



ST FAITH'S
GREAT CROSBY

Holy Cross Day
Sunday 14th September 2025

Hymns

58 The Royal Banners forward go
353 Eternal Ruler
67 When I survey, the wondrous cross
72 Lift High the Cross

Notices

The Blessed Sacrament lamp burns this week in memory of Anne Crew, dearly beloved wife of Norman. **R.I.P.**

100 Club: Congratulations to our 100 Club draw winners for September: 1st Prize (£85) – Katie Loan; 2nd Prize (£45) – Revd Denise; 3rd Prize (£30) – James Crooke. Remember that you have to be in it to win it! For membership details, please contact David Jones or email him at david.jones@stfaithsgc.org.uk.

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.

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>.

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

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 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 Holy Cross Day	Fr. Steve Hall Judith Aveling
Wednesday 17th September, 10:30am Eucharist at St Mary's	Fr. Peter Walker
Thursday 18th September, 12 noon Low Mass	Fr. Dennis Smith
Next Sunday 11:00am, Eucharist Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	Fr. Louis Johnson Paula Lampard <i>Readings: Proverbs 3.13-18, Psalm 119.65-72, 2 Corinthians 4.1-6, Matthew 9.9-13</i>

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Please keep in your prayers

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.

Parish: Local schools: Merchant Taylors' Schools, St John's School, Sacred Heart School, Forefield Lane, St Michael's School, Chesterfield High.

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: Sister Elizabeth, Anne Crew, Harriet Kendall, May Little, Ethel McCormack, Rosemary Skinner, Gertrude Tottey, Barbara Hayes, Peter Weymouth, Aidan Mayoss CR (Priest), Alfred Boothroyd, Edgar Preston, Philip Bretherton, Ron Rankin, May Elms, Frederick Howard Keatch (Priest), George Douglas Wallace, Helena Mary Costin.

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.

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.

Psalms 22.23-28

Praise the Lord, you that fear him; O seed of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, O seed of Israel. For he has not despised nor abhorred the suffering of the poor; neither has he hidden his face from them; but when they cried to him, he heard them. From you comes my praise in the great congregation; I will perform my vows in the presence of those that fear you. The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord shall praise him; their hearts shall live for ever. All the ends of the earth shall remember and

turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him. For the kingdom is the Lord's and he rules over the nations.

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.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia.

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.

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.