



**ST FAITH'S**  
GREAT CROSBY

**Sixth Sunday after Trinity**  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2025

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### *Hymns*

64 For the healing of the nations  
167 Lord we come to ask  
14 An upper room  
262 There's a wideness in God's mercy

### *Notices*

**The Blessed Sacrament Lamp** burns this week in memory of Christopher Dawson, beloved husband of Audrey and a great friend to and supporter of St Faith's, R.I.P.

**St Faith's "Going for Bronze"** to become an Eco Church – An A Rocha UK Project. Eco-friendly living does not mean doing everything perfectly, it means making better choices, one step at a time. Start with what feels achievable for you and build momentum. Your small actions inspire others, and together we can create a more sustainable world. Look out for the Eco-friendly living tips – coming soon! In the meantime, why not calculate your carbon footprint? Check out the following websites:- <https://zero.giki.earth/>, <https://footprint.world.org.uk>. It's quick, easy and fun to do! You don't have to share your results!

**100 Club:** Membership is still open for our 100 Club! For membership details, please ask David Jones, or email him at [david.jones@stfaithsgc.org.uk](mailto:david.jones@stfaithsgc.org.uk).

**Crosby Housing Association Hygiene Packs:** Crosby Housing Association will be providing hygiene packs at this year's free School Uniform Event in August working alongside Caradoc Mission Church in Seaforth (dates and times to follow). If anybody wishes to donate any of the items listed below, they can be dropped in to Crosby Housing Association charity shop at Lorne Road or alternatively please bring any items to St Faith's and Barbara will be happy to collect and deliver. These packs will be made up and given free to families / carers for their children.

- Soap bars, roll on/cream deodorants, shaving gel, female sanitary products, toothbrushes, toothpaste, sponges/face clothes, body sprays (male and female)

**Parish Giving Scheme:** If you do not give regularly to St Faith's and wish to join our Parish Giving Scheme (subscribing through your bank on a monthly basis), please ask David Jones for details or use this link - <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/great-crosby-st-faith-liverpool/>. All enquiries are confidential.

**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, becoming an acolyte (carrying a candle), a thurifer (swinging the incense), or crucifer (carrying the cross), 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](mailto: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 to develop your Christian discipleship and worshipping life in this way!

## Events

**Seekers House Group Meeting: Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July at 4.00pm** at Belmont, 20 Kingsway, Waterloo. All welcome.

Rosary Prayers on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August at 9:40am.** in the Chapel of the Cross. Please add any names for prayer to the board at the back of church. Everyone is welcome to join us for this time of quiet contemplation.

## This Week's Services

<b>This Sunday 11:00am, Eucharist</b> <b>Sixth Sunday after Trinity</b>	Fr. Steve Hall
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July, 9:30am</b> <b>Morning Prayer</b>	Fr. Louis Johnson
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July, 10:30am</b> <b>Eucharist at St Mary's</b>	Rev. Janet Bissex
<b>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July, 12 noon</b> <b>Low Mass</b>	Fr. Steve Hall
<b>Next Sunday 11:00am</b> <b>Seventh Sunday after Trinity</b>	Fr. Louis Johnson <i>Readings: Ecclesiastes 1.2, 12-14; 2.18-23, Psalm 49.1-12, Colossians 3.1-11, Luke 12.13-21</i>

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## *Please keep in your prayers*

**The Diocese:** St Matthew & St Leonard Bootle, St Leonard's Youth & Community Centre, Rimrose Hope School, St Faith Great Crosby & St Mary Waterloo, Netherton-With-Sefton Team (St Oswald Netherton & St Helen Sefton), St Oswald School, Christ Church with St John Waterloo, St John School, St Nicholas Blundellsands, St Nicholas School, St Michael Blundellsands, Valewood School, St Michaels High School.

**Parish:** Allenby Avenue, Rutherglen Avenue, Parkway, Glenby Avenue, Dorbett Drive, Derwent Road.

**The World:** For peace in all areas of conflict in the world. For those affected by fires, floods, famines 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. For all victims of cruelty, injustice and exploitation.

**The Church:** The unity of all Christians everywhere. Archbishop Stephen, Bishop Ruth, Ven Pete Spiers, our Archdeacon, Area Dean Rev. Alex Peach, Churches in the South Sefton Deanery, and local ecumenical partners.

**Those who are sick:** Joan McKortel, Sheila Roberts, Alistair Byron, Peter Smith, Fr. Michael Brinkworth, Angie Price, Susie Greenwood, Jill Deeprose, John Hartley, Holly Keira Barnes, Ken Welsby, Steve Seneviratne.

**Those who are to be remembered at this time:** Ethel Mary Bagshaw, John Gittens, Bill Reed, Jessie Clarke, William Alexander Simons, Bebe King, Elsie Dot Stancombe, Alice Dasilva Aguiar, Ernest Crossman, Margaret Storer, Mark Way (Bishop), David Johnston-Jones, Elsie Victoria Procter, Michael Williams, Michael Hedley Hill, John Woodley, Mary Hunter, Dave Cole, Richard Roberts, John Dilworth Cormode, Vorley Spencer-Ellis (Priest), Barbara Ronson, Josie Lowton.

## *The Collect*

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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.

## *First Reading, Genesis 18.20-32*

Then the Lord said, 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.' So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham came near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' And the Lord said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.' Abraham answered, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' Again he spoke to him, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' He answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' He said, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

## *Psalm 138*

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods will I sing praise to you. I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name, because of your love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things. In the day that I called to you, you answered me; you put new strength in my soul. All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord. Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly; as for the proud, he regards them from afar. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you will preserve me; you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand will save me. The Lord shall make good his purpose for me; your loving – kindness, O Lord, endures for ever; forsake not the work of your hands.

## ***Second Reading, Colossians 2.6-15 [16-19]***

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding

in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

### **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

**Alleluia.**

## ***Gospel, Luke 11.1-13***

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.' And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. 'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your

child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’

### *Post Communion*

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.