



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

We pray for;

The Whitechapel Centre for the Homeless
All who will attend Bacon Barms & Banter

For the residents of; Paradise Lane, York
Close and Kenton Close

For the sick; Colin, Helen, 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.

The 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.

Parish of St Peter, Formby
Second Sunday of Advent

4th December 2022

Services for Today:

8.30am Eucharist (BCP)

10.00am Parish Eucharist & Sunday Club

This service will be live streamed

Prelude: Lloyd-Webber *Whence is that goodly
fragrance flowing?*

Gathering

46 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

320 The great forerunner of the morn

Offertory

712 Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us

Motet: Traditional *This is the truth*

Post Communion There's a light upon the
mountains - Words on bulletin

Organ: Lloyd-Webber *The Holly and the Ivy*

6.30pm Service of Wholeness

Service 3 in the Booklet

Prelude: Bach, arr. Westbrook "Cradle Song"

Hymns

37 Hark what a sound

44 O child of promise, come!

52 omit v3 The people that in darkness sat

Motet: Bach *Jesu, joyaunce of my heart*

Warren *Day by day*

Rutter *God be in my head*

22 Saviour, again to thy dear name we raise

Readers: Sue Jacques and Wendy Thorpe

Readings: 1 Kings 17:17-24, John 11:1-4 & 17-26

Organ: Lloyd-Webber *Coventry Carol*

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

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 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;

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Epistle Reading; Romans 15: 4-13

Our reading today is read by;

Chris Quine

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.

As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.' May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Reading;

Matthew 3: 1-12

Shena Edwards

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."' Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Intercessions;

David Poole



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come, and lis - ten to me.

Post Communion Hymn:

- 1 There's a light upon the mountains; and the day is at the spring,
When our eyes shall see the beauty and the glory of the King;
Weary was our heart with waiting, and the night-watch seemed so long;
But his triumph-day is breaking, and we hail it with a song.
- 2 There's a hush of expectation, and a quiet in the air;
And the breath of God is moving in the fervent breath of prayer:
For the suffering, dying Jesus is the Christ upon the throne,
And the travail of our spirit is the travail of his own

- 3 He is breaking down the barriers, he is casting up the way;
He is calling for his angels to build up the gates of day:
But his angels here are human, not the shining hosts above;
For the drum-beats of his army are the heart-beats of our love.
- 4 Hark! We hear a distant music, and it comes with fuller swell;
'Tis the triumph song of Jesus, of our King, Immanuel:
Zion, go ye forth to meet him; and, my soul, be swift to bring
All thy finest and thy noblest for the triumph of our King!

Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.



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 every Sunday until 18th 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



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.

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!

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.

Saturday Crew will be having a Christmas Stall after Church Parade next Sunday 11th December in the Bier House

Our Christmas Stall will have home made decorations, Christmas hats, sparkly socks, make up bags, candles in a bauble. All procees will go towards the contents and the shipping of the Shoeboxes. Please come along and support us in the Bier House. Many thanks. Ann

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 5th	December	<i>Parish Office open 9.30am – 10.30am today</i>	
9.00am	Morning Prayer		Bier House
10.00am	Bacon, Barms & Banter		Bier House
Tuesday 6th		<i>Parish Office open 9.30am – 10.30am today</i>	
9.00am	Morning Prayer		Bier House
10.00am	Bible Study with Ken Ward		Bier House
11.00am	Woodlands care Home Eucharist		Woodlands CH
Wednesday 7th		<i>Parish Office open 9.30am – 10.30am today</i>	
11.00am	Eucharist followed by refreshments		Church
7.30pm	Bible Study with Ted Woods		Bier House
Thursday 8th			
9.00am	Morning Prayer		Bier House
2.00pm	Singing For Fun		Church Hall
Friday 9th			
9.15am	Little Fishes for pre-school children		Church Hall
2.00pm	Bible Study with Peter Paine		Bier House
Saturday 10th			
9.00am	Morning Prayer		Bier House
1.00pm	Carol Singing at the Harington Road shops – please do join us.		
2.30pm	Service of Interment – Roy Green		G of R
Sunday 11th	The 3rd Sunday of Advent		
8.30am	Eucharist (CW)		Church
10.00am	All-Age Parade Service & Eucharist followed by refreshments		Church
2.30pm	Relaxed Christmas Service		Church
6.30pm	Bereavement Service		Church



Help with Christmas Card Deliveries Around The Parish

Thank you to all who have signed up to deliver cards – your bundles will be in the porch from today (Sunday).

