

*A church which welcomes you in Jesus' name,
to grow and share in his love*

Sunday 23rd August – 11th Sunday after Trinity

Pastoral letter from the Vicar,

In a change to previous newsletters please note that although there will not be a service this Sunday 23rd Aug, there will be a service on Wed 26th Aug 10am . Please book in by ringing 345 3231 before 4pm Tuesday evening with your name and phone number. We will only ring back if there is a problem. Please do not worry if you book but subsequently can't make it!

- Please do not come if you have any symptoms or have been in contact with anyone who has symptoms.
- Please sanitise your hands as you enter and observe social distancing of two metres at all times.
- It is a legal requirement to wear a face covering so please only remove it to take Communion.
- You will be shown to your seat and I will bring Communion in one kind to you.

God bless you in your membership of this church whether you continue to join our online worship or come in person. Kath

Morning Service 10am Live stream on church facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/AllSaintsWithStFrideswydeThorntonAndCrosby>

Collect

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Reading : Romans 12.1-8

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the

renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Reading : Matthew 16.13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Points to Ponder

- What does it mean to offer ourselves to God as a living sacrifice?
- What gifts do we have ourselves?
- What gifts do we see in others?
- How can we develop our gifts?

More news

↪ **A thank you from Christian Aid** - We just wanted to say a huge 'thank you' for taking part in Christian Aid Week 2020. It was certainly a Christian Aid Week like no other! We are so proud of how you put on your creative thinking hats, stepped up to the challenge and fundraised so innovatively during the coronavirus pandemic. We had quizzes with Rowan Williams, vicars shaving their heads, virtual concerts, supporters walking marathons and a sponsored silence to name just a few! The current total for CAW2020 and the Coronavirus Appeal combined, currently stands at an amazing £4.3 million! This figure has completely smashed our targets and expectations and this is down to you, our faithful supporters.

Our partners who are working in vulnerable communities are already benefitting from your generous donations and are responding to the vital need of hygiene stations, sanitation kits and isolation hospital beds as they continue to fight the coronavirus. Thank you for your continued support, Christian Aid couldn't continue to deliver vital work across the globe without you

↪ **Our community hub** – is open each Monday and Friday 9.30 am to 11.30 am. We have waitress service showing you to your table and providing your refreshments. This is all designed to keep you safe as part of our COVID risk assessment. If you come please bring a card for payment or the correct money no change can be given.

↪ **We are starting to think about a possible MacMillan Coffee Morning and Church Fayre this autumn.** It may not be possible but it would help to know if we would have any volunteers to help run such events as we would need additional people to ensure it was COVID safe. If you would like to help please let Diane or Kath know.

↪ **Virtual Coffee Morning** by Zoom each Sunday 11am -details from Kath

↪ **Online Bookstall:** <https://stlukecrosby.org.uk/bookstall/> where you will find the current recommendations, order form and short video. The book "We need to talk about Race is excellent and highly recommended.

↪ **Take part in our Summer Reading Challenge** The 2020 Diocesan Summer Reading Challenge will call us to read the Psalms, Sign up online here <https://www.ruleoflife.org.uk/courses/psalms-summer-reading-challenge/>

Help for you

- ↪ The Church of England has a **free dial-in worship service** which offers music, prayers and reflections on a free telephone line 0800 804 8044.
- **Advice Centre** all enquiries should be directed to Citizen's Advice Sefton on 0344 493 0012 www.citizensadvice.org.uk. Debt Advice 0151 318 6407 and help to claim Universal Credit 0800 144 8444

Foodbank

Any food items should be taken directly to Crosby Sainsbury's store. The Foodbank have asked us to think about financial giving <https://southsefton.foodbank.org.uk/> and click on the donate button. or cheques can be made payable to "St. Leonard's Youth and Community Centre" and posted to 60 Peel Road, Bootle, L20 4RW.

We continue to pray for

Dave Rogers	Mark Isherwood	Eric Anderson
Mark Wilson	Marian Palin	Lisa Hickey-Davies
Barbara Maddock	Billy Harding	Denise Jones
Ted Meighen	Ken Rimmer	Phyllis Bell
Don Wylie	Peter Halliwell	Frank Kelly
Dave Bruford		

Prayer for World Mission – God of compassion whose own Son experienced life as a refugee, we remember those fleeing from danger, hungry and afraid, with nowhere to call home. God, give them warmth, security, food and peace. Amen

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