



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

We pray for:-

Blue envelope appeal – the Whitechapel Centre for the Homeless.

For all the preparations for our Christmas Tree festival and all who will attend.

For the residents of: St Anne's Road, St Anne's Path and St Anne's Close

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: Patricia Fagan, Enid Tattersall, Mike Reece and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time.



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

Parish of St Peter, Formby

2nd Sunday of Advent

8th December 2024

Service for Today:

8.30am Eucharist (CW)

10.00am Parish Eucharist & Sunday Club

This service will be live streamed

Prelude:

Bullard *Whence is that goodly fragrance?*

46 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Gradual:

50 The advent of our King

Offertory:

320 The great forerunner of the morn

Motets: Tye *A sound of angels*

Traditional *People, look east*

Post Communion:

There's a light upon the mountains (on bulletin)

Organ: Bach *Watchet auf, uns ruf die Stimme*

12noon Baptism of Harry Matthew Naylor

6.30pm Bereavement Service

This service will be live streamed

Prelude: Vierne *Lied Bullard Infant Holy*

Introit: Rutter *Gaelic Blessing*

721 Love divine, all loves excelling

358 Be still, for the presence of the Lord

84 Silent night, holy night

Anthems: Bach *Jesu, joy of man's desiring*

Chilcott *Irish Blessing*

Goodall *The Lord is my shepherd*

Reader: Revd Beverley Smith

Organ: Thalben-Ball *Elegy*

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 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; Philippians 1:3-11

Our reading today is read by;

Tricia Barrett

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel Reading;

Luke 3:1-6

Keith Millington

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Choir: Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths;
all flesh shall see the salvation of God

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."'

Intercessions

Revd Lilly Nelson

Taizé Chant



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da - te om - nes gen - tes, lau - da - te - Do - mi - num.

(Sing praises, all you peoples, sing praises to the Lord.)

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.**



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.

Please circle : PARISH MAGAZINE NEW ADDRESS NEW RESIDENT VISIT BY THE CLERGY
EMAIL DIRECTORY

Name.....

Address.....

Email..... Tel:.....

Post Communion Hymn - There's a light upon the mountains

- 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:
Forth 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!

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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.



Bereavement Service – Tonight at 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.



Carol Singers Needed for the Halcyon House Christmas Service at 2pm on Tuesday 17th December at 2pm.
All will be very welcome.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Monday 9th December

9.00am Morning Prayer
11.30am Funeral of Michael Reece



Bier House Church

Tuesday 10th

9.00am Morning Prayer
10.00am Bible Study with Ken Ward
4.30pm Junior Choir Rehearsal

Song Room
40 Southport Road
Song Room

Wednesday 11th Christmas Tree Festival begins

11.00am Eucharist followed by refreshments
2.00pm WOW Christmas service for preschool children
6.00pm Christmas Tree Festival Lights turned on by Santa

Church
Church
Church

Thursday 12th Christmas Tree Festival – 10am to 4pm

Santa from 3.15pm to 5pm
Coffee Shop 10.30am – 4.30pm
2.00pm Singing For Fun (last session before the new year)

Church
Grotto
Bier House
Parish Hall

Friday 13th Christmas Tree Festival – 10am to 4pm

Santa from 3.15pm to 5pm
Coffee Shop Bier House 10.30am – 4.30pm
9.30am Little Fishes Pre-school Group
7.30pm Amadeus Christmas Concert (see notice)

Church
Grotto
Bier House
Parish Hall
Church

Saturday 14th Christmas Tree Festival – 10am to 4pm

Santa from 3.15pm to 5pm
Coffee Shop 10.30am – 4.30pm
11.00am Village Nativity in St Stephen's Church Hall, Hightown
Free train travel to Hightown

Church
Grotto
Bier House

Sunday 15th The 3rd Sunday of Advent

8.30am Eucharist (BCP)
10.00am All Age Christmas Parade Service
6.30pm Compline (a quiet service of reflection)
Christmas Tree Festival – 12noon to 4.30pm
Coffee Shop 12noon – 4.30pm



Church
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Bier House

Monday 16th

12noon Funeral of Enid Tattersall

Church

Monday 23rd

12.30pm Funeral of Patricia Fagan

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.**

AMADEUS CHAMBER CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Christmas Concert 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





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, candles, puzzles etc Please give your gifts to the Clergy or leave in the Parish Office. Many thanks.

Also if you would have a few hours to sit at the table and sell gifts and Uganda Christmas decorations that would be a great help. Let Anne or Lilly know.

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A Relaxed Christmas Service



Wednesday 18th December 2024

2.30pm



St Peter's Church, Green Lane, Formby L37 7DL

This Christmas service, with familiar carols & readings, will last 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.
- For a relative or friend who lives in a Care Home.



All Very Welcome

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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 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.



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.

Advent Wreath

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emmanuel	jesse	bethlehem	angel	light
hope	green	evergreens	god	candle
wreath	sunday	celebrate	savior	christ
christmas	messiah	isaiah	prepare	jesus
advent				



Don't forget to tell everyone about the Christmas Tree Festival. Spread the word to your friends and family, put a poster up and let any groups that you belong to know. It will be wonderful and don't miss the Coffee Shop and our special guest!

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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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