



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

**We pray for;**

The National Health Service

The Children's Society

**For the residents of;** St Anne's Road,  
St Anne's Path and St Anne's Close

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

**For the recently departed;** Helen Atherton,  
Edna Moss, Heather Behets, Jenny Gaskin  
and those whose anniversary of death falls at  
this time.

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

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

**Services for Today:**

**8.30am Eucharist (CW)**

**10.30am Parish Eucharist**

*This service will be live streamed*

**Prelude** Daquin Noel Suisse

**Gathering**

78 O come, all ye faithful

**Gradual**

89 While shepherds watched their flocks

**Offertory**

79 O little town of Bethlehem

**Motets** Chilcott *O little town of Bethlehem*  
Chilcott *Away in a manger*

**Post Communion**

72 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

**Organ** Dubois *Toccata*

**No Evening Service**

**Merry**  
**Christmas**  
**& HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**December/January Magazines available.**

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

## The Advent Wreath

The purple candles are lit on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of Advent. The Rose Candle is lit on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 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 Collect:

God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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; Philippians 2:5-11

*Our reading today is read by;*

**Sue Parkes**

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## Gospel Reading; Luke 2: 1-20

Tricia Shaw

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!'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

## Intercessions

Peter Shaw

## 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 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.

### A message from The Southport Food Bank –

Christmas greetings to our "friends" at St. Peter's. Thank you for your support for the Foodbank over the year and we look forward to working together in the New Year. That support has also included financial support. To minimise bank charges we ask that future cheques are made payable to "Compassion Acts " which is the umbrella organisation running various activities for those in need or please use our website. Many thanks

**The Parish Office** will reopen on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</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, Sonia Greenyer.

### **Donations via Card Machine, Yellow 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 envelope and complete the Gift Aid declaration. (This increases the value of your donation by 25%). Thank you for your support.

There will be no mid-week Eucharist on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> December

***Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January - Naming & Circumcision of Jesus***

10.00am Parish Eucharist (Live streamed)

*There will be no 8.30am or 6.30pm service.*

## ***Word Search***

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