



ST FAITH'S
GREAT CROSBY

The Sunday next before Lent
Sunday 15th February 2026

Hymns

23 Be still, for the presence of the Lord

198 How great thou art

24 Be still, my soul

12 Amazing Grace

Notices

The Blessed Sacrament Lamp burns this week in loving memory of Archie Pattison, Lay Reader, and Anne Perry, both of whom were Sunday School teachers. They made a great contribution to the life of St Faith's. **R.I.P.**

If you wish to return your dried, blessed palm crosses from last year, please give them to Fr Louis or David Jones. They will be burned to make the ash for Wednesday.

Book of Remembrance: If you wish to have a loved one commemorated in the Book of Remembrance, please ask for a form. The book, in the Chapel of the Cross, is turned every week of the year. You are invited to make a donation in loving memory.

Congratulations to our 100 Club winners for February: 1st prize (£90) – Helen Kibbey; 2nd prize (£45) – Bill & Barbara Dagnall; 3rd prize (£30) – Tommy Cleary. Membership details are available from David Jones by emailing him at david.jones@stfaithsgc.org.uk.

Donations and Giving: We rely on generous individual giving for much of our income at St Faith's. If you are a UK taxpayer, donations can be Gift Aided to provide additional benefit to the church. If you worship here regularly then please consider joining the Parish Giving Scheme by using this link - <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/great-crosby-st-faith-liverpool/> . There is a contactless donation point at the back of church for phone or card use.

St Faith's Charity Fundraising: If you have any further suggestions as to which charities you would like to nominate to benefit from some fundraising, local and national, please pass them to Denise Darcy today. There are paper and pens on the tables at the back of church. Thank you.

Grand Bring & Buy Sale will take place after the Eucharist on **Sunday 22nd February**. Enjoy browsing and buying during coffee time. Begin a Holy Lent by raising money to help others. It is fine to bring items on the day!

Litter Pick: Please note that the litter pick will now take place on **Sunday 22nd February at 12:30pm**. Please bring your coats and gardening gloves for a litter pick after the church service. Litter grabbing devices and hoops will be provided. Just bring bags of energy!

Benefice Lent Courses

We are running two courses in the benefice during Lent:

'Hear my prayer': a **five-week course** on **Monday afternoons** at **2.30pm**, held at **St Mary's** - this will explore different approaches to prayer, and finish with an opportunity to write some prayers of our own for use at Easter. Week 1 - Introduction to Prayer; Week 2 - Collects; Week 3 - The Psalms; Week 4 - Intercessions; Week 5 - Composing Prayers for Easter.

'Draw Near': a **five-week course** on **Monday evenings** at **6.30pm**, held at **St Faith's** - this will explore how we can cultivate habits and practices that will draw us nearer to God. Week 1 - Sharing in Prayer; Week 2 - Sharing the Scriptures; Week 3 - Sharing Communion; Week 4 - Sharing in Service; Week 5 - Sharing the Good News.

During Lent, we will also be offering a weekly meditative service of **Stations of the Cross** on **Wednesday evenings** at **6.30pm**, at **St Faith's**; this will be preceded by a weekly service of **Holy Communion** using the liturgy from the **Book of Common Prayer** at **5.30pm**, also at **St Faith's**.

Please see our new 'Upcoming Services and Events' section below for further information about dates and times - and please keep checking this new section as future worship and community occasions are announced (including our planned activities for Holy Week).

Upcoming Services and Events in the Benefice/Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 17th February, 6pm at St Mary's - Pancakes for Shrove Tuesday, followed by Quiz.

Wednesday 18th February, 10.30am at St Mary's - Eucharist for Ash Wednesday (with the imposition of ashes).

Wednesday 18th February, 7pm at St Faith's - Eucharist for Ash Wednesday (with the imposition of ashes) .

Mondays 23rd February, 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd March, 2.30pm at St Mary's - Lent Course 'Hear my prayer'.

Mondays 23rd February, 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd March, 6.30pm at St Faith's - Lent Course 'Draw Near'.

