



FIRST SUNDAY
OF

Advent

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

We pray for:-

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Preparations for our Christmas Tree Festival

For the residents of: West Lane, Stanley Road and Rimmers Avenue.

For the sick: David, Edna, Harvie, Jane, Joan, John, Lynn, Mabel, Margaret, Martin, Matthew, Ray, Raymond, baby Theo, Vivienne and those in hospital and our parishioners who are housebound or living in Care Homes.

For the recently departed: Enid Tattersall, Mike Reece and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time remembering especially Roy & Vera Eastwood.



The altar flowers are sponsored by Janet Eastwood in loving memory of her parents Roy & Vera Eastwood

Parish of St Peter, Formby
Advent Sunday
1st December 2024

Service for Today:

8.30am Eucharist (BCP)

10.00am Parish Eucharist & Sunday Club

This service will be live streamed

Prelude: Ropartz *Rhapsodie sur deux Noëls de Haute-Bretagne*

41 Lo, he comes with clouds descending

Gradual:

30 Come thou long expected Jesus

Offertory:

36 Hark the glad sound the Saviour comes

Motets: Walford-Davies *Hark! the glad sound*
Traditional *People, look east*

Post Communion:

Mine eyes have seen the glory (words on bulletin)

Organ: Carter *Toccata on Veni Emmanuel*

6.30pm Advent Carol Service

This service will be live streamed

Prelude: Bach *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland*

All hymns and music are in the service sheet

Organ: Organ Bullard *The Angel Gabriel*



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

Please take a free copy of the December Parish Magazine
Gluten free wafers are available, please ask the Vicar.

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 1st 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;

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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; I Thessalonians 3:9-13

Our reading today is read by;

Sue Gillam

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Gospel Reading;

Luke 21:25-36

David Poole

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Choir: Show us, Lord your love: and grant us your salvation.

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

‘There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in a cloud” with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’

Then he told them a parable: ‘Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.’

Intercessions

Paul McHenry

Taizé Chant

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am - bo - nus.

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Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no, Al - le - lu - ia.

(Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy. Alleluia)

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Post Communion Hymn - Mine eyes have seen the glory

1 Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword:
his truth is marching on.

*Glory glory alleluia, glory glory alleluia, glory glory alleluia,
his truth is marching on.*

2 He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat:
O be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on:

Glory glory alleluia, glory glory alleluia, glory glory alleluia, his truth is marching on.

3 In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me:
as he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,
while God is marching on:

*Glory glory alleluia, glory glory alleluia, glory glory alleluia
his truth is marching on.*

4 He is coming like the glory of the morning on the wave;
he is wisdom to the mighty; he is succour to the brave:
so the world shall be his foot-stool, and the soul of time his slave:
our God is marching on.

Words: Julia Ward Howe (1819-1910) Music: Anonymous American Tune: Battle hymn of the Republic

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	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, would like to be added to the email list or would like a parish visit, will you please hand this slip to the clergy or churchwardens. Thank You.			
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DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Monday 2nd December

9.00am Morning Prayer Bier House
10.30am Bacon, Barms and Banter Bier House

Tuesday 3rd

9.00am Morning Prayer Song Room
10.00am Bible Study *with Ken Ward* 40 Southport Road
11.00am Woodlands Care Home Eucharist Woodlands CH
4.30pm Junior Choir Rehearsal Song Room



Wednesday 4th

11.00am Eucharist *followed by refreshments* Church

Thursday 5th

9.00am Morning Prayer Bier House
1.00pm (note correct start time) Mothers' Union Christmas Party Bier House

Friday 6th

9.30am Little Fishes Pre-school Group Parish Hall
2.00pm Bible Study *with Peter Paine* Bier House

Saturday 7th

9.00am Breakfast Church Bier House
10.30am Churchyard Tidy-Up – meet at the Bier House

Sunday 8th

The 2nd Sunday of Advent

8.30am Eucharist (CW) Church
10.00am Eucharist and Sunday Club Church
12.00noon Baptism of Harry Naylor Church
6.30pm Bereavement Service Church



