ST FAITH'S
GREAT CROSBY

A ROCHA BRONZE AWARD WINNER 2026 ECO CHURCH

Feast of St Luke the Evangelist
Sunday 18th October 2026

Hymns

532 Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
186 O what their joy
307 Palms of glory, raiment bright
305 For all the saints

Notices

The Blessed Sacrament lamp burns this week in loving memory of Peggy and George Mattison_ - together again. Peggy worshipped at St Faith's for 61years, and, although George wasn't a regular church-goer, he always supported Peggy, their family and St Faith's in any way he could. Always in our hearts and remembered with love. **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 - Remember that "you have to be in it to win it" so 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

Fundraising Event: Our final fundraising event of 2026 for our chosen charities will be a Soup and Sandwich lunch with cream scone on **Sunday 25th October.** The cost will be £7. Please sign the list on the coffee table if you would like to join us. Thank you.

Update on the postponed Macmillan Coffee Morning: Denise and Barbara are having a coffee morning on **Saturday 31st October, 10:00am - 12:00 noon**, at Denise's house - 5 Lucius Close L9 8EY. Whatever we raise will be donated to the British Heart Foundation in memory of our lovely Mum, Peggy. Everybody is welcome!

This Week's Services

This Sunday, 9:45am **Dwelling in the Word**	Dr Judith Aveling / Fr. Steve Hall
This Sunday 11:00am, Eucharist with Healing Ministries **Feast of St Luke the Evangelist**	Fr. Dennis Smith Mthr. Iona Morphet
Monday to Thursday, 9:30am **Morning Prayer**	
Wednesday 21st October, 10:30am **Eucharist at St Mary's**	Fr. Louis Johnson
Thursday 22nd October, 12:00pm **Eucharist**	Fr. Steve Hall
Next Sunday, 9:45am **Dwelling in the Word**	Fr. Steve Hall / Fr. Louis Johnson
Next Sunday, 11:00am, Eucharist **Bible Sunday**	Fr. Steve Hall Fr. Louis Johnson *Readings: Nehemiah 8.1-4a[5-6] 8-12, Psal 119.9-16, Colossians 3.12-17, Matthew 24.30-35*

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Please keep in your prayers

The Diocese: St Columba, Anfield, St George, St John Chrysostom, Everton, Beacon Primary School, St Peter, Everton, Faith Primary School, St Mary with St Athanasius, Kirkdale, St Lawrence, St Paul Kirkdale, Kirkdale St Lawrence CE Primary School,Our Lady and St Nicholas, Liverpool.

Parish: Allenby Avenue, Rutherglen Avenue, Parkway, Glenby Avenue, Dorbett Drive, Derwent 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 Life 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, Harry Huyton, Bill Tudhope, Sylvia Roache.

The recently departed: Esther Rantzen.

Those who are to be remembered at this time: Ellen Kennedy Coates, Leonora Fowler, Alan Brook, Nell Sturman, Ian Ritson, Thomas Murray (Priest), Christine Carrington, Robert William Jones, Andrew Rimmer, Samuel James Wilkinson, Constance Margaret Cotes, Mona Walker, Bob Norwell, Catherine Stapleton, Reg Heather, Andrew Gittoes, Arthur Utley, Hannah Hunter.

The Collect

Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your Church the same love and power to heal; 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. Amen.

First Reading, Isaiah 35.3-6

Strengthen the weak hands and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert.

Psalm 147.1-7

Response (congregation):-
Sing praise to the Lord, O Jerusalem.

How good it is to make music for our God; how joyful to honour him with praise.
The Lord builds up Jerusalem and gathers together the outcasts of Israel.
He heals the brokenhearted and binds up all their wounds.

Sing praise to the Lord, O Jerusalem.

He counts the number of the stars and calls them all by their names.
Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his wisdom is beyond all telling.

Sing praise to the Lord, O Jerusalem.

The Lord lifts up the poor but casts down the wicked to the ground.
Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make music to our God upon the lyre.

Sing praise to the Lord, O Jerusalem.

Second Reading, *2 Timothy 4.5-17*

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message. At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

Alleluia, Alleluia
I do not call you servants, but friends,
because I have made known to you
everything that I have heard from my Father.
Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel, *Luke 10.1-9*

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

Post Communion

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.