



ST FAITH'S
GREAT CROSBY



The Fifth Sunday after Trinity Sunday 5th July 2026

Hymns

203 O praise ye the Lord
80 Alleluia, Alleluia, hearts to heaven
246 Just as I am without one plea
472 How shall I sing that majesty

Notices

The Blessed Sacrament Lamp burns this week in loving memory of former St. Faith's Chorister, Lindsay Mae Sadler. Dear daughter of Margaret and Derek (RIP) and sister of Nick, much loved and very much missed."

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.

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.

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.

Christian Aid Collection: A **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed to the scheme during Lent. St. Faith's raised an excellent total of **£224**. Well done, everyone!

Monthly Rosary and Our Lady of Walsingham Group Meetings: These will resume in September – further details to follow.

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

Celebration Service for Our New Parish - St John & St James' Church (71 Bailey Drive, Bootle, L20 6EX) on **Sunday 12th July** at **5pm**. This will be an opportunity for us to gather together in worship, thanksgiving, and fellowship to celebrate the naming of our new parish and give thanks for all that God is doing amongst us. Parking is limited so we do encourage car sharing if possible. We look forward in seeing you at this service.

This Week's Services

This Sunday 11:00am, Eucharist The Fifth Sunday after Trinity	Fr. Dennis Smith
Monday – Thursday, 9:30am Morning Prayer	
Thursday 9th July, 12:00pm Eucharist	Fr. Dennis Smith
Next Sunday, 11:00am, Eucharist The Sixth Sunday after Trinity	Fr. Steve Hall <i>Readings: Isaiah 55.10-13 , Psalm 65.[1-7]8-13, Romans 8.1-11, Matthew 13.1-9,18-23</i>

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Please keep in your prayers

The Diocese: St Giles with St Peter Aintree, Davenhill Primary School, The Maghull Ancient Chapel, Maghull St James, St Andrew, St Peter, Schools: St Andrew Primary, Hudson Primary, Melling Primary, Summerhill Primary, St Stephen Hightown, St Thomas Melling, St Luke Formby, Holy Trinity Formby, Schools: St Luke Primary, Woodlands Primary, Range High, St Michael & All Angels Altcar, Schools: St Peter Primary, Redgate Primary, St Peter Formby, Schools: Freshfield Primary, Formby High, Trinity St Peter Primary.

Parish: Local schools: Merchant Taylors', St John's, Sacred Heart, Forefield Lane, St Michael's, Chesterfield High, St Mary's College, St Luke's, St Nicholas, St Edmund and St Thomas, Waterloo Primary, Crosby High.

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, Archbishop Sarah, 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, Gill Welsby, Peggy Mattison.

The recently departed: Win Beaumont and Penelope Keith, Mike Broom, Stuart Potter.

Those who are to be remembered at this time: George Wardle, Sidney Riddick, Patricia Frances Johnson, Maurice Noakes, Gareth Hopkin, Barbara Davies, Ann Connor, William Ludlow, Nick Hungerford, Jade Matthews, Harry Roberts, Herman Annis, Yvonne Bower, Des Child, Lesley Ballardie, Ada Mary Sandbach, Gerald Laybourne, Laurence Jackson (Priest), Alan Walsh, Lord Robert Runcie (Archbishop).

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading, Zechariah 9.9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the warhorse from Jerusalem; and the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Psalm 145 v 8-15

Response (congregation):-

I will bless you and praise you forever, O God my king.

The Lord is gracious and merciful,
long-suffering and of great goodness.
The Lord is loving to everyone
and his mercy is over all his creatures.

I will bless you and praise you forever, O God my king.

All your works praise you, O Lord,
and your faithful servants bless you.
They tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your mighty power.

I will bless you and praise you forever, O God my king.

To make known to all peoples your mighty acts
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your dominion endures throughout all ages.

I will bless you and praise you forever, O God my king.

The Lord is sure in all his words
and faithful in all his deeds.

The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up all those who are bowed down.

I will bless you and praise you forever, O God my king.

Second Reading, Romans 7.15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Alleluia, Alleluia.

I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord.
No one comes to the Father except through me.

Alleluia.

Gospel, Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end

‘But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, “We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.” For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.’ At that time Jesus said, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

Post Communion

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SHAPE THE FUTURE OF OUR NEW PARISH

Your voice matters in Fit for Mission

Join the Support Services Oversight Team!

By joining the **Support Services Oversight Team**, you will help **shape how our new parish works** and ensure resources are used **wisely and fairly** by representing your church and community to **support mission** and ministry across the deanery.

This will be done through **prayerful decision making** to put together a proposal on how the Support Services Team, a centralised admin office that will alleviate burden from clergy and laity, should operate.



WE'RE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE WHO:

- **care** about the future of their church
- want to make sure their **community is heard**
- can **think constructively** and **work collaboratively**
- are open to learning and prayerful discernment
- want to help build a **fair, sustainable parish** for everyone

Learn more at our Support Services Workshop:
July 25th at St Michaels Church, Blundlesands,
L23 8SP, 10am-12pm

If you have any questions in the meantime, get in touch with georgina.abram@liverpool.anglican.org



You are invited to

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***Celebration Service for
Our New Parish***

St John & St James' Church

71 Bailey Drive, Bootle, L20 6EX

Sunday 12th July @ 5pm

Join in as we come together in worship to celebrate the naming of our new parish and give thanks for all that God is doing amongst us.

Together we will reflect on our journey so far, rejoice in the name we have discerned, and celebrate who God is calling us to be as one parish serving many communities.

All are welcome

Limited on-street parking - please car share if possible

