

Annual Parochial Church Meeting and offices

I am happy to tell you that the APCM will be held on 18th October at 11am following a church service in church at 10am. As we have limited capacity due to COVID 19 you need to book a place in church. Or if you wish to join remotely by zoom let Kath know so she can send you the meeting code. Please bring a flask or cold drink as we will not be able to serve refreshments. It is an important event in the life of the church so I hope you can join us. I enclose the Annual Report for you to read at your leisure, if you have any questions on the report please let me have them in advance of the meeting.

In readiness for the APCM we are revising our Electoral Roll. The Electoral Roll will be displayed in church from the 3rd October.

There are a few vacancies to be filled and nomination forms will be in the church narthex for your use or you can nominate electronically via the office- with the nominee's consent.

We need another **warden** as Gordon wishes to retire. If you are interested, please talk to Ann or Kath about this role which is vital. We can discuss the duties with you and make arrangements if you are happy to be nominated. Churchwardens care for and support the parish priest, and be people to whom the incumbent can turn to for advice and support, provide feedback, as a 'critical friend', for the parish priest, care for the congregation and encourage people in their Christian faith ensuring worship, and leadership in mission as members of the church council (PCC). The role is a one-year role which can lead to re-election for up to six years

We need **PCC members** to replace members retiring at the end of their three-year term, if you are interested please let Kath know that you are happy to be nominated. The role involves ten evening meetings a year- many on zoom, as we lead the church in mission and service.

We need a **PCC secretary** as Lynne wishes to retire due to her Hub Coordinator responsibilities. If you are interested, please let Kath or Lynne know. The PCC appoints the secretary at its first meeting after the APCM

We need a **Deanery Synod representative** to replace a retiring member. If you are interested, please let Kath know that you are happy to be nominated. It involves PCC membership and three Deanery Synod meetings a year; synod is the Deanery "parliament" covering Crosby, Formby, Altcar, Hightown, Maghull, Melling and Old Roan.

Many thanks for all your faithfulness during this time of "exile" from so much we hold dear. I look forward to the Annual Meeting as a reminder of all God has blessed us with in the past, and for His blessing in the future. *Kath*

Sunday 27th Sept – 16th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion services each Sunday at 2pm and Wednesday at 10am.

As places are limited so please book in by ringing 345 3231 before 4pm Tuesday evening for the Wed service and before 4pm Sat for the Sunday service 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 to you.

Morning Service 10am Live stream on church facebook page

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

Hymns MP 678 There's a quiet understanding
At the dawn of your creation (new words to Ode to Joy tune)
The Kingdom of God is justice and peace – a Taize chant
Bless the Lord O my soul (10,000 reasons)

Collect – 20th Sept

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reading : Psalm 95

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.

For the Lord is the great God,
the great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth,
and the mountain peaks belong to him.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.

Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;
for he is our God
and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.

Today, if only you would hear his voice,
“Do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah,
as you did that day at Massah in the wilderness,
where your ancestors tested me;
they tried me, though they had seen what I did.
For forty years I was angry with that generation;

Points to Ponder

During the season of creation we have considered our personal and church responsibility to “walk gently on the earth” have you decided to change anything in order to help local wildlife or reduce your carbon footprint?
Is there anything you feel called to lobby about to help locally or nationally?

More news

- ↪ **Chair-based exercises** will resume in church this Monday (28th Sept) starting at 1.30pm. Pre-booking is essential by contacting Anne Pennington: annepennington7@gmail.com or 07905 862810 to register. Anne will then let you know what you need to do to stay safe in class. Cost is £4 per class. I look forward to seeing everyone again!
- ↪ **MacMillan Coffee Morning** - Please either call into church to donate or send a cheque to church office. Or make your donations online to support this worthwhile cause via <https://coffee.macmillan.org.uk/>

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

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 welcome donations <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	Phyllis Bell
Barbara Maddock	Billy Harding	Frank Kelly
Ted Meighen	Ken Rimmer	Dave Bruford
Don Wylie	Ken Lawson	Mick Dunphy

Prayer for World Mission – Take time to confess our known and unknown complicity in the injustice and inequality of our world. In this season of Creation we lament the historic and current theft and despoliation of land of indigenous peoples. We pray for the communities of Brazil being violently evicted from their land by multinational companies, and for Palestinian farmers losing their land and olive trees at the hands of illegal Israeli settlers. Forgive us Lord. Amen

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