



ST FAITH'S
GREAT CROSBY



The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 9th August 2026

Hymns

122 I, the Lord of sea and sky
163 Lord, for the years
238 Soul of my Saviour
262 There's a wideness in God's mercy

Notices

The Blessed Sacrament Lamp burns this week in thankful remembrance of Edward Stourton, distinguished journalist and broadcaster of great merit and influence. As a devout and practising Roman Catholic, he touched the lives of many for good.
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: Congratulations to our winners of the **August 100 Club draw**: 1st prize (£90) – Helen Kibbey; 2nd prize (£45) – Vivienne Shillitoe; 2nd prize (£45) – Bill & Barbara Dagnall; 3rd prize (£30) – Margaret Woodley. 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.

Baptisms 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 a 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.

Bingo: Thanks to everyone who supported our first Bingo in the hall last Friday. A total of £86 was made with half split between ourselves and the Plaza Community Cinema. Our thanks to Jeanette - from the Plaza - for organising a super afternoon. £43 pounds will be donated to Church Funds. Date for your Diary - next Bingo at **Friday 4th September, 1pm start** in St Faith's Parish Hall.

Events

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 The Tenth Sunday after Trinity	Fr. Louis Johnson
Monday – Thursday, 9:30am Morning Prayer	
Thursday 13th August, 12:00pm Eucharist	Fr. Louis Johnson
Next Sunday, 10:30am, St Mary's Patronal Festival The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity	Celebrant & Preacher TBC

Contacts

Vicar: Fr. Louis Johnson 07947 752 399 / louis.johnson@stfaithsgc.org.uk

Curate: Mthr. Iona Morphet iona.morphet@stfaithsgc.org.uk

Assistant Clergy: Fr. Dennis Smith 0151 928 5065; Fr. Bill Matthews 0151 281 4879; Fr. Peter Cowley CA Tel. 0151 426 5441, Fr. Steve Hall steve.hall@stfaithsgc.org.uk

Parish Ordinand and Eco Church Lead: Dr Judith Aveling, judith.aveling@emmanueltc.ac.uk

Parish Reader: Mrs Paula Lampard

Church Warden: Mrs Maureen Madden 0151 924 2154 / 07704 004 670

Administrator: Mrs Carolanne Leary 07913 873 697 / carolanne.leary@stfaithsgc.org.uk

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Mari Griffiths 07811591922 / mari.griffiths@stfaithsgc.org.uk

Please keep in your prayers

The Diocese: St Agnes & St Pancras Toxteth Park, St Bede with St Clement Toxteth, St Luke in the City Team (St Bride with St Saviour, St Dunstan Edge Hill, St Michael in the City), Schools: Pleasant Street Primary, Smithdown Primary, Micah Liverpool Foodbank, St Cleopas & St Gabriel Dingle, St Cleopas Primary School, St James in the City, Schools: St Hilda's CE High, Archbishop Blanch CE High, St Margaret of Antioch Toxteth, Windsor Primary Community School.

Parish: Mornington Avenue, Grosvenor Avenue, Marldon Avenue, Hatherley Avenue, Duddingston Avenue, Cranmore Avenue.

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: Edward Stourton, Will Davies, Angie Price.

Those who are to be remembered at this time: Ray Selby (Priest), Thomas Edward Hesketh, John Henry Williamson Goodwin, Vashti Jane Fay, Ivy Pertee, Cissie Sayle, Frederick Alsop Dew, Dora Thompson, Jane Fay, James Edwin Lightfoot, Bernie McGovern, Christopher Gray (Priest), Rose Price, Dorothy Carter, Peter Stoddard, Annie Smith, John Miller (Priest).

The Collect

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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, 1 Kings 19.9-18

At that place he came to a cave and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' Then the Lord said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.'

Psalm 85.8-13

Response (congregation):-

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

I will listen to what the Lord God will say,
for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful, that they turn not again to folly.
Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him,

that his glory may dwell in our land.
Mercy and truth are met together,
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

Truth shall spring up from the earth
and righteousness look down from heaven.
The Lord will indeed give all that is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness shall go before him
and direct his steps in the way.

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

Second Reading, Romans 10.5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

Alleluia, Alleluia.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord.
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.

Alleluia.

Gospel, Matthew 14.22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time

the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.