We need some new volunteers to deliver unclaimed bundles.

If you can sign the sheet in the porch for the following unclaimed areas it would be very much appreciated.

Bundle 37 - Whitehouse Lane, Whitehouse Avenue, The Green View

Bundle 40 – Gardner Road – odds No's 1 – 219

Bundle 42 – Shaws Cresc, Moss Green, Devon Farm Way, etc.,

Bundle 43 – Bull Cop

Bundle 55 – Holmwood Drive, Firs Crescent, Firs Link, Firs Close

Bundle 65 – Harington Green, Harington Close

Many thanks to you all.



St Peter's Church Christmas Tree Festival Wednesday 14th to Sunday 18th December



This year for the first time, as part of our 275th Anniversary, we are planning to hold a Christmas Tree Festival in church. Christmas trees will be decorated by charities and groups in their own particular style and displayed around the church. Each tree will have a collection box next to it so visitors can give donations to the charity/group who have decorated the tree. Our aim is that there will be no cost to those taking part. With that in mind if anyone would like to help by **sponsoring a tree** and donating towards the cost of it, they can make a donation. The names of all our sponsors will be displayed in church along with the trees. To sponsor a whole tree costs £50; the 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!

However - 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 either take it to the church office or hand it to Shena, David, Gill or Sarah.



Bereavement Service – Sunday 11th December – 6.30pm

Each year we hold a service to remember by name those who have died. The Christmas season can be very difficult for those missing a loved one and we hope this service will bring some comfort.

We will be remembering all those whose funeral was connected with St Peter's over the past year. If you would like another name to be added please let the clergy know. It will be a simple service of prayers, readings and hymns. As we take time to remember there will be an opportunity to light candles in memory of loved ones.

Refreshments will be served after the service. All Welcome.

A Relaxed Christmas Service

Sunday 11th December 2.30pm St Peter's Church

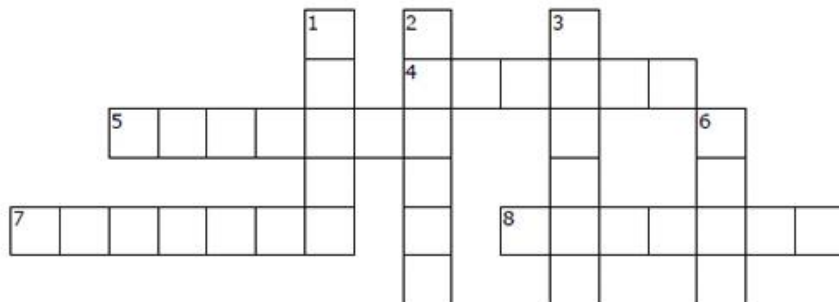


This Christmas service, with familiar carols & readings, lasts 30 minutes and will be followed by coffee & mince pies. The service is suitable for anyone who may find a morning service too long or too early or for a relative or friend who lives in a Care Home.

All Very Welcome



Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

4. To be sorry for something bad you have done and make a change
5. What John did to people in the Jordan River
7. To get ready for something that is going to happen
8. One who speaks for God, or tells what will happen in the future

DOWN

1. The sounds that are made when people speak or sing
2. To deliver a sermon
3. An area where there is little rain and not many plants
6. The man who preached that Jesus was coming

REPENT	PREACH	VOICE	BAPTIZE
JOHN	PROPHET	DESERT	PREPARE

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Christmas Tree Festival

**Wednesday 14th — Sunday 18th
December**

**Church & Coffee Shop
OPEN**

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



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