

# St. Mary's, Waterloo Park

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**26<sup>th</sup> April**  
**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday and Weekday Service**

*Welcome!*

## **The Collect**

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## **Hymns**

337 Jesus is Lord

432 Let us build a house

747 There's a wideness in God's mercy

383 Jesus, good above all other

## **First Reading, Acts 2.42-end**

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

## **Second Reading, 1 Peter 2.19-end**

For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

## **Gospel, John 10.1-10**

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again, Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.'

## **Post Communion**

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always

under his protection and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Intercessions**

**The World:** For peace in all areas of conflict in the world. For those affected by fires, floods 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.

**The Church:** The unity of all Christians everywhere. Archbishops Stephen and Sarah, Bishop Ruth, Archdeacon Pete. Churches in the South Sefton Deanery, and local ecumenical partners.

**The Diocese:** St Thomas the Martyr, Westhead, St Thomas the Martyr School, St James, Westhead, Lathom St James School, Holy Trinity Bickerstaffe, Bickerstaffe School, St Cuthbert, Halsall, St Cuthbert's School.

**For those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit:** Hewie, Graham Forrest, Olga Gregor, Jess Farrell, Edith Keeton, Joy Billington, Revd. Gregor Cuff.

**The recently departed:** Elsie Joyce Doyle.

**For the departed remembered at this time:** William, Mathias, Willilam Taylor, Agnes Campbell, Martha Horsefield, June Birch, Stanley Wightman, Mary Moore, Rita Beswarick, Frank Grout.

### **Notices:**

- **Please Note:** On 3<sup>rd</sup> May we will **NOT** be at St. Mary's. There is a joint service at Christ Church at 10:30am with Bishop Ruth preaching, and a buffet lunch to follow.
- **Table Sale:** There will be a table sale at St Mary's on **16<sup>th</sup> May** with all profits going to church funds. St. Mary's will have a table if you

have any surplus items to sell and a spare half hour to man the table.

### Events in our Deanery:

- **Quiz Night at St Mary's Hall:** Quiz Night with Fish & Chip Supper on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** from **6:00pm** in St Mary's Hall. Bring your own drinks, with a game of bingo in the break! Tickets are £10 each. Please contact Joy Roderick on 07851 610 559.
- **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm:** Armed Forces Prayer group - Chapel of the Cross, Saint Faith's followed by refreshments.
- **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May, 10:30am to 12:30pm:** St. Faith's Church Hall. 'Brew and Bake' to Combat Stress. (Organised by the forces prayer group). Cake and a cuppa plus take away cake to buy.
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- **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 1:00pm:** Back by popular demand! Beetle Drive at St Faith's Church Hall. Tickets £5 from Corinne Hedgecock to include cream scone and coffee/tea. New revised rules! Please give this your support, as it's in aid of church funds. Please contact 07510 219 705 or email [hall@stfaithsgc.org](mailto:hall@stfaithsgc.org) for further info or to purchase tickets.

| <b>Services at St Mary's</b>   |                                    |
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| This Sunday 10:00am, Eucharist<br><b>The Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> | Janet Bissex                       |
| This Sunday, 4:00pm  | Louis Johnson<br>Rev. Amanda Bruce |

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| <b>Sefton Larger Single Parish Prayer Service</b>                                      | Rev. Kate Greaves              |
| Monday, 4:00pm<br><b>Evening Prayer</b>  | Louis Johnson                  |
| Wednesday, 10:30am<br><b>Eucharist</b>   | Louis Johnson                  |
| Thursday, 9:45am<br><b>Churches Together in Crosby and Waterloo Ecunimcial Prayers</b> | Fr. Louis Johnson              |
| Next Sunday 10:30am, Eucharist<br><b>Christ Church with St John Patronal Festival</b>  | Fr. Gregor Cuff<br>Bishop Ruth |

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# SEFTON NORTH AND SOUTH UPDATE BULLETIN



**April 2026**

- A **buildings information session** has been scheduled for **April 18<sup>th</sup>, 10am at St Oswald's Church**. This will be run by buildings strategy manager Craig Walker, and is an opportunity to **learn more about the Right Buildings process** and ask any questions. Information sessions on communications and Cultivate will be announced soon!
- **Helen MacKenzie has begun to meet with the churchwardens**, with the next meeting taking place on **May 21<sup>st</sup> at St Oswald's**. These meetings allow Helen to engage with the churchwardens and support their work. All **churchwardens are welcome to attend!**
- A **joint worship event** will be taking place at St Faith's Church, Crosby Road North on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 4pm**. This is a space for congregations across the Larger Single Parish to **come together in worship** and all are warmly invited.

## Have any questions?

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