ST FAITH'S
GREAT CROSBY

Bible Sunday
Sunday 25th October 2026

Hymns

99 O God, our help in ages past
101 All worship the King all glorious above
426 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want
100 All people that on earth do dwell

Notices

The Blessed Sacrament lamp burns this week in loving memory of Rosie Walker, treasured wife of Rick, and a dearly loved mother and grandmother. She is remembered for her great contribution to the social life of St Faith's. **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.

Eco friendly living tips for Autumn: Garden & Wildlife

- **Leave the leaves:** Shred fallen leaves with a mower or leave a thin layer across your lawn and flower beds to nourish the soil and insulate plant roots.
- **Pile up shelter:** Sweep some leaves into a quiet corner or log pile to create safe winter habitats for beneficial insects and small hedgehogs.

Events

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!

Advent Course – St Mary's: Peter Walker will be leading an Advent Course in the meeting room at St Mary's (22 Brooklands Avenue), beginning at ***2:30pm*** on **Monday 23rd November** – it will run for four Mondays. Each meeting will end at approx. 4:00pm and will be followed by Evening Prayer, for those who wish to stay. Each week we will explore one of the Advent themes of **Hope, Peace, Joy** and **Love**. The sessions will include prayer, personal reflection and Bible study and seek to link them to both Christ's mission and to our own understanding of his call to us. If you can, bring a Bible, a pen and some paper - but most of all, an open mind!

This Week's Services

This Sunday, 9:45am **Dwelling in the Word**	Fr. Steve Hall / Fr. Louis Johnson
This Sunday 11:00am, Eucharist **Bible Sunday**	Fr. Steve Hall Fr. Louis Johnson
Monday to Thursday, 9:30am **Morning Prayer**	
Wednesday 28th October, 10:30am **Eucharist at St Mary's**	Rev. Janet Bissex
Thursday 29th October, 12:00pm **Eucharist**	Fr. Louis Johnson

Next Sunday, 11:00am, Eucharist **All Saints' Day**	Rev. Denise McDougall Fr. Dennis Smith *Readings: Revelation 7.9–end, Psalm 34.1–10, 1 John 3.1–3, Matthew 5.1–12*

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Please keep in your prayers

The Diocese: Christchurch and Holy Trinity, Walton Beck, Four Oaks Primary, St Luke, St John, Walton, St Nathaniel, St Aidan, St Mary, Walton on the Hill , Arnot St Mary Primary School, St Paul, Emmanuel, Fazakerley, All Saints Worship Centre Kensington.

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, 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, Hilda Yates.

Those who are to be remembered at this time: Stephen Moulsdale (Priest), George Adam Callander, Maud Royal, John Peel, Irene Whalley, William Temple (Archbishop), John Henry Hamilton (Priest), Laura Rankin, Fr. Crispin Harrison CR, Stephen Garry, Doug Taylor, Audrey Little, Colin Duncan, Neil Morgan, Janet May Graham, Elizabeth Smith, Bill Newsham, Barbara Child, Annie Pilkinton, Victoria Currie, Maud Markham, Gordon Hill.

The Collect

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading, *Nehemiah 8.1-4a [5-6] 8-12*

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand; and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hash-baddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.' So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, 'Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved.' And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

Psalm 119.9-16

Response (congregation):-
Lead me, O Lord, in the path of your commandments.

How shall young people cleanse their way to keep themselves according to your word?
With my whole heart have I sought you; O let me not go astray from your commandments.

Lead me, O Lord, in the path of your commandments.

Your words have I hidden within my heart, that I should not sin against you.
Blessed are you, O Lord; O teach me your statutes.

Lead me, O Lord, in the path of your commandments.

With my lips have I been telling of all the judgements of your mouth.
I have taken greater delight in the way of your testimonies than in all manner of riches.

Lead me, O Lord, in the path of your commandments.

I will meditate on your commandments and contemplate your ways.
My delight shall be in your statutes and I will not forget your word.

Lead me, O Lord, in the path of your commandments.

Second Reading, *Colossians 3.12-17*

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Alleluia, Alleluia
We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel, *Matthew 24.30-35*

Jesus said to his disciples "then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

Post Communion

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.