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NEWSLETTER, SUNDAY 14th AUGUST

DIVING INTO JOHN'S GOSPEL

We're joining with the rest of Liverpool Diocese in the Rule of Life Summer Reading Challenge again this summer as we focus on John's gospel. As well as sermon series and daily reflections on the YouTube channel you can sign up at www.ruleofllife.org.uk to receive twice-weekly emails to encourage you in the challenge. At the beginning of the week, you will get a reflection and video from David Ford. This will be followed by a series of reflective questions towards the end of the week.

This weekend we'll be thinking about the anointing of Jesus by Mary of Bethany and the different reactions to this event.

SERVICES THIS COMING WEEK

This Sunday

- 08.30am: Holy Communion, a conventional service following common worship.
- 10.00am: Family Worship, a contemporary short family friendly service with songs.
- 11.15am: NO SERVICE – LUNCH AT VICARAGE FROM 12.30

Wednesday

- 11.00: Holy Communion

Next Sunday 8.30 is replaced with lunch at the vicarage, do make sure you've signed up – see below for further details.

ONLINE WORSHIP THIS & NEXT WEEK

Sunday: 10.45am Family Worship
https://www.youtube.com/user/HolyTrinityFormby

On Tuesday 20th September we will be starting an Alpha course in the foyer in church. This will run every Tuesday evening 7.15pm - 9pm until 29th November. Alpha is a great course for those who are exploring faith and who have questions. The evening will start with food (Please let us know if you have any dietary requirements or have any allergies) and fellowship followed by a video and discussions. Please be praying about who you will invite on to Alpha or is that person you?
Mark, Vicky Sime and the team are looking for people who are willing to help on Tuesday evenings either as helpers with the course, the catering/washing up or who are willing to commit praying for this course.
Please contact Mark, Vicky or the wardens via the office (formby.htc.office@btconnect.com or 01704 878913) , if you would like to help or if you would like to sign up for the course.

OTHER NEWS

- Holy Trinity is hosting a Cuppa & sing along in the Parish Hall on Wednesday 24th August 2-4pm as part of this year's Holiday at home scheme. If you would like to donate a cake, please call Maggie on 879557.

- On the 1st Monday of every month at the end of cuppa and chat at 12noon we will have a 45 minute sing along with Mandy & Maggie's popular songs. All welcome to stay after cuppa and chat or come along just to sing or listen.

SUNDAY LUNCH AT THE VICARAGE

We had a great time at the first of our special lunches to meet Julie, our new curate, at the vicarage. The 10.00am service met around the Table, listened to a story about Jesus and broke bread.
There will be two further lunches on the:

- **14th August: for the 11.15 congregation.**
- **21st August: for the 8.30 and Wednesday congregations.**

Please indicate you are coming to by signing the lists in church – and don't forget to let us know about any dietary needs you have.
If you can't make the lunch allocated, do sign up for the other one.

MUSIC MINISTRY AT HOLY TRINITY

Many thanks to all who contributed to the organ repair, I'm pleased to announce that the target has been reached.

PRAYER HARMONY

Ps 150:6 Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

As, sadly, the news dies down about the invasion of Ukraine, as fresher ideas catch the attention of the media, that doesn't change the situation, and each day the enemy gets more entrenched. We pray for the refugees, those that are stuck in the middle, unable to find safety in another country and unable to return home, finding themselves almost imprisoned and unwanted. We pray for those that have reached safety, and have tried to settle in with host families. We pray about the friction that this will bring, with different cultures and customs, clashing and being misunderstood. We pray for the initiatives that realise that they need to meet up with fellow Ukrainians, to chat together in their own language and share experiences.

We pray for the effects of the drought and hot weather on crops in the fields, the animals and on the water supplies. We pray for wisdom and frugality, consideration and selflessness, so that all may have enough water and nothing is wasted. We pray that we will remember the elderly, and realise that heat as well as cold can be damaging to their health. And we pray for pets, that the owners will be wise and leave them in cool places, not in cars.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The family and friends of:

Barbara Quine, whose funeral will take place at Holy Trinity on the 25th of August at 1.00pm.
Bill Stalker, former curate at Holy Trinity.
May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD IN THE PRAYER ROOM. 7PM EVERY THURSDAY

No meeting this week, but back again on the 25th.
Sue Raby writes: *We meet to talk with God and in prayer and fellowship with others. It starts with a cuppa at 7pm and move into prayer at 7.15. Come to enjoy company, come*

to say thanks, come to ask, come and listen. Come once or come each week, the choice is yours.

NEWS FROM THE CATHEDRAL: BEING HUMAN EXHIBITION

Liverpool Cathedral between 27th July - 30th August. The exhibition, created by renowned artist Peter Walker, who also brought us Peace Doves and Space, The Universe and Everything, will showcase a series of installations that will help us to explore 'what does it really mean to be human?'
Find out more here.

RESOURCES FOR PRAYER AND BIBLE READING:

Mark recommends Lectio 365, you can find details of their free app here:
https://www.24-7prayer.com/dailydevotional

Want to dig deeper, but don't know where to start. Bible Project have some great videos and pod casts:
https://bibleproject.com/

Want to read the bible on your phone, download the free YouVersion app:
https://www.youversion.com/

Lastly the Church of England's Daily Office app, you'll find details here:
https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/time-to-pray

And sign up to the Liverpool Diocesan rule of life here www.ruleoflife.org.uk and receive weekly emails.

SUPPORTING THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF OUR CHURCH WITH OUR MONEY

If you've been used to giving to Church through the plate or the envelope scheme you can now join the **Parish Giving Scheme** online. The **Parish Giving Scheme** is our preferred way of giving and is a great way to continue your support. Click to www.parishgiving.org.uk/home ,then click 'Find Your Parish' and type "Formby Holy Trinity" to set up a new account in a couple of minutes. Then follow the easy steps to set up your Direct Debit and Gift Aid if you are able - and bless your church through the PGS. Alternatively, here is the link to our JustGiving page:

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/holy-trinity-church-formby

Holy Trinity is now a charity you can select on smile.amazon.co.uk. AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price of eligible purchases to:

"The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of Holy Trinity Formby"

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Do please forward this letter to anyone you know who hasn't received it, and email Mark to unsubscribe if you don't want to receive further issues.

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