

Please remember in your prayers...

Those with health concerns...Bill Collins, Robert Saunders, Beryl Shaw, Margaret Stephens, Jiemei Clarke, Lucy Mills, Colin Mawdsley, Elizabeth Harris, Karen Stefan, Elaine Brennan, Christine Frost, Ian Massey and Louise Bennett

Chris Blay who has recently died.

Those whose anniversaries occur this week: Barbara Blood, Arnold Cawley, Sydney Jones, Rita Wheeldon, Kenneth Gerrard and William David Rigby

Also for all who live on Manchester Road.

Special days this week...

Today: Mary Sumner, founder of the Mothers' Union

Monday: Laurence of Rome, Christian martyr

Tuesday: Clare of Assisi (founder of the Poor Clares), John Henry Newman, Bishop Jeremy Taylor of Down and Connor

Thursday: Nurse Florence Nightingale, social reformer Octavia Hill

Friday: Friar Maximilian Kolbe, WW2 martyr

Saturday: The Blessed Virgin Mary - her assumption into heaven



Weekly News Sheet

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This morning's hymns are...

53 Be still, for the presence of the Lord

This inspiring hymn welcoming us to worship is based on the stories of the Burning Bush and Jacob's ladder. It was written by music teacher David Evans who also penned *Be Thou My Vision*.

46 At the name of Jesus (omit v2 and 6)

Caroline Noel (1817-77) wrote this spiritually powerful text. The daughter of an Anglican clergyman, she began to write poetry in her late teens but then abandoned it until her late 40s when, as an invalid, she began to write again.

114 Eternal Father, strong to save

The poet William Whiting wrote this stirring hymn which is well used by both the Royal and United States navies. The tune is by John Bacchus Dykes whose other efforts included "The King of Love My Shepherd is."

164 Go forth and tell

This is one of 16 hymns written by James Edward Seddon who was born in Scarisbrick near Southport in 1915. He was ordained in 1939 and served as a curate in Everton, Toxteth and Southport before becoming a missionary in north Africa. Later in life he served as rector of several parishes in Essex.

Romans 10 5-15

Of legal righteousness Moses writes 'the man who does this shall gain life by it.' But the righteousness that comes by faith says, 'Do not say to yourself, "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. Scripture says, 'Everyone who has faith in him will be saved from shame.' There is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. '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' This the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Matthew 14 22-33

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you O Lord

Jesus told the disciples to embark and go on ahead to the other side of the lake while he sent the people away. After doing that he went up the hillside to pray alone. When evening came, he was by himself. The boat, battered by the waves, was far from the shore for the wind was against them. Early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. 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 stepped out of the boat and started walking on the water towards Jesus. But when he saw the strength of the gale he became frightened and beginning to sink. He cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out and caught hold of him, saying, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they climbed into the boat the wind ceased. And those in the boat fell at his feet saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.' This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