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| **14th September****Holy Cross Day**  |  *Welcome!* |
| **Sunday and Weekday Service** |  |

**The Collect**

Almighty God, who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake;

who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Hymns**

510 Morning has broken

393 Jesus' love is very wonderful

205 From heaven you came

820 When I survey the wondrous cross

**First Reading,** *Numbers 21.4-9*

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, ‘Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.’ Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, ‘We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.’ So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, ‘Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.’ So Moses made a serpent of bronze and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

**Second Reading,** *Philippians 2.6-11*

Jesus Christ was divine, yet though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Gospel,** *John 3.13-17*

Jesus said: No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

**Benedicite**

Bless the Lord sun and moon:

bless the Lord you stars of heaven;

Bless the Lord all rain and dew:

sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord all winds that blow:

bless the Lord you fire and heat;

Bless the Lord scorching wind and bitter cold:

sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord dews and falling snows:

bless the Lord you nights and days;

bless the Lord light and darkness:

sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

**Post Communion**

Faithful God, whose Son bore our sins in his body on the tree and gave us this sacrament to show forth his death until he comes: give us grace to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our hope, who reigns as Lord, now and for ever.

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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 Bede with St Clement, St Luke in the City Team (St Bride, St Dunstan Edge Hill, St Michael in the City), Pleasant Street School, Smithdown Road School, Micah Liverpool Foodbank, St Cleopas & St Gabriel Dingle, St Cleopas School, St James in the City, St Hilda’s School, Archbishop Blanch School, St Margaret of Antioch Toxteth, Windsor Community School, Christ Church, Toxteth Park.**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.**Recently departed:** is there anybody to add here?**For the departed remembered at this time:** Jack Howson, Lucy Gibney, Isabella Webster, Gwen Jarvis, Robert Acton, Majorie Gaston, Hilda Hughes.**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!
* **Christmas Cards:** Janet Bissex is taking orders for Traidcraft Christmas cards - see leaflets at the back of church. She will send for them at the end of September.
* **St. Mary's Tuesday Club: Tuesday 16th September** at **2:30pm** in Meeting Room (Meeting and birthday party) and **Tuesday 30th****September** at **2:30pm** (Meeting Room - Rev. Jackie Parry).

**Events*** **Our Lady of Walsingham Group Meeting:** Our first meeting of the Autumn is **2-4pm** on **Saturday 20th September** in the Mackert Room at St Faith's. Prayer, discussion, fellowship & refreshments for all! In keeping with Creationtide, the beauty of God’s world & how we can care for it better will be our topic for the afternoon.
* **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 Morning:** St. Mary's are hosting a MacMillan Coffee Morning on **Thursday 25th September** at **10.30am** to **12 noon**. All welcome.

**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.

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| **Services at St Mary’s** |  |
| This Sunday 10:00am, Eucharist **Holy Cross Day** | Janet Bissex |
| Monday, 4:00pm**Evening Prayer** | Jill McElroy |
| Wednesday, 10:30am**Eucharist** | Peter Walker |
| Next Sunday 10:00am, Eucharist **Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist** | Peter Walker |

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**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 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.