



ST FAITH'S
GREAT CROSBY



Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity Sunday 13th September 2026

Hymns

79 God forgave my sins
167 Lord we come to ask
245 Sweet sacrament divine
33 Brother, sister, let me serve you

Notices

The Blessed Sacrament lamp burns in loving memory of three good friends, now reunited: former Church Warden **Chris Price** and his dear wife, **Angie**, and PCC Secretary, **Lilly Wilmot**. In their different ways, they all gave enormous and dedicated service to St Faith's over many years. **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.

Macmillan Coffee Morning: Postponed for now – further information to follow.

Our **Care for God's Creation** will be the focus of our Liturgy throughout September. Keep a look out for some ways we have tried to make this interactive, and please feel included. There will be some new activities for children and families.

100 Club: Congratulations to our 100 Club winners for September: 1st prize (£90) –

Dot and Harry Huyton; 2nd prize (£45) – Matthew Walker; 3rd prize (£30) – Bill and Barbara Dagnall. Please ask David Jones for membership details 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 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 20th September:**
Litter pick at St Faith's after the service. Bring your bin liners and gardening gloves, and let's see how much has blown in from the street since the Spring!
- **Sunday 4th October - Feast of St Francis/Harvest Festival:**
Please bring items for the local foodbank to be placed in front of the altar.

Waterloo Park Our Lady of Walsingham Group: Our first meeting of the Autumn is on **Saturday 19th September in the Mackert Room** (St Faith's Hall), **2-4pm**. For Creationtide, we will be looking at how *our* care for Creation matches God's gift. Weather permitting, we may have a short walk, so wear comfy shoes! A good memory will be useful too! Intrigued? Please come along for prayer, fellowship and refreshments. **Everyone** is welcome!

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

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 Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity	Fr. Steve Hall
Monday – Thursday, 9:30am Morning Prayer	
Thursday 17th September 12:00pm Eucharist	Fr. Steve Hall
Next Sunday, 11:00am, Eucharist Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity	Fr. Louis Johnson <i>Readings: Jonah 3.10—end of 4, Psalm 145.1–8, Philippians 1.21—end, Matthew 20.1–16</i>

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Please keep in your prayers

The Diocese: Halewood and Hunts Cross Team: (St Hilda, Hunts Cross, St Nicholas and St Mary, Halewood), Halewood Primary School, St Anne, Aigburth. St Margaret's Academy, St Barnabas, Penny Lane Schools: Dovedale Primary, St Michael, Garston, Garston Primary School, St Matthew and St James, Mossley Hill, St. Peter, Much Woolton, Bishop Martin Primary School.

Parish: Lawton Road, Ashlar Road, Fir Road, Sycamore 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 Deepprose, Martin Goodwin, Jan Huyton, Di Jackson, Gill Welsby, David Bateson, Michael Mahon.

The recently departed: Pat Powell, Paula Monserat, Stan Roberts, Peggy Mattison.

Those who are to be remembered at this time: Bertie Clay, John Elliott, Frederick Sidney Smith, Kathleen Wilkinson, Ronald Shillitoe, Ivan Tomlinson, Marie Antonia, Sister Elizabeth, Anne Crew, Harriet Kendall, May Little, Ethel McCormack, Rosemary Skinner, Gertrude Tottey, Barbara Hayes, Peter Weymouth, Aidan Mayoss CR (Priest), Alfred Boothroyd, Edgar Preston, Philip Bretherton, Ron Rankin, May Elms.

The Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 50.15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Psalm 103.1-9

Response (congregation):-

The Lord has compassion on his children.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits;

The Lord has compassion on his children.

Who forgives all your sins and heals all your infirmities;
who redeems your life from the Pit and crowns you with faithful love and compassion;
who satisfies you with good things,
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

The Lord has compassion on his children.

The Lord executes righteousness and judgement for all who are oppressed.

He made his ways known to Moses and his works to the children of Israel.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness.

He will not always accuse us, neither will he keep his anger forever.

The Lord has compassion on his children.

Second Reading, Romans 14.1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also, those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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 18.21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, ‘Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ‘For this reason, the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.” And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, “Pay what you owe.” Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you.” But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?” And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’

Post Communion

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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

Creator God, all your works are wonderful. The earth and the oceans are yours. You made them with your hands and filled them with life both big and small. The oceans tell of your glory, and we are amazed by the beauty you have placed in them.

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.