



ST FAITH'S
GREAT CROSBY

Bartholomew the Apostle
Sunday 24th August 2025

Hymns

363 Glory to thee O God
149 Ye servants of God
224 Lead us heavenly Father
508 Rejoice in God's saints

Notices

The Blessed Sacrament lamp burns this week in memory of Adrian Nicholas Johnson, dear father of our very own Fr. Louis. R.I.P.

Fit for Mission: The Diocese requires the PCCs of all churches in the South Sefton Deanery to vote on whether to join their 'Fit for Mission' (FfM) initiative on the 29th of September. Prior to the PCC vote we have produced a booklet which it is hoped will help to explain this venture to the congregation. Two large copies of the booklet are available to read through at the back of church. There is also a display of the individual pages of the booklet pinned to the board above the table. If you have any questions, please approach any member of the PCC:- we will endeavour to assist! You can also access a list of Frequently asked Questions (and their answers) on the Diocesan website: <https://tinyurl.com/FfM-fqs>.

Giving to St Faith's: 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.

100 Club: The next draw will be on Sunday 7th September, so you have time to join if you're not already a member! Please ask David Jones for details, or email him at david.jones@stfaithsgc.org.uk

Movement for Good: Nominate a charity or church to win them £1,000. Please visit <https://movementforgood.com/> to place your vote!

Afternoon Tea: The Afternoon Tea was a huge success - enjoyed by over 50 people and raised a magnificent £605.28 for church funds! Belated thanks to all those who helped in any way and to those who supported the event.

Contact Details: If you have joined St Faith's Church within the last 12 months, please check with Corinne Hedgecock that we have your contact details, in case of illness. Details will not be shared and will be held by the wardens and ministry team only.

Crosby Housing Association Hygiene Packs: Many thanks to those who donated hygiene packs that were given to families attending the free school uniform event held by Crosby Housing Association. Crosby Housing Association were delighted to receive so many donations and the families attending the event were thrilled to receive an unexpected pack of toiletries with the uniforms.

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.wwf.org.uk>. It's quick, easy and fun to do! You don't have to share your results!

Events

Quiz Night: Quiz Night at St Faith's Parish Hall on **Saturday 20th September** at **7pm** in aid of Sean's Place, supporting men's mental health. Tickets are £5 on the door or call 07510 219 705.

This Week's Services

This Sunday 11:00am, Eucharist Bartholomew the Apostle	Fr. Louis Johnson Fr. Steve Hall
Wednesday 27th August, 10:30am Eucharist at St Mary's	Fr. Louis Johnson
Thursday 28th August, 12 noon Low Mass	Fr. Louis Johnson
Next Sunday 11:00am, Eucharist Eleventh Sunday after Trinity	Fr. Dennis Smith <i>Readings: Proverbs 25.6-7, Psalm 112, Hebrews 13.1-8 15-16, Luke 14.1, 7-14</i>

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Please keep in your prayers

The Diocese: Holy Spirit Dovecot, Dovecot School, Blueberry Park School, St Cuthbert Croxteth Park, Emmaus School, Christ Church Norris Green, Leamington School, Ranworth Square School, Wellesbourne School, St Teresa's School, St Andrew Clubmoor, Roscoe School.

Parish: Park View, Brooke Road East, Alder Grove, Cedar Grove, Laurel Grove, Myrtle Grove, Pine Grove, Somerville Grove.

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.

Recently departed: Courtney Harrison and Elizabeth Jackson.

Those who are to be remembered at this time: Lilian Henderson, Patricia Murphy, Arthur Harrison, William Raphael Outram, Marie Band, Stan Finlay, Brian Cosgrove, Connie Capes, Ethel Mary Tracey, Peter Keenan (Priest), Elizabeth Cox, Fraser Brooks, Marie Baird, Cecilia Bennett, Florence Cramner, Stanley Valentine Smith, Jean Ronson, Gerald Thompson (Priest), Geoffrey Price, Flo White, Marian Antonia, Diana, Princess of Wales, Joan Fell.

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your word: grant that your Church may love that word which he believed and may faithfully preach and receive the same; 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, Isaiah 43.8-13

Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears! Let all the nations gather together and let the peoples assemble. Who among them declared this, and foretold to us the former things? Let them bring their witnesses to justify them, and let them hear and say, 'It is true.' You are my witnesses, says the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. I, I am the Lord, and besides me there is no saviour. I declared and saved and proclaimed, when there was no strange god among you; and you are my witnesses, says the Lord. I am God, and also henceforth I am He; there is no one who can deliver from my hand; I work and who can hinder it?

Psalm 145

I will exalt you, O God my King, and bless your name for ever and ever. Every day will I bless you and praise your name for ever and ever. Great is the Lord and highly to be praised; his greatness is beyond all searching out. One generation shall praise your works to another and declare your mighty acts. They shall speak of the majesty of your glory, and I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. They shall speak of the might of your marvellous acts, and I will also tell of your greatness. They shall pour forth the story of your abundant kindness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

Second Reading, Acts 5.12-16

Now many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem. Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he came by. A great number of people would also gather from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

I am the light of the world, says the Lord.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness
but will have the light of life.

Alleluia.

Gospel, Luke 22.24-30

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. 'You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Post Communion

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.