



ST FAITH'S
GREAT CROSBY

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 7th September 2025

Hymns

125 O for a thousand tongues
391 Lord Jesus Christ
256 Let all mortal flesh keep silence
235 O Jesus I have promised

Notices

The Blessed Sacrament lamp burns this week in memory of George Mattison, dearly loved husband of Peggy, treasured father of Barbara, Denise and Stephen, and special grandad of Jennifer. **R.I.P.**

2025 Christmas Tree Festival: There will be a meeting of all those interested in helping with the Christmas Tree Festival in the Mackert Room at **7.00pm tomorrow evening, Monday 8th September.** Everybody is welcome and we hope to see you there so that we can decide on the format for the event and start to plan what we hope will be a return to the fun that previous years have been. This is a great fundraiser for St Faith's as well as for several charities that need our support, so please let me know if you can help but cannot make the meeting - every offer of help will be gratefully received and valued. Don't worry if you feel that you can't bake cakes, make decorations or sell things, your support is needed and there are 101 jobs that will need doing!

Congratulations and best wishes to Alistair & Diane Shepherd who on 6th September celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary.

100 Club: The next draw will take place after this morning's service. If you would like to join the 100 Club, please ask David Jones for details, or email him at david.jones@stfaithsgc.org.uk

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-faqs>.

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.

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

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. Here are our **Eco tips for September:** (1) Use water twice in the kitchen – try to reuse water wherever you can, for example water boiled for pasta once cooled is great for plants! (2) Only boil what you need – avoid overfilling the kettle and save money on your electricity bill.

Events

Saturday Recital at St Faith's: There will be a free musical recital at St Faith's on **Saturday 13th September**, given by The Apollo Trio (Marino Capulli - violin, Ray Box - violin, Lizzie Elliott - cello) - there will be **refreshments from 11am**, with the **programme beginning at 12pm**. The members of The Apollo Trio are world class performers trained at the finest conservatoires and academies and specialising in historical performance, as well as playing professionally with a variety of ensembles around the UK and Europe (including the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, the Hallé Orchestra, the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra, Northern Chamber Orchestra, and Opera North). They will be presenting a programme of baroque music including works by JS Bach and George Frederic Handel - all are welcome and encouraged to come along and enjoy this opportunity to hear exceptional music making for **free!**

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.

MacMillan Coffee Mornings: Denise and Barbara are hosting their annual MacMillan Coffee Morning on **Saturday 20th September** at Denise's House (5 Lucius Close, L9 8EY) from **10am to 12 noon**. Bring your pennies for a raffle, tombola, find the treasure etc. St. Mary's are also hosting a MacMillan Coffee Morning on **Thursday 25th September** at **10.30am to 12 noon**. All welcome!

Family Fun Day: Family Fun Day on **Sunday 28th September, 1pm – 5pm** at St Faith's Parish Hall. Bouncy castle, soft play, Disney characters and more! External fundraiser for the late Andrew Martin's children. Admission by ticket – adults £10, children £5, open to families of St Faith's but organisers request that this event is not to be posted on social media please, thank you. See Corinne Hedgecock for more information.

Looking Ahead:

Pet Service on The Feast of St Francis for Creationtide: We will be holding a Pet Blessing Service at St Mary's on **Saturday 4th October at 11am** - this will mark both the Feast of St Francis, and the end of the season of Creationtide - more details to follow, but please put the date and time in your diary and come along if you can, whether you have a pet to bring or not!

St Faith's Patronal Festival: St Faith's will be celebrating its Patronal Festival on **Sunday 5th October at 10.30am** - and we will be welcoming as a guest preacher The Venerable Dr Miranda Threlfall-Holmes, Archdeacon of Liverpool, and will be having celebratory refreshments afterwards, so please also put this date in your diary and join us with friends from our group of local churches to mark the occasion.

This Week's Services

This Sunday 11:00am, Eucharist Twelfth Sunday after Trinity	Fr. Peter Cowley
Wednesday 10th September, 10:30am Eucharist at St Mary's	Rev. Janet Bissex
Thursday 11th September, 12 noon Low Mass	Fr. Bill Matthews
Next Sunday 11:00am, Eucharist Holy Cross Day	Fr. Steve Hall Judith Aveling <i>Readings: Numbers 21.4-9, Psalm 22.23-28, Philippians 2.6-11, John 3.13-17</i>

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Please keep in your prayers

The Diocese: St Mary Prescott, St Paul Prescott, St Mary & St Paul School, St Michael Huyton, Huyton with Roby School, St Nicholas Whiston: Andy Telfer, Joyce Tyrer, 4 Saints Team (St Jude Stockbridge Village, St George Huyton, St Luke West Derby, St Mary Knowsley), Hope RC/CE School, Kirkby Team (St Chad Kirkby, St Martin Southdene, St Andrew Tower Hill), Kirkby School. St Agnes & St Pancras.

Parish: Lawton Road, Ashlar Road, Fir Road, Sycamore 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 Deeprise, Holly Keira Barnes, Ken Welsby, Steve Seneviratne, Martin Goodwin.

Recently departed: Doreen McElroy, Adrian D'Auvin.

Those who are to be remembered at this time: Mary Lee, Harold Graham (Priest), Harry Walsh, Arthur Howlett, Evelyn Coningham, George McGreggor, Hilda Gould (SPG India), Stanley Shaw, Frances Christine Dunning, HM Queen Elizabeth II, Bessie Brancher, Fr. Douglas (SSF), Ethel Clawson, Sharon Sowerby, Betty Clarke, Robert Mountfield, Malcolm John Lace, Henrietta Crossley, George Houldin, Thomas Qualtrough, Alan Turner, Bertie Clay, John Elliott, Frederick Sidney Smith, Kathleen Wilkinson, Ronald Shillitoe, Ivan Tomlinson, Marie Antonia

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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, Deuteronomy 30.15-end

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Psalm 1

Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the assembly of the scornful. Their delight is in the law of the Lord and they meditate on his law day and night. Like a tree planted by streams of water bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither, whatever they do, it shall prosper. As for the wicked, it is not so with them; they are like chaff which the wind blows away. Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement, nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall perish.

Second Reading, Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love - and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your

consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother - especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord.

No one comes to the Father except through me.

Alleluia.

Gospel, Luke 14.25-33

Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

Benedicite

Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord you heavens:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord you angels of the Lord:
bless the Lord all you his hosts;

Bless the Lord you waters above the heavens:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Post Communion

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Creationtide from 1st September to 4th October. What will be going on at St Faith's and St Mary's?

As well as there being a Creation theme in the hymns, prayers and sermons during September, there will be a few other ways in which we can observe this wonderful season:

- The Holy Rosary will be said on the 7th and the 28th September at 9:45am, during which there will also be prayers for God's creation.
- During the four Sundays in September, at the end of the Angelus, we will say a section from the Benedicite, which is a prayer which celebrates the beauty of Creation – thanks go to Judy Riley for this wonderful suggestion.
- A Fair-Trade Coffee and Tea Tasting will be held after the service on Sunday 28th September at St Faith's.
- A Pet Service will take place at St Mary's at 11am, on Saturday 4th October, which is the Feast of St Francis.