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| **27th July** **Sixth Sunday after Trinity**  |  *Welcome!* |
| **Sunday and Weekday Service** |  |

**The Collect**

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Hymns**

583 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

499 Make me channel of your peace

66 Be thou my vision

820 When I survey the wondrous cross

**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.’

**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.

**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.

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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 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.**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:** Jan Baynes, Edward Lynch, Hubert Taylor, Shirley Benson, Janet Goodwin, Margaret Daymond, Arthur Egan.**Notices*** 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!

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

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