



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

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PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

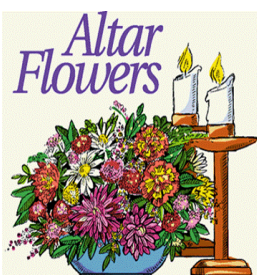
We pray for;

The Children's Society

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

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

For the recently departed; Helen Atherton, Heather Behets, Edna Moss, Jenny Gaskin Pat McCambridge and Tom Hodge and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time remembering especially Michael Helm.



Altar flowers are sponsored by Enid Helm in loving memory of her husband Michael.
16.12.32 – 14.11.17

Parish of St Peter, Formby
The 4th Sunday of Advent
18th December 2022

Services for Today:

8.30am Eucharist (BCP)

10.00am Parish Eucharist

This service will be live streamed

Prelude Brahms *Es ist ein' Ros*

Gathering

313 For Mary, Mother of our Lord

Gradual

317 Virgin born we bow before thee

Offertory

315 Sing we of the blessed Mother

Motet Shephard *Song of Mary*

Traditional *The Angel Gabriel*

Post Communion

394 Tell out my soul

Organ Bach *Meine Seele erhebt den Herren*

6.30pm Carols By Candlelight

Prelude Daquin *Noel in G*



Followed by mulled wine and mince pies in Church

Organ Mulet *Carillon-Sortie*

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/January Magazine available
Children's Puzzle Sheets, books and activity bags are available

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, Joy and Love. 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 2nd 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 our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word;

Epistle Reading; Romans 1:1-7

Our reading today is read by;

John Medley

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading;

Matthew 1:18-25

Keith Millington

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Intercessions

Fred Nye



(My soul rejoices in the Lord.)

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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



End of Year Accounts - Please ensure any expenses claims, church income or unpaid bills outstanding for 2022 are with the treasurer by Monday 26th December.
Many thanks. Irvine Rawcliffe (870569)

275th 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 today. Goods available from the Parish Office or order from Nick Philpott on 07979 892626 nick.philpott54@googlemail.com

CHRISTINGLE MAKERS needed on Thursday 23rd December

A team will be preparing 600 CHRISTINGLES at 10.00am in the Bier House all help appreciated (children school year 5 and above) and adults please.





Thank you to everyone who made our Christmas Tree Festival such a special occasion. To Shena for organising the event, to all who sponsored the trees, delivered Christmas cards and the creativity of the groups who decorated. And thank you for those who donated to raise money for our charities. Thank you.

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

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

For cash donations, there is a plate 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.

THE FOODBANK The Church Porch is open everyday from 10am to 5pm for donations. The items particularly needed are: tinned ham & corned beef, jam & preserves, savoury crackers, cordial & longlife juice. Dietary needs items e.g. gluten free and vegan. Toiletries e.g. shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, razors, nappies size 4+. Pet food
Many thanks for your continued support.

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 19th

9.00am Morning Prayer Bier House

Tuesday 20th

9.00am Morning Prayer Bier House

10.00am Bible Study with Ken Ward Bier House

Wednesday 21st

9.00am Morning Prayer Church

11.00am Eucharist followed by refreshments Church

2.00pm Carol Service Halcyon House

3.15pm Carol Service Woodlands CH



Thursday 22nd

9.00am Morning Prayer Church

10.00am Christingle Making – helpers needed please Bier House

11.00am Funeral of Edna Moss Church

Friday 23rd No Little Fishes until January

Christmas Eve

3.00pm & 4.30pm Christingle - pre-school and primary age children Church

6.00pm Christingle - All-age service with choir Church

11.30pm Midnight Eucharist Church

Christmas Day

8.30am Eucharist (CW) Church

10.30am Parish Eucharist – slightly later time
Carol singing from 10.15am Church



Wednesday 28th No mid-week Eucharist

Sunday 1st Naming & Circumcision of Jesus

10.00am Parish Eucharist Church

No 8.30am or 6.30pm service