



ST FAITH'S
GREAT CROSBY



The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 26th April 2026

Hymns

143 Jesus prince and saviour
115 I cannot tell
257 The Lord's my shepherd
37 Christ triumphant

Notices

The Blessed Sacrament lamp burns this week in loving memory of George Mattison, loving Husband to Peggy, cherished Dad to Denise, Stephen and Barbara, and precious Grandad to Jennifer. A fun-loving, hard-working family man who is missed every day. **R.I.P.**

Please Note: Christchurch celebrate their Patronal Festival on 3rd May, so there will be no service or lamp dedication at St Faith's that week.

100 Club: Membership is still open for our 100 Club. For membership details – and your chance to win prizes – please ask David Jones for details or email him at david.jones@stfaithsgc.org.uk.

Charity Night: The Charity Music Night on the 18th of April was a great success with a total of £320 raised to be divided between the 4 charities. A great night was had by all, and we are hoping that Vinny & The Engineers and Gordon and The Sinners Ukelele Band will return next year. Thanks to everyone who helped setting up and tidying the hall afterwards – Annie, Barbara, Fr. Steve, Martin, Gary and Rita.

Raffle: £34.00 raised by our raffle in church last Sunday, in aid of church funds. Thanks to everyone who supported this.

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

Saturday 2nd May at 6:00pm: Quiz Night with Fish & Chip Supper 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 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.

Saturday 16th May: Table sale at St Mary's with all profits going to church funds.

Saturday 30th 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 for further info or to purchase tickets.

This Week's Services

This Sunday 11:00am, Eucharist The Fourth Sunday of Easter	Fr. Steve Hall Fr. Louis Johnson
This Sunday, 4:00pm Sefton Larger Single Parish Prayer Service	Fr. Louis Johnson Rev. Amanda Bruce Rev. Kate Greaves
Monday 27th April, 9:30am Morning Prayer	Fr. Louis Johnson
Wednesday 29th April, 10:30am Eucharist at St Mary's	Fr. Louis Johnson
Thursday 30th April, 9:45am Churches Together in Crosby and Waterloo Ecunimcial Prayers	Fr. Louis Johnson
Thursday 30th April, 12 noon Eucharist	Fr. Louis Johnson
Next Sunday, 10:30am, Eucharist Christ Church with St John Patronal Festival	Fr. Gregor Cuff Bishop Ruth

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Please keep in your prayers

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.

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, Martin Goodwin, Jan Huyton, Di Jackson, Audrey Dawson, Gill Welsby.

The recently departed: Simon Jones, Brian Williams, Finnian Garbutt.

Those who are to be remembered at this time: John Owen, Olive Hayes, Winnifred Taylor, Annie Pratt, Claire Hobbs, Audrey Roberts, Betty Springett, Ellen Beard, Brother Raymond Christian SSF 2021, Timothy James Noakes, Robert Woods, Elaine Flynn, Dorothy Green, John Walker, May Butler, Maria Lyon, Madeline Waugh, Margaret Molyneux, Roger Sinclair, Ted Morris, George Henry Cole, Ada Riddick, Margaret Kelly, Pope Francis 1st, Baby Myles Roberts.

The Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

Psalm 23

Response (congregation):-

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore, can I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.
He shall refresh my soul
and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

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.

SEFTON NORTH AND SOUTH UPDATE BULLETIN



April 2026

- A **buildings information session** has been scheduled for **April 18th, 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 21st 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 26th 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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