na-da te tur - be, na - da te es-pan - te, Quien a Dios yie - ne na - da le fal - ta.

Na - da te tur - be. na - da te es-pan - te. So - lo Dios bas - ta.

(Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten; those who seek God shall never go wanting. God alone fills us.)

Post Communion Hymn:

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

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

Please use a YELLOW ENVELOPE - if placing cash on the plate if a



yellow envelope is used then we can claim Gift Aid.

AN UPDATE ON THE FOODBANK ITEMS THAT ARE URGENTLY NEEDED

Tinned ham & corned beef, Jam/spreads, Savoury crackers, Cordial & long-life juice. Gluten Free items. Toiletries – shampoo, deodorant, razors. Nappies size 4+. Pet food Plastic shopping bags. The porch is open from 10am to 5pm for your donations. Many thanks.

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 28th	November		
9.00am	Morning Prayer		Bier House
7.30pm	Time Out, Men, Beer and Topics		Bier House
Tuesday 29th			
9.00am	Morning Prayer		Bier House
10.00am	Bible Study with Ken Ward		Bier House
Wednesday 30th			
11.00am	Eucharist followed by refreshments		Church
Thursday 1st	December		
9.00am	Morning Prayer		Bier House
2.00pm	Mothers' Union Christmas Lunch		Church Hall
Friday 2nd			
9.15am	Little Fishes for pre-school children		Church Hall
Saturday 3rd			
9.00am	Breakfast Church		Bier House
10.00am	Saturday Crew all things crafty		Bier House
Sunday 4th	The 2nd Sunday of Advent		
8.30am	Eucharist (BCP)		Church
10.00am	Parish Eucharist followed by refreshments		Church
6.30pm	Service of Wholeness		Church

Can anyone provide any of the following, or a little of all?!

Cake (homemade or bought) Soup (any flavour, homemade or other)
Any donations would be very gratefully received to help celebrate the final '275' Coffee Shop for this year. Let's make it very special!
Thanks too, to all who have already put their names down to steward the church or run the coffee shop. All help is very much appreciated. Fiona Martin.

Formby Inner Wheel Fundraiser –Tue 6th December, 10.30am
Coffee Morning at 2 Firs Crescent



Start your Christmas early and come and join us in aid of Mary's Meals, Water Aid & other International Charities, homemade mince pies & coffee. Everyone welcome. Kay Kellaway.

Appeal for Mince Pies! We are hoping you will be willing to help by providing mince pies for the Carols by Candlelight (18th December). We would like to have any donated mince pies by 12th December. Please bring along to the church or drop them into the Parish Office. Many thanks to all who have donated shortbread for tonight's Advent Service.

Bacon Barms and Banter - Monday 5th December

Join us on the 1st Monday of the month, (except bank holidays) in the Bier House 10.30-12 noon. Vegetarian option available, free event, supported by Abbeyfield Neighbourhood Project. Everyone welcome, especially carers and their loved ones.