



ST FAITH'S
GREAT CROSBY

Christ the King
Sunday 23rd November 2025

Hymns

345 Christ is the King!
147 Crown him with many crowns
139 Rejoice the Lord is King
263 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour

Notices

The Blessed Sacrament Lamp burns this week in loving memory of William George Johnson, beloved Grandad of Father Louis, and special patriarch of all their family.

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.

Contactless donations: We now have a contactless device for donations at the back of church. Just select your donation and tap your debit card or phone on the top. All donations gratefully received!

Sefton Churches' Christmas Toy Appeal: The annual toy appeal is once again being facilitated by St Nicholas's Church this year. Hardships faced by needy families continue and donations will be gratefully received. We need new toys for children of all ages. Gift vouchers are helpful as gifts for the teenagers. Please do not wrap the gifts as they need to be sorted for age groups and gender. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate

to contact Liz Sinker on 07796628901/alsinker@hotmail.com. We will be collecting for this appeal during our service on Sunday 30th November, so please do bring donations along, and we will arrange for them to be delivered to St Nicholas Church.

Movement for Good: Nominate St Faith's Church on Benefact Group Movement for Good for a chance for us to win £1,000 towards church funds. Closing date is 15th December.

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

Christmas Tree Festival: Come and see our wonderfully decorated real Christmas trees from 3rd to 6th December. The committee are working hard to make sure 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. Free admission!

Advent Course: St Mary's will again be holding an Advent Course this year. Details below:-

- Dates: Mondays, December 1st 8th , 15th
- Place: St Mary's meeting room, Brooklands Avenue
- Time: 2:30pm until 3:45pm (approx.) to be followed by a short service of Evening Prayer

The course will explore prayer through the lens of some of the big themes from the season of Advent and will allow us to practice writing some prayers for ourselves.

- December 1st : The Magnificat - Mary's prayer and it's place in our Christian journey.
- December 8th : Who? Where? How? What? - thinking around intercessions and a chance to write our own.
- December 15th : The Incarnation - what does it mean to us? How does it influence our prayer life?

We look forward to welcoming all who wish to join us for a prayerful and hopefully stimulating Advent!

This Week's Services

This Sunday 11:00am, Eucharist Christ the King	Fr. Dennis Smith
Monday 24th November, 9:30am Morning Prayer	Fr. Louis Johnson
Wednesday 26th November, 10:30am Eucharist at St Mary's	Rev. Janet Bissex
Thursday 27th November, 12 noon Low Mass	Fr. Steve Hall
Next Sunday 11:00am, Eucharist Advent Sunday	Fr. Louis Johnson Fr. Steve Hall <i>Readings: Isaiah 2.1-5, Psalm 122, Romans 13.11-end, Matthew 24.36-44</i>

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Please keep in your prayers

The Diocese: St John, Chrysostom, St Peter, Everton, Faith School, St Mary with St Athanasius, Kirkdale, St Lawrence, Kirkdale, Our Lady and St Nicholas, Liverpool, Christchurch and Holy Trinity, Walton Beck, Four Oaks School.

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 Deepprose, Holly Keira Barnes, Ken Welsby, Martin Goodwin, Evie Dunne.

Those who are to be remembered at this time: Mary Elizabeth Houldin, Maria Higgins, Margaret Bowen, Patricia Rossiter, Peter Little, Clifford Knowles (Priest), Frederick James Western (Bishop), Charles Whitnall, Marjorie Ellis, Ted Lancaster, Norah Carrick, Kevin Walsh, Gwilym Roberts, Mary Minor, William Blundell, Phyllis Vinson, Nellie Dyson.

The Collect

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading, Jeremiah 23.1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Psalms 46

Response (congregation):-

Response: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble;
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains tremble in the heart of the sea;
Though the waters rage and swell,
And though the mountains quake at the towering seas.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place of the dwelling of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; therefore shall she not be removed;

God shall help her at the break of day.

The nations are in uproar and the kingdoms are shaken,

but God utters his voice and the earth shall melt away.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

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Come and behold the works of the Lord,
what destruction he has wrought upon the earth.

He makes wars to cease in all the world;

he shatters the bow and snaps the spear

and burns the chariots in the fire.

'Be still, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.'

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Second Reading, Colossians 1.11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers - all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

The word of the Lord endures for ever.

The word of the Lord is the good news announced to you.

Alleluia.

Gospel, Luke 23.33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

Post Communion

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



st Faiths Church

Christmas Tree Festival

3rd – 6th December

Come and see our wonderfully
decorated real Christmas trees

Each one supported by an
important charity

Light refreshments, homemade
cakes, jams, and gifts and also a
raffle

FREE ADMISSION!!!



Opening Times

3rd – 6th December

1pm – 5pm

Wednesday 3rd, Thursday 4th,
Friday 5th December

7pm – 9pm

Thursday 4th December
Military brass band carol service

10am – 4pm

Saturday 6th December

3pm

Saturday 6th December
Raffle drawn!