



ST FAITH'S
GREAT CROSBY

The Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday 19th April 2026

Hymns

79 Christ the Lord is risen again
80 Alleluia, Alleluia hearts to heaven
83 Love's redeeming work is done
73 Ye choirs of new Jerusalem

Notices

The Blessed Sacrament lamp burns this week in loving memory and grateful thanks for all clergy who over the years have ministered Word and Sacrament to the family of St Faith's. **R.I.P.**

100 Club: Congratulations to our 100 Club prize winners in this month's draw: 1st prize (£90) – David Jones; 2nd prize (£45) – Laurence Cleary; 3rd prize (£30) – Rick Walker. Well done! For membership details – and your chance to win prizes – please ask David Jones for details or email him at david.jones@stfaithsgc.org.uk

Revision of Church Electoral Roll: Notice is hereby given that, under the Church Representation Rules, the Church Electoral Roll of the Parish of Great Crosby St Faith will be revised by the Parochial Church Council, ending on **Saturday 25th April 2026**. New application forms for enrolment can be obtained from Corinne Hedgecock, the Electoral Roll Officer. In order for a person to be entitled to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on **10th May 2026** and to take part in its proceedings, an Application Form for enrolment must be returned by the date above for the ending of the revision of the Church Electoral Roll.

Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage takes place in early August: a week of lively worship, teaching, fellowship and fun for 11 to 18 year olds. This year's theme is **GAUDETE - Leaping for Joy!** Any money we raise helps support youngsters from poorer homes to make this wonderful faith journey. The colourful tin is on the coffee table from now until Pentecost – ***please give generously*** - thank you!

Events

Wednesday 6th May at 7:30pm: Armed Forces Prayer group - Chapel of the Cross, Saint Faith's followed by refreshments.

Saturday 9th May, 10:30am to 12:30pm: St. Faith's Church Hall. 'Brew and Bake' in support of Combat Stress. (Organised by the forces prayer group). Cake and a cuppa plus take away cake to buy.

This Week's Services

This Sunday 11:00am, Eucharist The Third Sunday of Easter	Fr. Dennis Smith Paula Lampard
Monday, 9:00am Morning Prayer	Fr. Louis Johnson
Wednesday 22nd April, 10:30am Eucharist at St Mary's	Rev. Janet Bissex
Thursday 23rd April, 12 noon Eucharist	Fr. Dennis Smith
Next Sunday, 11:00am, Eucharist The Fourth Sunday of Easter	Fr. Steve Hall Fr. Louis Johnson <i>Readings: Acts 2.42-end, Psalm 23, 1 Peter 2.19-end John 10.1-10</i>

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Please keep in your prayers

The Diocese: Christ Church, Newburgh, Newburgh School, St Peter and St Paul, Ormskirk, Ormskirk School, All Saints, Rainford, Rainford School, St Mark, Scarisbrick, St Mark's School, Ecumenical Centre, Skelmersdale, Trinity CE/METH Primary School, St Paul, Skelmersdale, Sunflower Nursery.

Parish: Businesses and shops in the area, particularly those along Crosby Road and Stuart 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, Di Jackson, Audrey Dawson.

The recently departed: Simon Jones.

Those who are to be remembered at this time: Louisa Ware, Isabella McKinnon, Canon Mark Luft, Alfred Owen, Leslie Warrington (Priest), Nora Gilmer, Flo Singer, Harold Dawson (Priest), Trevor Huddleston C.R. (Bishop), George Smith, William Royden (Priest), Katharine Pilkington, May Halford, Gertrude Jackson, Percy Watson, Mabel Keefe, Martha Ann Jones, Mary Hardman, Olive Smallwood, John Platt, Walter Charles Reid, Oswald Holmes, Annie Rodewald, David Edwards (Priest), Joyce Wilson.

The Collect

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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, Acts 2.14a,36-41

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.' Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So

those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Psalm 116

Response (congregation):-

I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living, the land of the living.

I love the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my supplication;

because he inclined his ear to me on the day I called to him.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pains of hell took hold of me;

by grief and sorrow was I held.

I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living, the land of the living.

Then I called upon the name of the Lord:

‘O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul.’

Gracious is the Lord and righteous;

our God is full of compassion.

I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living, the land of the living.

The Lord watches over the simple;

I was brought very low and he saved me.

Turn again to your rest, O my soul,

For the Lord has been gracious to you.

I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living, the land of the living.

For you have delivered my soul from death,

my eyes from tears and my feet from falling.

I will walk before the Lord

in the land of the living.

I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living, the land of the living.

Second Reading, 1 Peter 1.17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you

have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Gospel, Luke 24.13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Post Communion

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.