Monday 9th

11.30am Funeral of Michael Reece Church

Do you make Cash/Cheque Donations in Yellow Envelopes? There are numbered envelopes available which means you do not need to write out your details everytime. The number on the envelope will be unique to you and your name, address and donation is known only by the Stewardship Team. If you pay tax we can also claim Gift Aid without any extra cost to you. Please contact our Parish Administrator or Churchwardens for more information. **Please make donations by cheque payable to St Peters PCC.**

ANNUAL CHOCOLATE APPEAL We have a new box in the porch and outside the Parish Office in the hall! It is our Annual Christmas Chocolate Appeal for Southport Soup Kitchen. If you would like to donate Christmas themed chocolate/sweets for needy adults or children, please leave in the box in the porch or the Parish Hall. It is very much appreciated. **Thank you!**

Appeal for Mince Pies!!!

In St Peter's we love to offer hospitality and we are hoping you will be willing to help by providing mince pies for the Carols by Candlelight 22nd December. We would like to have any donated mince pies by 18th December. Please bring along to church or drop them into the Parish Office. Many thanks.



URGENT - FOODBANK ITEMS needed are: Coffee, UHT Milk, Rice Pudding & Custard, Pasta & Rice, Pasta & Curry Sauces, Tinned Fruit & Veg, Tinned meat (hot & cold), Washing Up liquid, Tampons, Laundry detergent Shampoo and Razors.
The Church Porch is open 10am to 4pm each day. Many thanks for your help.



Have you any unwanted gifts? Need a little clearout before Christmas?

There will be a stall at the Christmas Tree Festival and we need more gifts, books, toiletry sets, small toys, puzzles etc
Please give your gifts to the Clergy, Shena Edwards or leave in the Parish Office. Many thanks.

CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERIES The Christmas card bundles will be ready for delivering this week. If you could pop into the church porch to collect them.

There are also bundles that are unallocated if anyone can help with these.

- Hayward Court (28 houses)
- Southport Old Road & Broad Lane (48 houses)
- North Moss Lane & Pasture Lane (9 houses)
- Argarmeols Road (67 houses)
- Larkhill Lane (91 houses)
- Weld Drive (10 houses)
- Holmwood Close and Gardens (39 houses)
- Southport Old Road (24 houses)
- Broad Lane (24 houses)
- Barkfield Mansions (11 houses)
- Victoria Road (Green Lane to Railway) (36 houses)
- Red Barns (4 houses)
- Mayfield Court (7 houses) and No 21 (8 flats)
- Victoria Buildings (commercial) 10

Many thanks to everyone who will be helping us to deliver our cards.



**Saturday 8th December
from 10.30am**

Calling all volunteers to help us give our churchyard a winter tidy up. We will be clearing leaves, litter picking, strimming, brushing, weeding etc
Bring your own gloves.
Refreshments will be provided.
All volunteers will be welcome.





Bereavement Service – Sunday 8th 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.

St Peter's Church Charity Christmas Tree Festival



Would you like to help by sponsoring a tree and donating towards the cost of it that would be a great help. To sponsor a tree costs £50; the smaller trees ones cost £25. The two big trees £80. Any donation appreciated. Please put your donation in an envelope with your name and either take it to the church office. More information from Shena Edwards or the Vicar.

Are You Ready?

"Stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Luke 21:28 (NIV)

Based on Luke 21:25-36



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AMADEUS CHAMBER CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT will be held in St Peter's Church on Friday 13th December at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5 (under 19's free) All ticket sales and donations will be in aid of the Mary's Meals charity. Please contact Caroline in the Parish Office 871171 for tickets, or visit:-www.trybooking.co.uk/71537

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Christmas Tree Festival

**Thursday 12th —
Sunday 15th December**

**Church & Coffee Shop OPEN
Thursday - Sunday
*10:30am - 4:30pm
*12:00 noon on Sunday**



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