



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

We pray for;

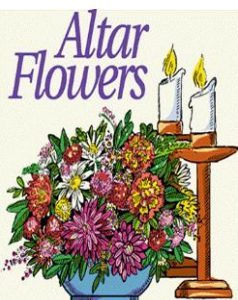
Southport Lifeboat Team

Sunday Club

For the residents of; Cricket Path, Timms Lane and Timms Close.

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

For the recently departed; Anne Spiers, Jim Dixon, Jean Maybury, Helen Atherton, Heather Behets, Jenny Gaskin and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time.



Altar flowers are sponsored by Pat Smith in loving memory of her partner Eric Holdsworth.

Parish of St Peter, Formby

Epiphany

8th January 2023

Service for Today:

8.30am Eucharist (CW)

10.00am Parish Eucharist & Sunday Club

This service will be live streamed

Prelude: Oxley *Prelude on 'Whence is that goodly fragrance?'*

Gathering

94 As with gladness men of old

Gradual

95 Bethlehem, what greater city

Offertory

105 We three kings of Orient are

Motet: Ouseley *From the rising of the sun*

Lang Eastern Monarchs, sages three

Post Communion

103 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

Organ: Thiman *Postlude on 'Adeste Fideles'*

6.30pm Choral Evensong
Baptism of Christ

Prelude: Peeters *Prelude on 'Stuttgart'*

Introit: Ouseley *From the rising of the sun*

Hymns:

107 The sinless one to Jordan came

108 When Jesus came to Jordan

109 When Jesus comes to be baptised

Psalm 29, page 171

Choir Anthem: Walmisley *From all that dwell below the skies*

Readings: Acts 10:34-43 / Matthew 3:13-17

Readers: Debbie Coyne & David Manning Fox

Voluntary: Harris *Epilogue on 'Dix'*

December/January Parish Magazines are available.
Children's Puzzle Sheets, books and activity bags are available
Please help yourself or ask the welcome team for help.



The Collect;

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word;

Epistle Reading; Ephesians 3: 1-12

Our reading today is read by;

Julian Coates

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Gospel Reading; Matthew 2: 1-12

Keith Millington

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." '

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.'

Intercessions

Paul McHenry

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

CHRISTMAS CARDS 'POSTIES'

Many thanks to all those who volunteered to help to deliver the Christmas cards around our Parish this year. Your help and support has been greatly appreciated.



THE FOODBANK The Church Porch is open everyday from 10am to 4pm for donations. The items particularly needed are: coffee, jam, crackers, UHT milk, tinned fruit, tinned meat, cereal, toilet rolls (4 packs), laundry tabs (small packs), shampoo, deodorant, nappies (size 5), razors and toothbrushes. Many thanks.

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 9th January

9.00am	Morning Prayer	Bier House
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Tuesday 10th

9.00am	Morning Prayer	Bier House
10.00am	Bible Study with Ken Ward	Bier House
12.00noon	Funeral of Jean Maybury	Church

Wednesday 11th

11.00am	Eucharist <i>followed by refreshments</i>	Church
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Thursday 12th

9.00am	Morning Prayer	Bier House
2.00pm	Singing for Fun	Church Hall

Friday 13th

9.15am	Little Fishes for pre-school children	Church Hall
2.00pm	Bible Study with Peter Paine	Bier House



Saturday 14th

9.00am	Morning Prayer	Bier House
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Sunday 15th 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

8.30am	Eucharist (BCP)	Church
10.00am	Parish Eucharist & Sunday Club <i>followed by refreshments</i>	Church
12.00noon	Baptism of Arley Pettican	Church
6.30pm	Choral Evensong	Church

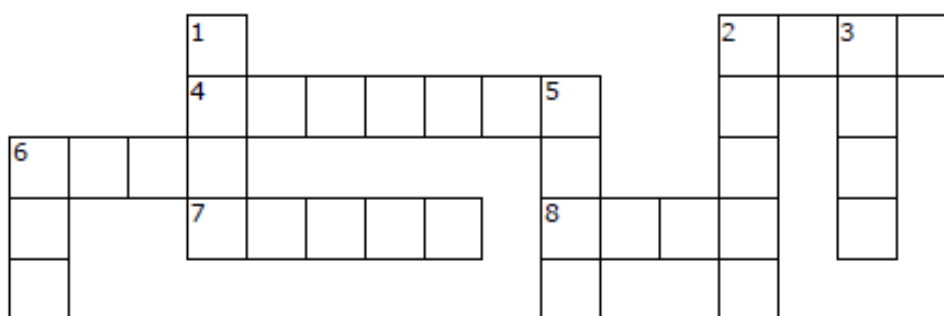
Bacon Barms and Banter Join us for Bacon Barms and Banter, on the 1st Monday of the month, (except bank holidays) in the Bier House 10.30-12 noon. Vegetarian option available, free event, supported by Abbeyfield Neighbourhood Project. Everyone Welcome especially carers and their loved ones.

Daily Bible Readings - Have you thought about daily Bible reading? If you are interested, please see Marilyn Siddons-Smith (01704 576164) for information about regular Bible reading and BRF's Bible reading notes.

February Magazine Deadline – The deadline for material for the February issue of our Parish Magazine is Friday 14th January. magazine@stpetersformby.co.uk

The Children's Society Collection. We are pleased to announce that £1,123.98 was raised for The Children's Society. This is for monies received from the Christingle Envelope donations. Thank you for your donations. Many thanks also to all those who helped at the Christingle Services, made Christingles and who did extra Sidepersons' duties over Christmas. The success of the services depends on having plenty of willing volunteers, which proved to be the case. Well done and thank you, again for all your help.

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

2. The wise men who visited Jesus and Mary and Joseph shortly after Jesus was born
4. A substance that is burned to produce a sweet smell
6. To come into existence by birth
7. Presents which are given without cost to the one receiving them
8. A twinkling point of light in the night sky

DOWN

1. A male ruler of a country
2. A sticky substance with a strong smell which is used in making perfume
3. A valuable, shiny, yellow metal used to make coins and jewellery
5. The direction which is opposite to west
6. To kneel or bend the head or body forward as a show of respect

MAGI
GIFTS

BOW
EAST

STAR
BORN

GOLD
MYRRH

KING
INCENSE