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| **20th July** **Fifth Sunday after Trinity**  |  *Welcome!* |
| **Sunday and Weekday Service** |  |

**The Collect**

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Hymns**

628 Praise to the Lord the Almighty

413 Just as I am without one plea

583 O worship the Lord in the beauty of Holiness

576 My God how wonderful thou art

**First Reading,** *Genesis 18.1-10a*

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, ‘My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on - since you have come to your servant.’ So they said, ‘Do as you have said.’ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, ‘Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.’ Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, ‘Where is your wife Sarah?’ And he said, ‘There, in the tent.’ Then one said, ‘I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.’ And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him.

**Second Reading,** *Colossians 1.15-28*

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers - all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him - provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God’s commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

**Gospel***, Luke 10.38-end*

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, ‘Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.’ But the Lord answered her, ‘Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.’

**Post Communion**

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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| **Intercessions****The World:** For peace in all areas of conflict in the world. 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. Archbishop Stephen, Bishop Ruth, Archdeacon Pete and Area Dean Rev. Alex Peach. Churches in the South Sefton Deanery, and local ecumenical partners. **The Diocese:** St John Walton: Fran Myatt, Walton Team (St Mary, St Aiden, St Nathaniel): Fiona Pennie, Michael Freeman, Jean Flood, Emmanuel Fazakerley: Mike Hindley, Joy Gambardella, St Paul Fazakerley: Andy Brown, Ricky Panter, Jane Panter, Litherland Team: Andrew Stott, Ravi Sangra, Alan Finch, Gwen Carter, Sue Green, Norma Manton, Jenny Brady, Judith Ronan, Andrea Gray: St Philip School, Christ Church Bootle: vacancy, Josie Williams: Christ Church School, Bedford School: Christ Church Youth and Community Centre.**For those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit**: Ailsa McAlees, Hewie, Eileen Maguire, Graham Forrest, Olga Gregor, Jess Farrell, Carl Lee, Richard Shacklady, Edith Keeton.**For the departed remembered at this time:** Stanley Hulme, Annie Doherty, Dr. Gil Taylor, Ben Hendry, Arthur De-Kusel, Hilda Watson, George & Emily Williams.**Notices*** **Children's Ministry:** St. Mary's are keen to reinstate our children's work but in order to do so we need more volunteers to join our team. Our next event is Holiday Club at  St. Mary's 2nd August to 4th August with Nature as the theme. You would need to have a DBS certificate or be willing to get one and be enthusiastic with a good sense of humour. If you want to know more, please contact Louis or Jill at St. Mary's.
* We are looking to grow and develop our worship and serving teams - if you are interested in leading intercessions (saying prayers), reading a passage from scripture during a service, administering a chalice at communion, helping as an altar server, or acting as a sidesperson/welcomer, or if you're just interested in finding out about any or all of this, then please contact: Rev. Dr Louis Johnson 07947 752 399/louis.johnson@stfaithsgc.org.uk, or speak to a church warden or member of the clergy team after the service - everyone is welcome to have a go at anything and to explore whether you feel God is calling you do develop your Christian discipleship and worshipping life in this way!

**Events*** **St Mary’s Annual Strawberry Tea** in the hall on **Saturday 26th** **July** at **3pm.** This is our community event where we invite the local community and those who use the hall. You are invited to attend. There is no charge, but donations are welcome.
* **St Mary’s Holiday Club** for 5 to 11 year olds with ‘Nature’ as the Theme. **Monday 4th** to **Wednesday 6th August,** **10am to 4pm.** For further details please contact Fr. Louis at Louis.johnson@stfaithsgc.org.uk or Jill on 07813 727 757.

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| **Services at St Mary’s** |  |
| This Sunday 10:00am, Eucharist **Fifth Sunday after Trinity**  | Peter Cowley |
| Monday, 4:00pm**Evening Prayer** | Louis Johnson |
| Wednesday, 10:30am**Eucharist** | Louis Johnson |
| Next Sunday 10:00am, Eucharist **Sixth Sunday after Trinity** | Louis Johnson |

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