



ST FAITH'S
GREAT CROSBY

Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday 7th April 2024

Hymns

331 The God of Abraham praise
428 Thine be the glory
267 H&W This joyful Eastertide
147 Crown Him with many crowns

Notices

PCC Meeting: There will be a short PCC meeting after the service this morning, the purpose of which is to approve the Annual Report & Accounts for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting at 12.30pm on Sunday 21st April 2024.

Seekers House Group Meeting: Wednesday 10th April at 4.00pm at Belmont, 20 Kingsway, Waterloo. All welcome.

Saturday Lunchtime Concert: The next Saturday Lunchtime Concert will be on Sunday 20th April at 12 noon, where the St Faith's Choir will perform Vivaldi Gloria and movements from Mozart Spatzenmesse. Refreshments served from 11:00am.

St Faith's Great Crosby can be found on the 'A Church near you' website – this will provide up to date information on upcoming events and services.

100 Club if you would like to join our 100 Club, please email david.jones@stfaithsgc.org.uk. Membership for the 100 Club has declined, please consider renewing your membership and giving your support. The more numbers in, the more we win!

Be a Godparent and support a child at the Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage! Our collection box will be on the coffee table at the back of church from now until Pentecost. This year's Pilgrimage is called **Tell out my soul: Singing God's Praises**. Thank you for your support.

This Week's Services

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11:00am, Parish Eucharist
Celebrant: Rev. Bill Matthews

Thursday 11th April

12:00pm, Rev. Denise McDougall

Sunday 14th April
Third Sunday of Easter

11:00am, Parish Eucharist
Celebrant: Rev. Denise McDougall
Preacher: Paula Lampard
*Readings: Acts 3:12-19, Psalm 4, 1 John 3:1-7,
Luke 24:36b-48*

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Please keep in your prayers

The Diocese: Newchurch with Christ Church Croft, Culcheth School, Newchurch School, Twiss Green School, Culcheth High School, Croft School, Newton Team Ministry: (St. John the Baptist, Earlestown, Emmanuel, Wargrave, St. Peter's, Newton-le-Willows, All Saints), District School, Wargrave School, St. Peter's School, Hope Academy School, All Saints Glazebury with St Helen Hollinfare, Glazebury School, St Helen's School, Lowton and Golborne Team Ministry: (St. Thomas, Golborne, St. Mary, Lowton, St. Luke, Lowton), St Thomas' School, St Mary School, St. Luke's' School, All Hallows, Allerton, All Saints, Childwall School.

Parish: Somerville Road, Birchdale Road, Ashdale Road, Oakdale Road, Thorndale Road, Ferndale Road, Rockland Road.

The World: For peace in the Ukraine, Palestine and Israel. For those affected by fires, floods and earthquakes. For emergency workers working in disaster

areas. For refugees, asylum seekers and agencies that help them. For good stewardship of the earth and its resources.

The Church: The unity of all Christians everywhere. Archbishops Justin and Stephen, Bishop John and Bishop Beverley, Ven Pete Spiers, our Archdeacon and acting Area Dean, Churches in the South Sefton Deanery, and local ecumenical partners.

Those who are sick: Joyce Sharpe, Joan McKortel, Fr Mike Finlay, John Crooke, Stephen Seneviratne, Tracy Riley, Sheila Roberts, Amy Hewitt, Eunice Little, Alistair Byron, Frank Dunphy, Peter Smith, Carl Lee, Fr. Dennis Bury, Beckie Loan, Peggy Mattison, Fr. David Emery, Fr. Michael Brinkworth, Audrey Dawson, Sid Ward.

Those who are to be remembered at this time: Captain Cranmer, William Smith, William Moore, Eileen Baker, HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh (2021), Joanna Brierley, Anne Vincent, Neil Quigley, Desmond Aquila Hulme Williams, Winifred Winstanley, Nellie Singer, Oliver Smith, William Breckell, Gordon Slater, Teresa Heslop, Winifred Mary Marshall.

The Collect

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading, Acts 4.32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Psalm 133

Behold how good and pleasant it is to dwell together in unity. It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down upon the beard, Even on Aaron's

beard, running down upon the collar of his clothing. It is like the dew of Hermon running down upon the hills of Zion. For there the Lord has promised his blessing; even life for evermore.

Second Reading, 1 John 1.1-2.2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life - this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us - we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord.

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia.

Gospel, John 20.19-end

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when

Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Post Communion

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.