



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

**We pray for;**

The Uganda Partnership

**For the residents of:** Wrigleys Lane, Wrigleys Close and Canterbury Close

**For the sick:** Alan, Caroline, David, Diane, Grantham & Kath, Heather, Hilary, Kate, Liz, Louise, Nick, Pat, Peter, Rod and those in hospital and our parishioners who are housebound or living in Care Homes.

**For the recently departed:** and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time remembering especially Edgar Brown and Gerald Brown.



This Sunday's Altar flowers are sponsored by Angie Hannah in loving memory of her father Edgar Brown and her brother Gerald Brown.

**Parish of St Peter, Formby**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent**  
**19<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**Services for Today**

**8.30am Eucharist (BCP)**

**10am Parish Eucharist & Sunday Club**

*This service will be live streamed*

**Prelude:** Improvisation on St Cecilia

**Gathering:**

**356** All nations of the world

**Gradual:**

**780** Soldiers of Christ, arise

**Offertory:**

**748** O Jesus, I have promised

**Motets:** Rutter *God be in my head*

Gibbons *Morning glory, starlit sky*

**Post Communion:**

**589** Angel-voices ever singing

**Organ:** Gounod *Hymne a Sainte Cecile*

**6.30pm Service of Wholeness**

*This service will be live streamed*

**Prelude** Healey Willan *Prelude on Eventide*

**Introit:** Handel *Lord, I trust thee*

**Hymns:**

**512** Christ's is the world in which we move

**522** We cannot measure how you heal

**659** Here from all nations

**312** Ye watchers and ye holy ones

**Anthem:** Rutter *God be in my head*

**Readings:** Jonah 3:10 - 4:11 / John 1:1-14

**Readers:** Andrew Kellaway and Gill Holroyd

**Voluntary:** Healey Willan *Postlude on Ellers*

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

## **The Collect**

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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 – I Thessalonians 5:1-11**

*Our reading today is read by;*

**Sue Gillam**

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

### **Gospel Reading - Matthew 25:14-30**

**Tricia Shaw**

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I


will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

**Intercessions**

**Ted Woods**

**Post Communion Prayer**

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

	<b>IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE PARISH WE WARMLY WELCOME YOU.</b>				
	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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**THE FOODBANK** – We are now in need of the following items:- savoury crackers, pasta sauce, tinned meat e.g. corned beef, ham, tinned fruit, tinned tomatoes, instant noodles, tomato sauce, brown sauce, mayo, longlife juice and cordial, UHT milk, 'free from' items and jam. The Church Porch is open 10am to 5pm each day. Many thanks.

**FORMBY MEMORIES with Joan Rimmer and Nic Dickson in St Peter’s Church on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 2.30pm**  
An entertaining and informative stroll through Formby’s past, with slides, songs, chat and humour. Refreshments included. Donations in aid of the Church Roof Appeal.

**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.

## Donations – We need your help

### Are you a UK Taxpayer? Do you make Cash Donations to St. Peter's?

If you answered Yes to both of these questions, you can help increase your donation by 25% by placing your donation in a Yellow Envelope and completing the form on the front, allowing us to claim Gift Aid on your donation. Alternatively, we have a card-reader at the back of Church or feel free to scan the QR Code on your phone to make a donation. Both of these methods have the option to Gift Aid your donation.



## DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

### Monday 20<sup>th</sup>

9.00am Morning Prayer

### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am Bible Study with Ken Ward

2.30pm Formby Memories Talk with Joan Rimmer & Nic Dickson  
(see details in notices)

### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> St Cecilia's Day

11.00am Eucharist followed by refreshments

2.00pm WOW service for pre-school (and TSP Reception)

7.30pm Bible Study with Ted Woods

### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>

9.00am Morning Prayer

1.45pm for 2pm Singalong Thursdays

### Friday 24<sup>th</sup>

9.30am Little Fishes pre-school group

2.00pm Bible Study with Peter Paine

### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>

9.00am Morning Prayer

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Christ The King / Sunday next before Advent

8.30am Eucharist (CW)

10.00am Parish Eucharist

12noon Children's Haribo Service

6.30pm Choral Evensong



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## WAITING ON GOD

### Finding Time and Space in Advent

There will be a pre-Advent talk to help us pace ourselves and find some time for reflection in the hectic run up to Christmas. This will be held on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November** in The Bier House and will be led by the **Revd Mark Waters**. Mark has served in parish ministry in the dioceses of Bristol, Sheffield and Liverpool. He coordinates a network for contemplative prayer and practice based at Liverpool Cathedral, gives time as a spiritual director, and is an assistant priest in the parish of St Luke, Crosby. All are welcome and refreshments will be served.

