



**Welcome to St. Peter's**  
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**PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:**

**We pray for;**

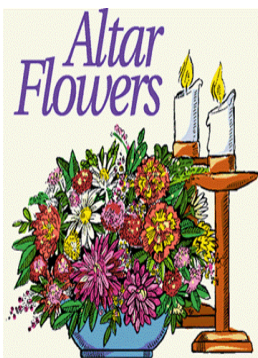
The Soup Kitchen in Southport

All who will attend the Christmas Tree Festival

**For the residents of;** Old Lane, Brewery Lane,  
Little Brewery Lane

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

**For the recently departed;** Oonagh Killen and  
Rosemary Millington, Chris Innocent and those  
whose anniversary of death falls at this time.



Altar flowers are sponsored  
by Keith Millington in loving  
memory of his wife  
Rosemary.

Flowers are also sponsored  
by Hazel, Liz and Sylvia in  
loving memory of their dear  
friend Chris Innocent whose  
birthday was 12<sup>th</sup> December.

**Parish of St Peter, Formby**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**11<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

**Services for Today:**

**8.30am Eucharist (CW)**

**10.00am Parish Eucharist**

*This service will be live streamed*  
There will be a plate collection today.

**Prelude:** Sumsion *The Coventry Carol*

**All hymns and readings are inside this bulletin**

**Motet:** Purcell *Rejoice in the Lord always*  
*Gaudete!*

**Organ:** Lloyd-Webber *God rest you merry*

**2.30pm Christmas Relax Service**

**6.30pm Bereavement Service**

**Prelude:** Vierne *Berceuse*

**Introit:** Rutter *Gaelic Blessing*

**Motets:** Goodall *The Lord is my shepherd*  
Chilcott *Irish Blessing*

Bach *Jesu, joy of man's desiring*

**721** Love divine, all loves excelling

**358** Be still for the presence of the Lord

**84** Silent Night, holy night

**Organ:** Thalben-Ball *Elegy*

**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)

**Children's Puzzle Sheets, books and activity bags are available**

## 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 purple candles are lit on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of Advent. The Rose Candle is lit on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday; this candle represents Joy. The four candles represent Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. 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 3<sup>rd</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;**

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.**

## **Epistle Reading;**

**Philippians 4:4-7**

*Our reading today is read by;*

**Caroline Speakman, Brownie 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; Matthew 11:2-11

Peter Davies

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you."

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

## Sermon

## Intercessions;

Brownies

Sing prai - ses, all you peo - ples, sing prai - ses to the Lord. Sing

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prai - ses, all you peo - ples, sing prai - ses to the Lord.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 3/4 time, G major. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the intercession, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

## Offertory Hymn: 160

1 Make way, make way, for Christ the King in splendour arrives.  
Fling wide the gates and welcome him into your lives.

*Make way! Make way for the King of kings!*

*Make way! Make way and let his kingdom in!*

2 He comes the broken hearts to heal,  
the prisoners to free.  
The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance,  
the blind shall see.

*Make way! Make way for the King of kings!*

*Make way! Make way and let his kingdom in!*

3 And those who mourn with heavy hearts,  
who weep and sigh,  
with laughter, joy and royal crown  
he'll beautify.

*Make way! Make way for the King of kings!*

*Make way! Make way and let his kingdom in!*

4 We call you now to worship him  
as Lord of all,  
to have no other gods but him:  
their thrones must fall!

*Make way! Make way for the King of kings!*

*Make way! Make way and let his kingdom in!*

Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)

**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.



**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.**

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**Saturday Crew will be having a pop up stall in the Bier House after Church Parade today** selling Christmas gifts, decorations etc., All proceeds will be going towards the purchase of Shoebox items for 2023. Please come along.



## DON'T FORGET TO SAVE YOUR 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.bcrct.org.uk/>

## Donations via Card Machine, Yellow/Blue Envelopes or on the Plate

For card payments, a contactless card-reader is situated near the main door.

**If you are a taxpayer**, please use a yellow/blue envelope and complete the Gift Aid declaration. (This increases the value of your donation by 25%). Thank you for your gifts.

## 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 4pm for your donations. Many thanks.

## DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

### Monday 12<sup>th</sup>

9.00am	Morning Prayer		Bier House
2.00pm	Christmas Service in St Joseph's Care Centre with Yr6		St Joseph's
7.30pm	St Giles Christmas Concert		St Giles Aintree

### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>

9.00am	Morning Prayer		Bier House
10.00am	Bible Study with Ken Ward		Bier House

### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Our Christmas Tree Festival begins

11.00am	Eucharist followed by refreshments		Church
2.00pm	W.O.W service for pre-school children		Church

### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Christmas Tree Festival – 10.30am to 4pm

9.15am	School Christmas Service for KS1		Church
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### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Christmas Tree Festival – 10.30am to 4pm

9.15am	School Christmas Service for KS2		Church
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### Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Christmas Tree Festival – 10.30am to 4pm

11.00am	Formby Village Nativity		Pool Gardens
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### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

8.30am	Eucharist (BCP)		Church
10.00am	Eucharist followed by refreshments		Church
6.30pm	Carol By Candlelight followed by mulled wine & mince pies		Church



## 275<sup>th</sup> Merchandise – “The Perfect Stocking-filler!”

The 275 merchandise is still available:- Tea-towels, bags, glasses etc. There will be a stall in the Bier House every Sunday until 18<sup>th</sup> December, also during the Christmas Tree Festival. Goods available from the Parish Office or order from Nick Philpott on 07979 892626 [nick.philpott54@googlemail.com](mailto:nick.philpott54@googlemail.com)



**Baptism Donations** The the amount of money collected at Baptism services this year amounted to £935.46. 50% of the total- ie £467.73 will be donated to Sefton Young Carers. Many thanks for your generous donations.

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

Cake (homemade or bought) Soup (any flavour, homemade or other) Bottles of red wine to make mulled wine.

Any donations would be very gratefully received to help celebrate the final '275' Coffee Shop for this year. Let's make it very special!

**There are still a few gaps on the rota if you are free to help.**

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.

**Christmas Card Deliverers** Thank you to all who have successfully delivered our annual Christmas cards around the Parish. We are extremely grateful for your help.

### End of Year Accounts

Please ensure any expenses claims, church income or unpaid bills outstanding for 2022 are with the treasurer by Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December. Many thanks. Irvine Rawcliffe (870569)

### Christmas Tree Festival



If anyone would still like to help by sponsoring a tree please let us know by Monday. The names of all our sponsors will be displayed in church along with the trees. To sponsor a whole tree costs £50; smaller trees on the window ledges cost £25. The two big trees - by the gate, and beside the Pulpit are also available - but are rather more expensive! Any sort of donation will be welcome to contribute towards the cost of a tree. Please put your donation in an envelope with your name and give to Shena, David, Gill or Sarah.

## Advent Word Search Puzzle

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

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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



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# **Christmas Tree Festival**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>  
December**

**Church & Coffee Shop  
OPEN**

**Wednesday – Sunday  
10:30am - 4:00pm**



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