



ST FAITH'S
GREAT CROSBY



Third Sunday after Trinity Sunday 21st June 2026

Hymns

192 Praise my soul, the King of Heaven
237 Take up Thy Cross
247 I heard the voice of Jesus say
221 Stand up, stand up for Jesus

Notices

The Blessed Sacrament Lamp burns this week in loving memory of Lois and Ernest Gibson, beloved parents of Mary Crooke: precious memories always. **R.I.P.**

Donations and Giving: We rely on generous individual giving for much of our income at St Faith's. If you are a UK taxpayer, donations can be Gift Aided to provide additional benefit to the church and your donation can be inflation linked. If you worship here regularly then please consider joining the Parish Giving Scheme by using this link - <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/great-crosby-st-faith-liverpool/>. There is a contactless donation point at the back of church for phone or card use.

Sunday 28th June: Please note that there will be no service on Sunday 28th June as we will be at the Cathedral for the Ordination Service.

Online Scripture Group: As we return to Sundays of Ordinary Time, you might be interested in joining an online Scripture group that meets each Monday at 7:30pm to study and reflect on the Sunday readings. You can also read a write up of the discussion on martinbennett.substack.com For further details, please contact Martin Bennett on martwinben@gmail.com or 07931902346.

100 Club: Membership is still open for our 100 Club! For membership details, please speak to David Jones or email him at david.jones@stfaithsgc.org.uk.

Blessed Sacrament Memorials: It is just over a year since we re-instituted this scheme. Thank you to everyone who has participated and helped to keep everything running smoothly whilst Judy has been unwell. Last Sunday, Judy was able to gather together the various donations and give David **£105** towards Church funds. This means that since Pentecost 2025, your donations have amounted to **£410.30. Excellent!**

Sefton South Deanery Synod: We have one vacancy now on the Deanery Synod. Richard Woodley has decided not to continue, and we thank him for his past service. It is important that St Faith's has full representation on the Deanery Synod so, if you would like to apply or need to know more, please speak to Fr. Louis or David Jones.

Events

River Voices Concert: All who were at the wonderful Nine lessons and Carols service during Advent will remember the superb vocal contribution from our friends the River Voices choir, with whom our choir hopes to collaborate again soon. They are giving a concert at **7:30pm** on **Friday 26th June** at Formby Methodist Church in Elbow Lane as part of the Formby Lifeboat weekend. No tickets, just donations. They would really appreciate our support, so come and /or tell all your friends!

This Week's Services

This Sunday 11:00am, Eucharist The Third Sunday after Trinity	Rev. Denise McDougall Dr. Judith Aveling
Wednesday 24th June, 10:30am Eucharist at St Mary's	Rev. Janet Bissex
Thursday 25th June, 12:00pm Eucharist	Fr. Louis Johnson

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Please keep in your prayers

The Diocese: St Faith's Great Crosby, Liverpool Seafarers Centre, Y Kids Children's Charity Bootle, Netherton St Oswald, Sefton St Helen, St Oswald Primary School, Christ

Church with St John Waterloo, St John Primary School, St Luke's Crosby, St Luke's School, All Saints with St Frideswyde Thornton, All Saints Children's Ventures Pre-school, St Leonard's Bootle, St Matthew's and St Leonard's.

Parish: Lawton Road, Ashlar Road, Fir Road, Sycamore 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. And, at this time of heightened tension, we pray for Jewish communities around the UK, particularly our friends and neighbours in the Southport Hebrew Congregation and Southport Reform Synagogue, and for peaceful, respectful, positive relationships between communities and individuals of all faiths and none.

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

Those who are to be remembered at this time: Stanley Bennett, Patrick Walsh, Bishop Herbert Gresford Jones, Nellie Walsh, Euphemia Taylor Logan, Kenneth Jones, Roderick Brian Stock, Ernie Vincent, Peter Dale, Margaret Annie Hamilton, George Frederick Smith (Priest), Kitty Armstrong, Mary Mulholland, Fr. Ian Brookes, Greta O'Leary.

The Collect

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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, Jeremiah 20.7-13

O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughing stock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, 'Violence and destruction!' For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, 'I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name', then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many

whispering: 'Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!' All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. 'Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him.' But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior; therefore, my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten. O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

Psalm 69

Response (congregation):-

The Lord listens to the needy and his own he does not despise.

Let not those who hope in you be put to shame through me, Lord God of hosts;
let not those who seek you be disgraced because of me, O God of Israel.
For your sake have I suffered reproach; shame has covered my face.

The Lord listens to the needy and his own he does not despise.

I have become a stranger to my kindred, an alien to my mother's children.
Zeal for your house has eaten me up;
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

The Lord listens to the needy and his own he does not despise.

I humbled myself with fasting, but that was turned to my reproach.
I put on sackcloth also and became a byword amongst them.
Those who sit at the gate murmur against me,
And the drunkards make songs about me.

The Lord listens to the needy and his own he does not despise.

Answer me Lord, for your loving-kindness is good; turn to me in the multitude of your mercies.

Hide not your face from your servant; be swift to answer me, for I am in trouble.
Draw near to my soul and redeem me; deliver me because of my enemies.

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Second Reading, Romans 6.1b-11

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore

we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel, Matthew 10.24-39

‘A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! ‘So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. ‘Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. ‘Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

Post Communion

○ God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.



THE SEA

FRIDAY 26 JUNE 2026
7.30PM

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Part of the Formby Lifeboat weekend celebrations, come and hear haunting and beautiful sea-themed music from local chamber choir River Voices. No tickets required. Donations gratefully received: half the proceeds going directly to Southport Lifeboat.