



Parish of St Peter, Formby

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

26th January 2025

Welcome to St. Peter's

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PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

We pray for;

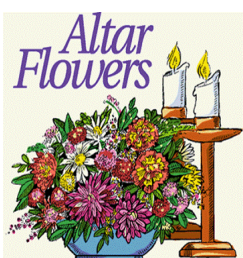
All Scouting and Guiding Organisations

Baptisms; Erin, Eliot and Jessie Brindle being baptized today.

For the residents of; Old Town Lane, Rymers Green and Derby Road.

For the sick; Alan, Eva Rose, Harvie, Joan, Jon, Mabel, Margaret, Matthew, Mike, Nigel, baby Theo, Vivienne and those in hospital and our parishioners who are housebound or living in Care Homes.

For the recently departed; Raymond Lee, John Ryan, Joyce Hurley, Pat McCulloch, Kathleen Humphreys, Margaret Hale and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time, remembering especially Don Shephard.



Altar flowers are sponsored by Eleanor Shephard in loving memory of her husband, Don Shephard.

8.30am Eucharist (CW)

10.00am **All Age Parade Service**
with the Junior Choir

This service will be live streamed

Prelude: Walcha *Prelude on Quem pastores*

All hymns and readings
are inside this bulletin

Organ: Rutter *Toccata in Seven*

12noon **Service of Baptism for**
Erin, Eliot and Jessie Brindle

6.30pm **Service of Wholeness**

This service will be live streamed

Prelude:

Leddington-Wright *Engelberg: Musings*

Introit: Batten *O sing joyfully*

Hymns:

503 Send, O God, your Holy Spirit

437 Come to me, says Jesus

455 My God, and is thy table spread

812 Through all the changing scenes of life

Choir Anthem:

de Severac *Tantum ergo*

Readings:

Ephesians 1 v 3-6 and John 2 13-22

Readers: Sarah Reed and Les Hannah

Organ: Corelli *Pastorale - Christmas Concerto*

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 when you come forward.

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

Melody Edition Hymn Books are also available.

Opening Hymn: 27

- 1 Colours of day dawn into the mind,
the sun has come up, the night is behind.
Go down in the city, into the street,
and let's give the message to the people we meet.

*So light up the fire and let the flame burn,
open the door, let Jesus return,
take seeds of his Spirit, let the fruit grow,
tell the people of Jesus, let his love show.*

- 2 Go through the park, on into the town;
the sun still shines on; it never goes down.
The light of the world is risen again;
the people of darkness are needing our friend.
- 3 Open your eyes, look into the sky,
the darkness has come, the sun came to die.
The evening draws on, the sun disappears,
but Jesus is living, and his Spirit is near.

The Collect

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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

Our Epistle reading today is read by:

Pat Fielding, Beaver Leader

Galatians 5:22-26

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Gradual Hymn: 112

New light has dawned, the Son of God is here,
a holy light no earthly light outshines;
the light has dawned, the light that casts out fear,
the light that evil dreads and love defines.

The light of glory shines to angels' song,
the shepherds run to where a baby lies;
a servant of the Lord, who waited long,
acclaims the light to lighten Gentile eyes.

And priestly men sit listening to a boy,
they see the dawning light within his face.
Such words they hear those Christ-child lips employ!
Amazing words of wisdom, truth and grace.

O Christ, the light who came to us on earth,
shine through the shadow cast by human sin;
renew the faith you gave at our new birth,
destroy the dark, and let your light come in.

Gospel Reading:

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Matthew 5:13-16

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Sung - Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus went up the mountain and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to teach them: 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Sung – Praise to you, O Christ.



Sermon

Prayer of Commitment

“We gladly receive the light as a sign of our willingness to be channels of peace, by our words and actions.”



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Intercessions our prayers are led by members of our Beaver Scout Group

The Peace

Offertory Hymn: 808

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

The light that shines is the light of love,
lights the darkness from above.
It shines on me and it shines on you,
and shows what the power of love can do.
I'm gonna shine my light both far and near,
I'm gonna shine my light both bright and clear.
Where there's a dark corner in this land
I'm gonna let my little light shine.

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

On Monday he gave me the gift of love,
Tuesday, peace came from above.
On Wednesday he told me to have more faith,
on Thursday he gave me a little more grace.
Friday, he told me just to watch and pray,
Saturday, he told me just what to say.
On Sunday he gave me the power divine,
to let my little light shine.

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

Choir Motet: Rutter *Look at the world*



Post Communion Prayer

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen

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!



Love Light

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QUIZ NIGHT with JOHN NELSON

Saturday 22nd February at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall

Tickets £7-50 from the Parish Office or Shena Edwards

More details in the February magazine.



DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 27th January

9.00am Morning Prayer Bier House

Tuesday 28th

9.00am Morning Prayer Bier House

10.00am Bible Study with Ken Ward 40 Southport Road

4.30pm Junior Choir Rehearsal Song Room



Morning Prayer



Wednesday 29th

11.00am Eucharist followed by refreshments Church

Thursday 30th

9.00am Morning Prayer Bier House

Friday 31st

9.30am Little Fishes Pre-school Group Parish Hall

11.30am Interment of George Davidson Churchyard

12noon Funeral of Kathleen Humphreys Church

2.00pm Bible Study with Peter Paine Bier House



Saturday 1st February

9.00am Breakfast Church Bier House

10.30am Saturday Crew all things craft Bier House

Sunday 2nd Candlemas

8.30am Eucharist (BCP) Church

10.00am Parish Eucharist Church

12noon Hotdog Service Church

6.30pm Candlemas Service Church

Monday 3rd

10.30am Bacon, Barms and Banter Bier House

12noon Funeral of Pat McCulloch Church

THE FOODBANK – Items Urgently Needed

The Church Porch is open everyday from 10am to 4pm for donations. The items particularly needed are: 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, Jam. **Many thanks for your donations.**

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.



Please save any **used stamps** from your letter, cards for the Bone Cancer Research Trust box in the porch, remembering to leave a 1cm border. Many thanks for all your support.

TIMEOUT

For those interested in buying a copy of Professor Ray Donnelly's book following his talk last Monday night, please see Glyn Jones in Church today. Many thanks Glyn Jones.



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