



ST FAITH'S
GREAT CROSBY

**Bible Sunday – The Last Sunday
after Trinity**
Sunday 26th October 2025

Hymns

23 Be still for the presence of the Lord
163 Lord for the years
232 Seek ye first
83 God is working his purpose out

Notices

The Blessed Sacrament Lamp burns this week in loving memory of Jim Burgess (Vergar) and George Houldin (Diocesan Lay Reader) – two faithful parishioners who contributed much to the life and worship of St Faith's over many years. **R.I.P.**

All Souls Service: On Sunday 2nd November we will be having a service of Commemoration for All Souls' at 5:00pm. During this service, there will be an opportunity to light a candle to remember departed loved ones, and we will also read out the names of anyone you would like to be remembered and offer them up in prayer. There will be a list at the back of church, so please add the names of anyone you would like to be prayed for at this service.

Could you be our new Parish Hall Secretary? We are looking for a volunteer to be the first point of contact to take and arrange bookings for our busy Parish Hall in Milton Road, Waterloo. This involves liaising with enquirers about their bookings, sending out our list of hire charges, sending and receiving our hire agreement, and coordinating opening/closing routines with church volunteers - most of this can be done entirely over email, and you will be given a specific church email address to use for this purpose. If you are interested in this role, please email the Treasurer, David Jones, 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.

100 Club: If you would like to join the 100 Club, please ask David Jones for details, or email him at david.jones@stfaithsgc.org.uk

Christmas Tree Festival: We will be re-establishing the ever-popular Christmas Tree Festival this year from 3rd to 7th December. The committee are working hard to make sure that the Festival will mark the start of Advent with a colourful few days of music, food and hospitality! You can help too with offers of help, and donations of bottles and good quality gifts for the raffle. See Rick for more information and watch this space for more details as the countdown continues!

Art Class at St Faith's: Learn to paint and draw with Jo! Tuesdays 4:00pm – 6:00pm, upstairs at St Faith's Hall. There are still a few places left! Please contact Jo for further details or to book your space – 07779 799 215 / jorobinhood@gmail.com. £7 for a 2-hour session (term time only).

Card Sales: £43.10 was raised for church funds from card sales. Do remember to buy a card from us, if you can. Suggested minimum donation of £1.00 - Paddington Bear says thank you too!

Children's Mission: St. Mary's are hoping to deliver Messy Church at St. John's School on 1st December and Experience Christmas on 26th and 27th November. We are short of volunteers and may have to cancel these events. If anyone can help even with some of these dates or for a few hours, it would mean we can deliver these important events. Volunteers would have to get a DBS certificate and undergo some safeguarding training. If you can help, please speak to Fr. Louis or Jill McElroy.

Events

Neon Extravaganza Light Party: StoryHouse Church are hosting a **FREE** neon extravaganza Light Party – a family friendly celebration packed with fun, music, and glow-in-the-dark excitement! **Friday 31st October, 5:30pm – 7:00pm** at Eshe Road United Reformed Church.

Beetle Drive: Back by popular demand! St Faith's Church Hall **Saturday 15th November at 3pm.** £3 with tea and scone in aid of church funds. New revised rules! Please see Corinne Hedgecock for tickets.

This Week's Services

This Sunday 11:00am, Eucharist Bible Sunday - The Last Sunday after Trinity	Fr. Steve Hall
Monday 27th October, 9:30am Morning Prayer	Fr. Louis Johnson
Wednesday 29th October, 10:30am Eucharist at St Mary's	Fr. Peter Cowley

Thursday 30th October, 12 noon Low Mass	Fr. Louis Johnson
Next Sunday, 9:40am Rosary Prayer Group, Chapel of the Cross	Judy Riley
Next Sunday 11:00am, Eucharist All Saints	Fr. Louis Johnson <i>Readings: Daniel 7.1-3, 15-18, Psalm 149, Ephesians 1.11-23, Luke 6.20-31</i>
Next Sunday, 5:00pm, Service for All Souls	

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Please keep in your prayers

The Diocese: St John, Birkdale, St Francis of Assisi, Kew, Kew Woods School, St Stephen in the Banks and St Cuthbert North Meols, St Stephen's School, Emmanuel Southport and St John Crossens, Larkfield School, St John's School, All Saints, Southport, Holy Trinity Southport.

Parish: Myers Road East, Myers Road West, Crosby Road North, Belvidere Road, College Avenue, College 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 Deeprose, Holly Keira Barnes, Ken Welsby, Martin Goodwin, Evie Dunne.

Recently departed: George Johnson.

Those who are to be remembered at this time: William Temple (Archbishop), John Henry Hamilton (Priest), Laura Rankin, Fr. Crispin Harrison, Stephen Garry, Doug Taylor, Audrey Little, Colin Duncan, Neil Morgan, Janet May Graham, Elizabeth Smith, Bill Newsham, Barbara Child, Annie Pilkinton, Victoria Currie, Maud Markham, Gordon Hill, Hartley Mayson, Hilda Mary Clough, Frederick Basil Nye, Eileen Payne.

The Collect

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading, Isaiah 45.22-end

Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn, from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness a word that shall not return: 'To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.' Only in the Lord, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; all who were incensed against him shall come to him and be ashamed. In the Lord all the offspring of Israel shall triumph and glory.

Psalm 119.129-136

Response (congregation):-

Lead me, O Lord, in the path of your commandments.

Your testimonies are wonderful;
therefore my soul keeps them.
The opening of your word gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.

Lead me, O Lord, in the path of your commandments.

I open my mouth and draw in my breath,
as I long for your commandments.
Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as is your way with those who love your name.

Lead me, O Lord, in the path of your commandments.

Order my steps by your word,
and let no wickedness have dominion over me.
Redeem me from earthly oppressors

so that I may keep your commandments.

Lead me, O Lord, in the path of your commandments.

Show the light of your countenance upon your servant
and teach me your statutes.

My eyes run down with streams of water,
because the wicked do not keep your law.

Lead me, O Lord, in the path of your commandments.

Second Reading, Romans 15.1-6

We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Each of us must please our neighbour for the good purpose of building up the neighbour. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, 'The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.' For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord.
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia.

Gospel, Luke 4.16-24

When Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum." And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown.

Post Communion

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.