

St. Mary's, Waterloo Park

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12th July

**The Sixth Sunday after Trinity
Sunday and Weekday Service**

Welcome!

The Collect

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymns

526 New every morning

43 As the deer pants for the water

767 Thou whose almighty word

16 All I once held dear

First Reading, Isaiah 55.10-13

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead

of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Second Reading, *Romans 8.1-11*

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason, the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law - indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Gospel, *Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23*

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.

Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!’ ‘Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.’

Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Intercessions

The World: For peace in all areas of conflict in the world. For those affected by fires, floods 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.

The Church: The unity of all Christians everywhere. Archbishops Stephen and Sarah, Bishop Ruth, Bishop Simon, Archdeacon Pete. Churches in the South Sefton Deanery, and local ecumenical partners.

The Diocese: St Michael with St Thomas Ditton, Spinney Avenue School, St Basil & All Saints Hough Green, All Saints Upton, East Widnes Team (St Luke Farnworth, St Ambrose Widnes, Cronton Mission), Schools: Cronton Primary, Farnworth, Lunts Heath Primary, Parish of South Widnes (St Mary

Hale, St Mary Widnes), Schools: Hale, Halebank, Transform Widnes (St Paul Widnes, St John Widnes).

The recently departed: Mike Broom.

For those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit: Hewie, Graham Forrest, Olga Gregor, Jess Farrell, Edith Keeton, Joy Billington, Revd. Gregor Cuff, Vic Mungur.

For the departed remembered at this time: Audrey Waters, Lilian Bailes, Irene Jones, Hilda Ellis, John Child, Leslie Gouldbourne, George Hill, Mabel Jellis, Thomas Pennell.

Notices

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

Services at St Mary's	
This Sunday 10:00am, Eucharist The Sixth Sunday after Trinity	Rev. Janet Bissex
Monday-Thursday, 4.30pm Evening Prayer:	
Wednesday, 10:30am	Louis Johnson

Eucharist	
Next Sunday 10:00am, Eucharist The Seventh Sunday after Trinity	Louis Johnson Iona Morphet

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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

