



ST FAITH'S
GREAT CROSBY



The Eighth Sunday after Trinity Sunday 26th July 2026

Hymns

241 Lift up your hearts
266 We hail thy presence glorious
257 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness
203 O praise ye the Lord

Notices

The Blessed Sacrament Lamp burns this week in loving memory of Ann Cailles, beloved and much missed sister of Christine Spence. **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.

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

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.

Fundraising Events: Let us know what fundraising events you would like to see happen - put a suggestion in our box at the back of church. Also, say what date and

time you would prefer for a fundraising social.

Events

‘Summer Songs, Coffee and Cake’: Help fund our roof repair – free entry! Songs by ‘Monday Melodies’ Choir and tea, coffee and cakes for sale! **Monday 27th July, 1:30pm to 3:00pm** (Choir starts at 2:15pm) at Waterloo Community Centre, Great George’s Road, Waterloo, L22 1RD.

St Faith’s Parish Hall Bingo: On **Friday 31st July** with Jeanette from Plaza Cinema. Tickets are £5 including tea / coffee. In aid of St Faith’s church and the Plaza Community Cinema.

This Week’s Services

This Sunday 11:00am, Eucharist The Eighth Sunday after Trinity	Fr. Louis Johnson Mthr. Iona Morphet
Monday – Thursday, 9:30am Morning Prayer	
Thursday 23rd July, 12:00pm Eucharist	Fr. Louis Johnson
Next Sunday, 11:00am, Eucharist The Ninth Sunday after Trinity	Fr. Steve Hall <i>Readings: Isaiah 55.1-5, Psalm 145.15 - end, Romans 9.1-5, Matthew 14.13-21</i>

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Please keep in your prayers

The Diocese: Christ Church Norris Green, Schools: Leamington Primary, Ranworth Square Primary, Wellesbourne Primary, St Teresa RC Primary, St Andrew Clubmoor, Roscoe Primary School, Good Shepherd West Derby, Schools: De La Salle, St John Bosco RC Primary, St David Childwall.

Parish: Galloway Road, Molyneux Road, Milton Road, 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. 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 Sarah, 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 Deeptree, Martin Goodwin, Jan Huyton, Di Jackson, Gill Welsby, Peggy Mattison, David Bateson.

The recently departed: Ann Widdecombe, Amanda Simpson.

Those who are to be remembered at this time: Philip Palmer, Ada Annie Trapnell, James Edward Dickinson, Muriel Somerville, Peggy Pierce, Michael Harwood, Ethel Mary Bagshaw, John Gittens, Bill Reed, Jessie Clarke, William Alexander Simons, Bebe King, Elsie Dot Stancombe, Alice Dasilva Aguiar, Ernest Crossman, Margaret Storer, Mark Way (Bishop), David Johnston-Jones, Elsie Victoria Procter, Michael Williams, Michael Hedley Hill, John Woodley, Mary Hunter, Dave Cole.

The Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; 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, 1 Kings 3.5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child;

I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

Psalm 119.129-136

Response (congregation):-

Lead me, O Lord, in the path of your commandments.

Your testimonies are wonderful;
therefore my soul keeps them.
The opening of your word gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.

Lead me, O Lord, in the path of your commandments.

I open my mouth and draw in my breath,
as I long for your commandments.
Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as is your way with those who love your name.

Lead me, O Lord, in the path of your commandments.

Order my steps by your word,
and let no wickedness have dominion over me.
Redeem me from earthly oppressors
so that I may keep your commandments.

Lead me, O Lord, in the path of your commandments.

Show the light of your countenance upon your servant
and teach me your statutes.
My eyes run down with streams of water,
because the wicked do not keep your law.
Lead me, O Lord, in the path of your commandments.

Second Reading, Romans 8.26-end

Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

Gospel, Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.' 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to

them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

Post Communion

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.