



ST FAITH'S
GREAT CROSBY



Twelfth Sunday after Trinity Sunday 23rd August 2026

Hymns

28 Blessed assurance
83 God is working his purpose out
23 Be still for the presence of the Lord
77 Go forth and tell

Notices

The Blessed Sacrament Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **James Julian Aveling**, beloved father of Judith: many treasured memories. **R.I.P.**

The Blessed Sacrament Lamp is a beautiful way to honour and remember special birthdays and anniversaries in the lives of your loved ones. The diaries are now fully updated and ready for dates up to the end of the year. Please talk to Judy if there are people you would like to remember. Donations from £5, for Church Funds.

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.

HELP! Some extra assistance is desperately required on the Refreshments Team (i.e. to set up and prepare tea and coffee after the Sunday Service). For various reasons it has become increasingly difficult for a team dwindling in numbers to be able to provide this valuable service. All that is required is to be able to arrive a little earlier on the Sunday to set up and then to serve the teas etc at the end of the Service. No washing up is involved AND this is not a gender specific role! If you think you could help please

Speak to Christine Spence, Maureen Madden or Fr. Louis.

Baptism Rota: We are hoping to establish a Rota of helpers for baptisms. The aim is to be on hand to assist the clergy when a baptism takes place but perhaps more importantly, to be a familiar face and to provide a welcome to the families who attend church before the baptism and (if they return) when they come back to church afterwards. If you are interested and think you could possibly help, please speak to Fr. Louis who will explain more fully.

Events

Bingo at St Faith's Parish Hall: Friday 4th September, doors open at **12:30pm** and bingo starts at **1:00pm prompt**. Tickets are £5 which include free tea, coffee and biscuits, in aid of St Faith's church funds and Plaza Cinema.

Cultivate: We warmly welcome you to one of the following six-week Cultivate courses:-

- Mondays 7pm -9pm, starting on 5th October at St Nicholas, Blundellsands
- Thursdays 1pm – 3pm, starting on 8th October at St John & St James, Bootle

This Week's Services

This Sunday 11:00am, Eucharist Twelfth Sunday after Trinity	Fr. Steve Hall Mthr. Iona Morphet
Monday – Thursday, 9:30am Morning Prayer	
Thursday 27th August, 12:00pm Eucharist	Fr. Dennis Smith
Next Sunday, 11:00am, Eucharist Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity	Fr. Dennis Smith <i>Readings: Jeremiah 15.15–21, Psalm 26.1–8, Romans 12.9-end, Matthew 16.21-end</i>

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Please keep in your prayers

The Diocese: St Catharine Wigan, St Andrew Wigan, Christ Church Ince-in-Makerfield, Schools: St Catharine CE Primary, Ince Primary, Wigan St. Andrew, Castle Hill St Philip CE Primary, All Saints Hindley, St Peter Hindley, St John the Evangelist Hindley Green, St Nathaniel Platt Bridge, St John the Evangelist Abram & St James and St Elizabeth Bickershaw, Schools: Bickershaw CE Primary, Bryn St Peter CE Primary, St Mary CE Primary, St. Philip, Hindley All Saints Primary, St. John CE Primary, St David Haigh and Aspull, St John the Baptist New Springs, St Stephen Whelley, St Elizabeth Aspull, Schools: Canon Sharples, Aspull Church Anglican/Methodist, St David Haigh & Aspull CE Primary, St Luke Orrell & St Francis of Assisi Kitt Green, St Barnabas Marsh Green, St John Pemberton, Hindley Green St John CE Primary School, St Peter Bryn, St Aidan Billinge, Holy Trinity Ashton-in-Makerfield and St Thomas Ashton-in-Makerfield, Schools: St Thomas Ashton, St. Peter CE Primary, Rectory CE Primary, St Aidan CE Primary, All Saints Wigan, St George Wigan, Good Shepherd Bamfurlong, St Mark Newtown & St Michael and All Angels Wigan, Schools: The Deanery High School & Sixth Form College, St Mark CE Primary.

Parish: Myers Road East, Myers Road West, Crosby Road North, Belvidere Road, College Avenue, College 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, Susie Greenwood, Jill Deeprose, Martin Goodwin, Jan Huyton, Di Jackson, Gill Welsby, Peggy Mattison, David Bateson, Paula Millen.

The recently departed: Angie Price and Ron Kynaston.

Those who are to be remembered at this time: John Callaghan, Lilian Henderson, Patricia Murphy, Arthur Harrison, William Raphael Outram, Marie Band, Stan Finlay ,

Brian Cosgrove, Connie Capes, Ethel Mary Tracey, Peter Keenan (Priest), Elizabeth Cox, Fraser Brooks, Joan Fell, Marie Baird, Cecilia Bennett, Florence Cramner, Stanley Valentine Smith, Jean Ronson.

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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, Isaiah 51.1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

Psalm 138

Response (congregation):-

Great is the glory of the Lord.

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods will I sing praise to you.
I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.
In the day that I called to you, you answered me;
you put new strength in my soul.

Great is the glory of the Lord.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.
Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly;
as for the proud, he watches them from afar.

Great is the glory of the Lord.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you will preserve me;
you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand will save me.

The Lord shall make good his purpose for me;
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever;
forsake not the work of your hands.

Great is the glory of the Lord.

Second Reading, Romans 12.1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

'My sheep hear my voice', says the Lord.

'I know them and they follow me.'

Alleluia.

Gospel, Matthew 16.13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on

earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Post Communion

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.