

# St. Mary's, Waterloo Park

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**10<sup>th</sup> August**

**Eighth Sunday after Trinity  
Sunday and Weekday Service**

*Welcome!*

## **The Collect**

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Hymns**

242 God is love: his the care  
275 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer  
52 At the name of Jesus  
595 One more step along the world I go

## **First Reading, *Genesis 15.1-6***

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

## **Second Reading, *Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16***

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old - and Sarah herself was barren - because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.' All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

## **Gospel, *Luke 12.32-40***

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert

when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

### **Post Communion**

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.

### **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:** Holy Trinity Formby & St Michael and All Angels Altcar, Trinity St Peter School, Redgate School, St Peter Formby, Freshfield School, Formby High School, Trinity St Peter School, St Michael with St Thomas Ditton, Spinney Avenue School, St Basil & All Saints Hough Green, All Saints Upton School, East Widnes Team (St Luke Farnworth, St Ambrose Widnes, Cronton Mission), Cronton School, Farnworth School, Lunts Heath School, South Widnes Team (St Mary Hale, St Mary Widnes), Hale School, Halebank 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:** Doug Hale, Ida Norwell, Ada & Fred Holden, Dorothy Latham, Joseph Howell, Ronald Casson, Norman Hockenhull, Edwin Davies, Joan Campbell, Leslie Sadler, Robert Grant, Jack Weiner, Lilian Robinson.

### 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](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

- Patronal Festival - Our Patronal Festival is on **17th August** at **10:30am** and we will be providing a buffet. We are using outside caterers, rather than providing food ourselves. If you would like to donate towards the cost of this, please see Jill, Howard or Elsie. Many thanks!

<b>Services at St Mary's</b>	
This Sunday 10:00am, Eucharist <b>Eighth Sunday after Trinity</b>	Louis Johnson
Monday, 4:00pm <b>Evening Prayer</b>	Louis Johnson
Wednesday, 10:30am <b>Eucharist</b>	Louis Johnson
Next Sunday 10:30am, Eucharist <b>St Mary's Patronal Festival</b>	Revd. Alex Peach, Area Dean of Sefton South Deanery

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