Wednesdays 25th February, 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th March, 5.30pm at St Faith's - Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion.

Wednesdays 25th February, 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th March, 6.30pm at St Faith's - Stations of the Cross.

This Week's Services

This Sunday 11:00am, Eucharist The Sunday next before Lent	Fr. Dennis Smith Rev. Denise McDougall
Monday 16th February, 9:00am Morning Prayer	Fr. Louis Johnson
Wednesday 18th February, 10:30am Eucharist at St Mary's (with Imposition of Ashes)	Fr. Louis Johnson
Wednesday 18th February, 7:00pm Eucharist (with Imposition of Ashes)	Fr. Steve Hall Rev. Judith Aveling
Thursday 19th February, 12 noon Eucharist	Fr. Louis Johnson
Next Sunday, 11:00am, Eucharist The First Sunday of Lent	Fr. Louis Johnson <i>Readings: Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7, Psalm 32, Romans 5.12-19, Matthew 4.1-11</i>

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Please keep in your prayers

The Diocese: Lowton and Golborne Team Ministry: St Thomas Golborne, St Luke Lowton, St Mary Lowton, St Thomas Golborne, St Mary Primary Lowton, St Luke Lowton, St Peter Newton Le Willows, All Hallows Allerton, All Saints Childwall, St Mark

Childwall Valley, St Aiden Speke, All Saints Speke, Liverpool All Souls Springwood, St Mary Grassendale, Gateacre Team: St Stephen, St Mark Childwall Valley.

Parish: Winstanley Road, Glenwyllin Road, Knightway, Kingswood Avenue, Parkfield Road, Royton Road, Middleton Road, Queensway, Kingsway.

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, Churches in the South Sefton Deanery, and local ecumenical partners.

Those who are sick: Joan McKortel, Alistair Byron, Angie Price, Susie Greenwood, Jill Deeprose, Holly Keira Barnes, Ken Welsby, Martin Goodwin, Evie Dunne.

The recently departed: Rita Hezel, Stephanie Worrall, Moira Peet.

Those who are to be remembered at this time: Violet Cottam, William Bickerton Walker, Gertrude Storer, George Gilford Snr, Jo Cox (MP), Effie French, Eliza Ann Wilkinson, Martin Sutcliffe, Derek George Edgar (Priest), Sidney Singer (Priest), Rev J. Stuart Bell, Elizabeth Forshaw, Kay Bower, Eileen Gould, Robert Battersby, Margaret Lucas, Daphne Price, Samuel James Wilkinson, Rev John Schofield, William Joseph Johnson, William George Cresswell, Melais Marriott, Arthur James Houldin, Nicholas Bourner, Sally Scowcroft, Phoebe Johnson, Audrey Joyce Jones.

The Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading, Exodus 24.12-end

The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.' Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord

was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Psalm 2

Response (congregation):-

Happy are all who take their refuge in him.

Why are the nations in tumult,
and why do the peoples devise a vain plot?
The kings of the earth rise up, and the rulers take counsel together,
against the Lord and against his anointed:
'Let us break their bonds asunder
and cast away their cords from us.'

Happy are all who take their refuge in him.

He who dwells in heaven shall laugh them to scorn;
the Lord shall have them in derision.
Then shall he speak to them in his wrath
and terrify them in his fury:
'Yet have I set my king
upon my holy hill of Zion.'

Happy are all who take their refuge in him.

I will proclaim the decree of the Lord;
he said to me: 'You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.
'Ask of me and I will give you the nations for your inheritance
and the ends of the earth for your possession.
'You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.'

Happy are all who take their refuge in him.

Now therefore be wise, O kings;
be prudent, you judges of the earth.
Serve the Lord with fear, and with trembling kiss his feet,
lest he be angry and you perish from the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
Happy are all they who take refuge in him.

Happy are all who take their refuge in him.

Second Reading, 2 Peter 1.16-end

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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, Matthew 17.1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' 8And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

Post Communion

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.