



Parish of St Peter, Formby
2nd Sunday of Epiphany
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
19th January 2025

Services for Today

Welcome to St. Peter's
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8.30am Eucharist (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist & Sunday Club

This service will be live streamed

Prelude:

Brahms *Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele*

Gathering

486 (omit vs 2,3&6) Christ is the King!

Gradual

261 Spirit of holiness, wisdom and faithfulness

Offertory

490 Glory to God, the source of all our mission

Motets: Wright *O sacrum convivium*

Jones *Bread of heaven*

Post Communion

505 Tell all the world of Jesus

Organ: Saint-Saëns *Fantaisie in E flat*

6.30pm Choral Evensong

This service will be live streamed

Prelude:

Telemann *Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele*

Introit: Warren *Day by day*

Hymns:

640 Give to our God immortal praise

669 I heard the voice of Jesus say

787 Take my life, and let it be

Psalm 96, pages 251

Choir Anthem:

Loosemore *O Lord, increase our faith*

Readings:

1 Samuel 3:1-20 / Ephesians 4:1-16

Readers: David Manning Fox & Irene Kershaw

Organ: Bach *Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele*

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

We pray for:

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Churches Together in Formby, Hightown & Altcar

For the residents of: Byron Close, Graburn Road and Formby Mews.

For the sick: Fred, Harvie, James, Jane, Joan, John, Jon, Mabel, Margaret, Martin, Matthew, Nigel, Raymond, Roger, baby Theo, Vivienne and those in hospital and our parishioners who are housebound or living in Care Homes.

For the recently departed: Joyce Hurley, Kathleen Humphreys, Patricia McCulloch, Margaret Hale and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time, remembering especially Joyce Cross.



Altar flowers are sponsored by Albert Cross in loving memory of his wife Joyce

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.
Please take a free copy of the December/January Parish Magazine

The Collect

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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 – I Corinthians 12:1-11

Our reading today is read by;

Ian Robertson

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 25:14-29

David Poole

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Choir: Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations,
and believed in throughout the world.

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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.

Intercessions

Peter Davies

Post Communion Prayer

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.

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.



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.

Please circle : PARISH MAGAZINE NEW ADDRESS NEW RESIDENT EMAIL DIRECTORY

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Address.....

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Saturday Crew are recycling old Christmas Cards and any other greetings cards making them into Gift Tags. Please drop any unwanted cards into the Church Porch. Many thanks.

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 20th January

9.15am Morning Prayer in Our Lady of Compassion Church
 7.30pm Timeout, Men, Beer and Topics Bier House
Speaker Prof Ray Donnelly who founded the Lung Cancer Fund

Tuesday 21st

9.15am Morning Prayer in St Luke's Church
 10.00am Bible Study Group with Ken Ward 40 Southport Road
 4.30pm Junior Choir Song Room

Wednesday 22nd

9.15am Morning Prayer in the United Reformed Church
 11.00am Eucharist followed by refreshments Church
 7.30pm Bible Study with Ted Woods Bier House

Thursday 23rd

9.15am Morning Prayer in St Peter's Church Church
 1.45pm (2pm start) Singalong Thursday Parish Hall

Friday 24th

9.15am Morning Prayer in Holy Trinity Church
 9.30am Little Fishes pre-school Group Parish Hall

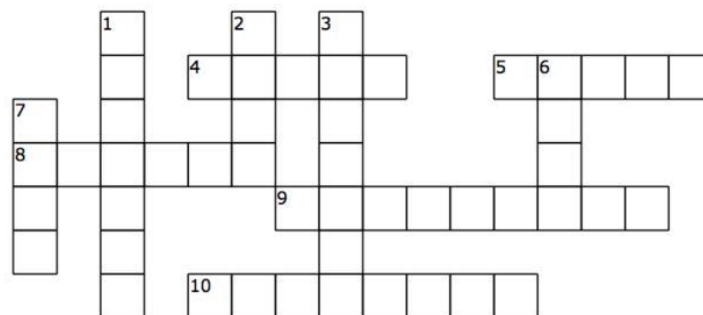
Saturday 25th

9.15am Morning Prayer in the Methodist Church

Sunday 26th

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

8.30am Eucharist (CW) Church
 10.00am All Age Parade Service with the Junior Choir Church
 12noon Service of Baptism for Erin, Eliot, and Jessie Brindle Church
 4.00pm Christian Unity Service in St Stephen's Church Hightown
 6.30pm Service of Wholeness Church



ACROSS

- 4. The coins and bills that are used to buy things
- 5. To divide or use something with others
- 8. To be filled with fear
- 9. A feeling of pleasure, satisfaction, or joy
- 10. To be trusted or loyal

DOWN

- 1. A trip, especially one over a great distance
- 2. The opposite of bad
- 3. A person who is employed to do work for another person
- 6. Put something in a place where it cannot be found
- 7. Not willing to work

AFRAID	HAPPINESS	LAZY	JOURNEY	FAITHFUL
GOOD	HIDE	SHARE	MONEY	SERVANT