



ST FAITH'S
GREAT CROSBY

The Second Sunday of Lent
Sunday 1st March 2026

Hymns

203 O Praise ye the Lord
212 Who would true valour see
192 Praise my Soul
237 Take up thy cross

Notices

The Blessed Sacrament lamp burns this week in memory of Duncan Baddeley Haughton, beloved father of Carla. He was a faithful Eucharistic Minister at St Faith's for many years and was quick to notice when jobs to secure the building needed doing. He was a greatly valued member of our congregation. **R.I.P.**

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.

100 Club: The March 100 Club Draw will be drawn after this morning's service. Membership is still open for our 100 Club! For membership details, please ask David Jones, or email him at david.jones@stfaithsgc.org.uk.

Thank You: Many thanks to all who attended the Carol Service as part of the Christmas Tree Festival. £571.72 was raised in the collection which was split between Combat Stress, BLESMA and Royal British Legion.

Meeting on Wednesday 4th March 7.30pm: Speaker: Ian Whiteside ex 4 Para. who works with Beacon Counselling Trust with responsibility for Armed Forces Gambling Support Network (AFGSN). This assists Service personnel and Veterans who look for help with Gambling addictions, which are seen as prevalent in many service settings. It is encouraging to hear about the initiatives which are taking place.

Charity Fundraising: Thank you for all your nominations. The organisations chosen for 2026 are Sefton Community Pantry, the Liverpool Seafarers Centre, the Marine Conservation Society and the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation. These organisations

will each receive an equal share of any monies raised throughout the year.

The Holy Rosary: Thank you to everyone who put prayers and intentions on the board this month. They have now been removed and remembered in our intercessions. The board is now clear for new prayers, which will be remembered at the next Rosary, on Easter Day.

Bring & Buy: Thank you all for your very generous gifts. The sale went extremely well, but there are still a few lovely things to tempt you, and Angela has made more delicious cakes to enjoy with your coffee. Please help us sell everything! The Grand Total for Church Funds will be announced next week.

Events

Saturday 18th April, 10:30am to 12:30pm: St. Faith's Church Hall. 'Brew and Bake 'Combat Stress. (Organised by the forces prayer group).

Charity Fundraising Event: Our first Charity Fundraising Event will be soup and sandwich after the service on **Sunday 8th March**. The cost for this will be £6. Please sign the list at the back of the church if you are able to come and let one of the catering team know if you have any dietary requirements. You can also contact Barbara on 07967 495 364.

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:

Sundays: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd March, 6pm, St Faith's – Compline.

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

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

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

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This Week's Services

This Sunday 11:00am, Eucharist The Second Sunday of Lent	Fr. Peter Cowley
This Sunday, 6:00pm Compline	Dr. Judith Aveling
Monday 2nd March, 10:30am Morning Prayer (with Fit for Mission Clergy Leadership Team)	Fr. Louis Johnson
Wednesday 4th March, 10:30am Eucharist at St Mary's	Fr. Louis Johnson
Wednesday 4th March, 5:30pm BCP Holy Communion	Fr. Louis Johnson
Wednesday 4th March, 6:30pm Stations of the Cross	Fr. Steve Hall
Thursday 5th March, 12 noon Eucharist	Fr. Steve Hall
Next Sunday, 11:00am, Eucharist The Third Sunday of Lent	Fr. Louis Johnson Paula Lampard <i>Readings: Exodus 17.1-7, Psalm 95, Romans 5.1-11, John 4.5-42</i>
Next Sunday, 6:00pm Compline	Dr. Judith Aveling

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Please keep in your prayers

The Diocese: St Hilda Hunts Cross, St Nicholas and St Mary Halewood, St Mary Halewood, St Nicholas Halewood, St Anne Aigburth, St Barnabas Penny Lane, St Michael Garston, St Matthew and St James Mossley Hill, St Peter Much Woolton, Bishop Martin Woolton.

Parish: Allenby Avenue, Rutherglen Avenue, Parkway, Glenby Avenue, Dorbett Drive, Derwent 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, 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: Philip Barber (Priest).

Those who are to be remembered at this time: Clare Nixon, John Gadsby (Priest), Joyce Mary Maguire, Doris Rutherford, Keith Morgan, Neil Morgan, Vi Finlay, Margaret Winkley, Ken Ronson, Maud Williams (age 103), Muriel Goodwin, Dennis Dewsbury, Janet Heather, Mabs Hughes, Ann Martin, Dorothea Florence Barton, Bishop David Sheppard, John Pierce, Sid Stephens, Ethel Drinkwater, Henry Smith, Alice Pilkington, Rosie Walker.

The Collect

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ,

who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading, Genesis 12.1-4a

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Psalm 121

Response (congregation):-

My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heav'n and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the Lord,
The maker of heaven and earth.

My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heav'n and earth.

He will not suffer your foot to stumble;
he who watches over you will not sleep.
Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep.

My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heav'n and earth.

The Lord himself watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
So that the sun shall not strike you by day,
neither the moon by night.

My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heav'n and earth.

The Lord shall keep you from all evil;
it is he who shall keep your soul.
The Lord shall keep watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth for evermore.

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Second Reading, Romans 4.1–5, 13–17

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') - in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

The Lent Prose

Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us;
for we have sinned against thee
(The Choir or a solo voice sings the Versicle)
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Gospel, John 3.1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? 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.

Post Communion

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.