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| **7th September****Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**  |  *Welcome!* |
| **Sunday and Weekday Service** |  |

**The Collect**

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Hymns**

45 As we are gathered

334 I heard the voice of Jesus say

675 Spirit of the living God

430 Let there be love

**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.

**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.

**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.

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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 Mary Prescot, St Paul Prescot, 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.**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:** Amy Coakes, Gordon Shearer, Jessie Shearer, Irene Taylor, Harold Cox, James Leach, Joseph Rogan, George Hose.**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!

**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 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 10:30am, all-age café style Eucharist **Twelfth Sunday after Trinity** | Peter Walker |
| Monday, 4:00pm**Evening Prayer** | Jill McElroy |
| Wednesday, 10:30am**Eucharist** | Janet Bissex |
| Next Sunday 10:00am, Eucharist **Holy Cross Day** | Janet Bissex |

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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 7th and 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.