



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

**We pray for:**

Harvest Thanksgiving Festival – all who attend services and the coffee shop. All the volunteers

**For the residents of:** Whitehouse Lane, Whitehouse Avenue and The Green View

**For the sick:** Alan, Caroline, Grantham & Kath, Irene, Kate, Louise, Pat, Peter, Roger, Rod and those in hospital and our parishioners who are housebound or living in Care Homes.

**For the recently departed:** Fay Trickett, Sam Lowe, Carol Hughes, Trevor Stokes and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time remembering especially Christopher Jones



This Sunday's altar flowers are sponsored by Frances Elford in loving memory of her son Christopher Jones

**Parish of St Peter, Formby**  
**The 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**  
**24<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**Services for Today**

**8.30am Eucharist (CW)**

**10.00am Parish Eucharist**

*This service will be live streamed*

**Prelude:** Merkel *Adagio Espressivo*

**Gathering:**

**621** Dear Lord and Father of mankind

**Gradual:**

**788** Take this moment, sign and space

**Offertory:**

**806** There is a wideness in God's mercy

**Motets:**

Eberlin *Glory, love, and praise and honour*

**Post Communion:**

**475** Forth in the peace of Christ

**Organ:** Merkel *March*

**12noon Children's Haribo Service**

**6.30pm Choral Evensong**  
**St Matthew**

*This service will be live streamed*

**Prelude:** Merkel *Evening Hymn*

**Introit:** Tye *Hail, glorious spirits*

**Hymns:**

**546** O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder

**301** God, whose city's sure foundation

**300** Glory to you, O God

**Psalm 119:65-72 page 283**

**Anthem:** Walmisley *Not unto us, O Lord*

**Readings:** Proverbs 3:13-18 / Matthew 9:9-13

**Readers:** Sarah Reed and Wendy Thorpe

**Voluntary:** Merkel *Moderato*

Please ask for a children's puzzle sheet or help yourself to children's books and toys.

Please take this bulletin home for your diary and prayer.

Gluten free wafers are available please let the Vicar know.

Large print hymn books, bulletins and service books are available.

**Please take a free copy of the Parish Magazine.**

## **The Collect**

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 1:21-30**

*Our reading today is read by;*

**John Medley**

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

### **Gospel Reading - Matthew 20: 1-16**

**David Poole**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying,

“These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.” But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?” So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’

## Intercessions

**Rev Beverley Smith**

## Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## THE FOODBANK – September update of items urgently needed

We are now in urgent need of the following items:- **TINNED VEG & COFFEE**, Biscuits, soup, jam, tinned fruit, tinned hot & cold meat, long life juice and shampoo. The Church Porch is open 10am to 5pm each day. Many thanks for your help.

## JOIN OUR ROTA FOR HARVEST FESTIVAL / WINDOWS DECORATORS

We need help with baking cakes, marshalling the church and the coffee shop. If you can assist then please put your name on our rota board which will be at the back of church today and next Sunday. If anyone either individuals or teams would like to decorate some windows entitled OUR GARDEN. Display's could include ANYTHING, weeds in jam jars if they look pretty. Please come forward and volunteer. We would love to see your talents!

**HARVEST FESTIVAL CARDS** – are you available to deliver some Harvest Cards to the houses in our parish? We would appreciate the help to spread the word about our Harvest Festival celebrations, Please let our Parish Administrator know this week.

**THE HARVEST COLLECTION** – there will be a blue envelope collection for the Foodbank this year. We also ask that everyone bring an item for the Foodbank.



**Children in Church** We love to have children in church but we don't want them to be bored and we want to make it as easy as possible for children and parents to attend services. There are boxes with books, toys etc for the children. There are also activity bags. Please do help yourself or ask the welcome team for help. The Bier House is open during services in case anyone needs a toilet break please do not worry about coming in and out. The service is also relayed onto a screen in the Bier House. Please feel welcome

## DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup>

9.00am Morning Prayer

### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am Bible Study with Ken Ward

2.15pm Funeral of Trevor Stokes

### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Scarecrow Shindig begins

#### Coffee Shop and Church Open 12noon to 4pm

11.00am Eucharist *followed by refreshments*

2.00pm WOW Children's Service

7.30pm Bible Study with Ted Woods

### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Church & Coffee Shop open today 11am to 4pm

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.30am Memorial Service and Interment of Fay Trickett

2.00pm Singing's Good for the Brain

### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Church & Coffee Shop open today 11am to 4pm

9.15am Little Fishes Toddler Group

### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Church & Coffee Shop open today 11am to 4pm

9.00am Morning Prayer

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Harvest Thanksgiving Services

8.30am Eucharist (BCP)

10.00am All Age Parade Eucharist with preacher Revd Nathan Thorpe  
*followed by bacon barns*

2.30pm Harvest Relax Service for Older People  
*followed by tea & cake*

6.30pm Harvest Community Service with preacher Revd Poppy Thorpe  
*followed by wine and fruit pies*



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## Donations Card Machine, Yellow Envelopes, QR or on the Plate

For card payments a contactless card-reader is situated near the main door. For cash donations (Yellow Envelopes), there is a plate near the main door. **If you are a taxpayer**, the value of your donation increases by 25%. Or you may want to use the QR code to make a donation. Thank you for your gifts.



## IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE PARISH WE WARMLY WELCOME YOU.



If you would like our magazine delivered, or have recently moved to the parish, changed your address, or if you would like to be added to the email list will you please hand this slip to the Vicar or Churchwardens. Thank You.

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