



ST FAITH'S
GREAT CROSBY



St Michael and All Angels
Sunday 27th September 2026

Hymns

532 Ye watchers and ye holy ones
163 Angel voices ever singing
276 From glory to glory advancing
321 Christ, the fair glory

Notices

The Blessed Sacrament lamp burns this week in loving memory of Ann Cailles, dear sister of Christine Spence, who is missed so much. **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.

Lumina Youth Choir: Calling all young singers! Be part of a brand-new youth choir in Waterloo/Crosby and surrounding areas. 'Lumina' will be starting on **Monday 28th September** at St. Faith's Church, Crosby from **6:30pm to 7:30pm** and is aimed at singers age 6 and above. The emphasis is on fun and singing together. So come along, make new friends, learn new songs and be part of something special. For more information contact Fr Louis Johnson at vicar@stfaithsgc.org.uk.

Flowers for Creationtide: There is now a basket of flowers beside the Altar in the Lady Chapel. If you, and any children, would like to place flowers on the Altar in celebration or remembrance, please do.

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 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.

Events

Creationtide at St Faith's: Sunday 6th September to Sunday 4th October 2026

Every Sunday at St Faith's we will be saying the Benedicite in place of the Angelus after Communion. The sermons and intercessions will all reflect the intentions and concerns of the season.

- **Sunday 4th October - Feast of St Francis/Harvest Festival:**
Please bring items for the local foodbank to be placed in front of the altar.

Christ the River of Life Joint Service: At St Michael's Church, Blundellsands on **Sunday 27th September** at **4:00pm**.

Macmillan Coffee Morning at St Mary's: We will be hosting a MacMillan Coffee Morning on **Thursday 1st October 10:30am until 12 noon** at St Mary's Church. All welcome!

Bingo: Bingo with Jeanette will be returning at **1:00pm** on **Friday 9th October** at St Faith's Parish Hall. Tickets £5 in aid of St Faith's Church and The Plaza Community Cinema. Including free tea/coffee and biscuits. Great fun! Great company and you may even win a prize! As this is a fundraiser, please do try and give it your support.

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 St Michael and All Angels	Fr. Steve Hall Mthr. Iona Morphet
Monday 28th September, 9:30am Morning Prayer	
Wednesday 30th September, 10:30am Eucharist	Rev. Janet Bissex
Thursday 1st October, 9:45am Churches Together Crosby Ecumenical Prayers	Fr. Louis Johnson
Thursday 1st October, 12:00pm Eucharist	Fr. Louis Johnson
Next Sunday, 9:45am Dwelling in the Word	Fr. Louis Johnson
Next Sunday, 11:00am, Eucharist Harvest Festival	Fr. Louis Johnson Paula Lampard <i>Readings: Deuteronomy 8.7-18 , Psalm 65, 2 Corinthians 9.6-15, Luke 12.16-30</i>

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Please keep in your prayers

The Diocese: 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. St Paul Goose Green, St Matthew Highfield, St James with St Thomas, St Anne Beech Hill. Schools: St James Worsley Mesnes, St Paul and Highfield St. Matthew CE Primary.

Parish: Businesses and shops in the area, particularly those along Crosby Road and 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, Interim Area Dean Louis, Churches in the South Sefton Deanery, our larger single parish, Christ the River of Light and local ecumenical partners.

Those who are sick: Joan McKortel, Alistair Byron, Jill Deeprose, Martin Goodwin, Jan Huyton, Di Jackson, Gill Welsby, David Bateson, Michael Mahon.

The recently departed: Peggy Mattison.

Those who are to be remembered at this time: George Fricker, Pope John Paul I, Rowan Hawkes, Doris Halsall, Paul Nener (Priest), Roger Beresford Lucas Rankin, Francis William Killen (Priest), Bill Williams, Stanley Laybourne, Cathy Cook, Marjorie Ainsworth, Chris Price, Edna Clark, Patriarch Demetrios I, Kate Hayes, Derek James Hill, Annie Hughes, Kath Broadbent.

The Collect

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order: grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth; 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, Genesis 28.10-17

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put

it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place - and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

Psalm 103.19-22

Response (congregation):-

The Lord has compassion on his children.

The Lord hath prepared his seat in heaven,
and his kingdom ruleth over all.

O praise the Lord ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength;
ye that fulfil his commandment and hearken unto the voice of his word.

The Lord has compassion on his children.

O praise the Lord, all ye his hosts;
ye servants of his that do his pleasure.

O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of his in all places of his dominion;
praise thou the Lord, O my soul.

The Lord has compassion on his children.

Second Reading, Revelation 12.7-12

And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world - he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, 'Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!'

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Bless the Lord, all you his hosts,
you ministers of his who do his will
Alleluia.

Gospel, John 1.47-end

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

Post Communion

Lord of heaven, in this eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect: as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



The theme for the Season of Creation 2026 is 'Living Water'. The symbol is a church surrounded by water.

Healer and Redeemer God, you sent your son Jesus Christ to reconcile the whole world to yourself. We pray that your kingdom of healing will come today to your oceans. May your Holy Spirit help us to live lives that honour you and emulate your care for the oceans. May your Holy Spirit act through our politicians so they can work to prevent plastic entering and harming the oceans. May your Holy Spirit work in your Church to equip us to be your hands and feet in facing this problem.

Benedicite – A Song of Creation

1. Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
2. Bless the Lord you heavens:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
3. Bless the Lord you angels of the Lord:
bless the Lord all you his hosts;
bless the Lord you waters above the heavens:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
4. Bless the Lord sun and moon:
bless the Lord you stars of heaven;
bless the Lord all rain and dew:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
5. Bless the Lord all winds that blow:
bless the Lord you fire and heat;
bless the Lord scorching wind and bitter cold:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
6. Bless the Lord dews and falling snows:
bless the Lord you nights and days;
bless the Lord light and darkness:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
7. Bless the Lord frost and cold:
bless the Lord you ice and snow;
bless the Lord lightnings and clouds:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
8. O let the earth bless the Lord:
bless the Lord you mountains and hills;

bless the Lord all that grows in the ground:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

9 Bless the Lord you springs:
bless the Lord you seas and rivers;
bless the Lord you whales and all that swim in the waters:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

10 Bless the Lord all birds of the air:
bless the Lord you beasts and cattle;
bless the Lord all people on earth:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

11 O people of God bless the Lord:
bless the Lord you priests of the Lord;
bless the Lord you servants of the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

12 Bless the Lord all you of upright spirit:
bless the Lord you that are holy and humble in heart;
bless the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Like to sing? Join

Lumina



A new youth choir

Join us for songs, refreshments and fun
6.30-7.30pm on Monday 28 September
at St Faith's Church, Crosby

For children aged 6 and above

Sign up **HERE**



Meeting every last Monday of the month
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