



ST FAITH'S
GREAT CROSBY

Mothering Sunday
Sunday 15th March 2026

Hymns

157 Let there be loved shared among us
164 Lord Jesus Christ
2 A new commandment
163 Lord for the years

Notices

The Blessed Sacrament lamp burns this week in memory of David Cawley, brother of Christine Spence, missed by all his family and friends. **R.I.P.**

100 Club: We have had some new members recently so why not join them? For membership details, please ask David Jones or email him at david.jones@stfaithsgc.org.uk.

Thank You: Thank you so much to everybody who supported our soup and sandwich event last Sunday. A delicious lunch and fellowship was enjoyed by all. Special thanks to the catering team and to Angela for donating the proceeds of her lemon curd sales. We raised £224.70 for our chosen charities. What a fantastic start to our fundraising! The winner of the bunny rabbit jar was Sue (choir). There were 38 chocolates in the jar which was won by Audrey who re-donated the prize. Sue's number was then chosen at random.

Events

Events in our Deanery:

There will be an Evensong service with Lynn Rogers and the Southport U3A Choir at St Matthew's Church, Bootle on **Sunday 22nd March** - all are welcome!

Free English lessons at St Matthew's Church, Bootle every Tuesday 3pm to 5pm, starting on **Tuesday 14th April**. Contact improveyouenglish2026@outlook.com for information.

Music for Medusa Fundraising Night: Join us on **Saturday 18th April 7pm to 10pm** at St Faith's Parish Hall for a night of live music, good vibes and community spirit, to support Medusa's recovery and reopening costs after their dreadful Christmas Eve fire. Featuring Medusa's own singer/guitarist, Adam Noble, Vinny & The Engineers, vocalist acoustic trio, with a set of modern songs, and The Sinners, a superb local ukulele group. Tickets only £5 - see Corinne Hedgecock for more information or phone: 07510 219 705.

Saturday 9th May, 10:30am to 12:30pm: St. Faith's Church Hall. 'Brew and Bake' to Combat Stress. (Organised by the forces prayer group).

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 **six-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: 15th, 22nd March, 6pm, St Faith's – Compline.

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

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

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

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

This Week's Services

This Sunday 11:00am, Eucharist Mothering Sunday	Rev. Denise McDougall
This Sunday, 6:00pm Compline	Dr. Judith Aveling
Monday 16th March, 9:00am Morning Prayer	Fr. Louis Johnson
Wednesday 18th March, 10:30am Eucharist at St Mary's	Rev. Janet Bissex
Wednesday 18th March, 5:30pm BCP Holy Communion	Fr. Louis Johnson
Wednesday 18th March, 6:30pm Stations of the Cross	Fr. Steve Hall
Thursday 19th March, 12 noon Eucharist	Fr. Louis Johnson
Next Sunday, 11:00am, Eucharist The Fifth Sunday of Lent - Passiontide Begins	Fr. Louis Johnson <i>Readings: Ezekiel 37.1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8.6-11, John 11.1-45</i>
Next Sunday, 6:00pm Compline	Dr. Judith Aveling

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Please keep in your prayers

The Diocese: Christ Church Southport, The Ascension, Woolston, Birchwood, Woolston, St Paul, Penketh, St Philip Westbrook, St James Westbrook, St Phillip's, St James, St Mary Great Sankey, Great Sankey School, St Margaret and All Hallows Orford, St Margaret's School.

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, 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, Jan Huyton.

The recently departed: Dorothy Woodward.

Those who are to be remembered at this time: Rita Cooke, Emma Morris, Margery Fairhurst, Charles Macintosh, Joyce Woods, Andrew Hopley, George McKee, Robert Bell (Priest), Herbert Hancock, Lionel Erith (Priest), George Rooke Houldin, Noel Welburn, Harry Waghorn, Frank Bromilow, Emmanuel Dzantenge, Susan Kirkham, John Knight, Wholly Thomas Pickup, Zylpha Kelly, John Shaw, Eleanor Jane Turner, Tom Miller.

The Collect

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading, Exodus 2.1-10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall

I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

Psalm 34: 11-20

Response (congregation):-

○ taste and see, ○ taste and see that the Lord is gracious.

Come my children, and listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
Who is there who delights in life
and longs for days to enjoy good things?

○ taste and see, ○ taste and see that the Lord is gracious.

Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from lying words.
Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.

○ taste and see, ○ taste and see that the Lord is gracious.

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous
and his ears are open to their cry.
The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

○ taste and see, ○ taste and see that the Lord is gracious.

The righteous cry and the Lord hears them
and delivers them out of all their troubles.
The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and will save those who are crushed in spirit.

○ taste and see, ○ taste and see that the Lord is gracious.

Many are the troubles of the righteous;
from them all will the Lord deliver them.
He keeps all their bones,
so that not one of them is broken.

O taste and see, O taste and see that the Lord is gracious.

Second Reading, Colossians 3.12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

(The Choir or a solo voice sings the Versicle)

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Gospel, Luke 2.33-35

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

Post Communion

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.