

Sunday 18th Oct – 19th Sunday after Trinity

APCM will be held this Sunday 18th October at 11am following the 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 (or by phone) 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. 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 office.assfchurch@gmail.com - with the nominee's consent. Is God calling you to one of these posts?

- Church warden
- PCC member
- PCC secretary
- Deanery Synod representative

Holy Communion services *this Sunday 10am* and Wednesday BCP 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 streamed from church on church Facebook page

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

Hymns 350 Speak O Lord, as we come to you
702 Through all the changing scenes
525 O Thou who camest from above
651 The Kingdom of God is justice and joy

Collect

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reading : 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10

Paul, Silas and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace and peace to you.

We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

Reading : Matthew 22.15-22

Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?"

But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?"

"Caesar's," they replied.

Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

More news

- ☞ **The Holy Land** - We pray regularly for peace with justice in Israel/Palestine but know very little about the situation there. On Thursday Oct 22 at 7.30 pm Kathleen will tell us about her recent experiences there and we would love you to join us on Zoom. The title of her talk is 'Atta Jaber: the story of one man's struggle to keep his ancestral land'
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85369425098?pwd=dnhGQWwhNW5VSlmRFp1ZjdYY1dGdz09> MeetingID: 853 6942 5098 Passcode: 436735
- ☞ **A course to help awareness of Modern slavery** - We heard Jen talk about modern slavery and the churches role in helping awareness. She is facilitating a course over four Wednesday evenings in November and if you would like to learn more please use the links below to book in to a taster session on Wednesday 11th November, 7-8: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hidden-voices-modern-slavery-awareness-taster-session-tickets-124684206819> The full four week course is available to book onto via link below. Dates are 18th & 25th Nov, 2nd & 9th Dec 7pm-8:30pm: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hidden-voices-modern-slavery-awareness-course-tickets-124686084435>
- ☞ **Fairtrade Advent Calendars** - Traidcraft are selling Advent Calendars again with Divine chocolate enclosures and containing the 'real' Christmas story. There are Real Advent Calendars (£3.99) including a 24 page Christmas story booklet as well as a Fairtrade chocolate each day or an Advent Calendar (£2.99) reflecting the true meaning of Christmas with a festive picture behind each door. To order phone Kathleen on 0151 286 2117 or 07910172430 with your address details. Pay on delivery.
- ☞ **Macmillan nursing**- thank you to all who donated. We raised £245 which is a wonderful achievement especially since we were not able to hold our coffee morning
- ☞ **Embrace** - We are starting to increase our support for Embrace, the Christian charity working in the Middle East supporting Christians. As part of this could you please collect your stamps and drop them off at the Hub or send them to the office for Kathleen to forward. We will be praying regularly for Christians who are increasingly under pressure in Bethlehem, Jerusalem and the West Bank.
- ☞ **Virtual Coffee Morning** – There won't be one this Sunday as it's the APCM

- ✚ **Toy appeal** There will be a toy appeal this year to support an increasing number of children whose parents are struggling; over 400 were helped last year. To help with COVID logistics it would be appreciated if unwrapped new toys and gift vouchers for teenagers could be bought to church by the 6th December please

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

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	John Howard

Please pray for the family & friends of Sheila Duncan who has sadly passed away.

Prayer for World Mission – Give thanks for Black History Month and for the historical and present contributions of peoples of African and Caribbean descent. Pray that this will be a time for racial justice and inclusion, and for examining our own commitment to diversity – in keeping with the mission of Black History Month. Amen

Prayer for Israel/Palestine - Israel has extended its nationwide lockdown after more than 9,000 new coronavirus cases were confirmed on one day at the end of September. In Palestine there have been 426 new cases confirmed recently. A 14-year-old Palestinian boy tested positive for COVID-19 in mid-September after spending two days in Israeli military detention. Dear Lord, we pray for all the authorities and health services in Israel/Palestine in this grave situation and we pray for the release of the many detained Palestinian children from Israeli military prisons. Amen

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