



ST FAITH'S
GREAT CROSBY

First Sunday of Lent
Sunday 18th February 2024

Hymns

148 At the Name of Jesus
56 Forty days and forty nights
224 Lead us heavenly Father lead us
Recessional Jesus the Name high over all (see back page)

Notices

St Faith's Great Crosby can be found on the 'A Church near you' website – this will provide up to date information on upcoming events and services.

The 100 Club Winners for 11th February are – 1st prize £150 Margaret Woodley, 2nd prize £100 David Jones, 3rd prize £50 Corinne Hedgecock.

Lent Group Peter Walker will be running a Lent group on Mondays in Lent beginning on Monday 19th February from 2:00pm until 3:15pm at 32 Brooklands Avenue. The title is 'the Cross of Christ'. We will look at atonement, how the Cross is seen in the Bible, and the different images we have in the hymns we sing.

Funeral details for Anne Holland: Anne Holland funeral will take place on Monday 19th February at 12 noon at West Lancs Crematorium.

Funeral details for Father Colin Oxenforth: Father. Colin Oxenforth's funeral will take place on Wednesday 21st February at 2:00pm at Christ Church Waterloo. The service will include a celebration of the Eucharist. At Colin's own suggestion, his cremation is to precede the funeral. This will take place on **Monday 19th February at 12.45pm** at Thornton Crematorium. His remains will be taken to Christ Church for the funeral and at a later date, his ashes will be scattered on the River Mersey.

Be a Godparent and support a child at the Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage! Our collection box will be on the coffee table at the back of church from now until Pentecost. This year's Pilgrimage is called **Tell out my soul: Singing God's Praises.** Thank you for your support!

This Week's Services

This Sunday 11:00am, Parish Eucharist
First Sunday of Lent Celebrant and Preacher: Rev. Bill Matthews
Thursday 22nd February 12:00pm, Rev. Denise McDougall
Eucharist

Sunday 25th February 11:00am, Parish Eucharist
Second Sunday of Lent Celebrant and Preacher: Fr. Dennis Smith
*Readings: Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16, Psalm 22.23-end,
Romans 4.13-end, Mark 8.31-end*

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Please keep in your prayers

The Diocese: St Anne Stanley & St Paul Stoneycroft, St Anne School, Corinthian School, St Cuthbert School, St John Knotty Ash, Knotty Ash School, Clifford Holroyd SEN College, St Mary West Derby, St Mary's School, St Paul's School, Blackmoor Park School, St Christopher Norris Green, Monkstown School, Broad Square School, St John Tuebrook, Lister School, West Derby Comprehensive School.

Parish: Businesses and shops in the area, particularly those along Crosby Road and Stuart Road

The World: For peace in the Ukraine, Palestine and Israel. For those affected by fires, floods 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.

The Church: The unity of all Christians everywhere. Archbishops Justin and Stephen, Bishop John and Bishop Beverley. Archdeacon Pete, Andrew our Area Dean. Churches in the South Sefton Deanery, and local ecumenical partners.

Those who are sick: Joyce Sharpe, Joan McKortel, Fr Mike Finlay, John Crooke, Stephen Seneviratne, Tracy Riley, Sheila Roberts, Amy Hewitt, Duncan Haughton, Eunice Little, Alistair Byron, Frank Dunphy, Peter Smith, Carl Lee, Fr. Dennis Bury, Irene Taylor, Beckie Loan, Peggy Mattison, Fr. David Emery, Fr. Michael Brinkworth, Audrey Dawson.

Recently departed: Sylvia Jones.

Those who are to be remembered at this time: Robert Battersby, Margaret Lucas, Daphne Price, Samuel James Wilkinson, Rev John Schofield, William Joseph Johnson (1985), William George Cresswell, Melais Marriott, Arthur James Houldin, Nicholas Bourner, Sally Scowcroft, Phoebe Johnson, Audrey Joyce Jones, William Alan Gale, Alan Richardson (Priest), Rene Turner, Josphe Foy, Rena Brown, Pauline Clay, Elsie Woods

The Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading, Genesis 9.8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

Psalm 25.1 - end

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame, but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you have I hoped all the day long.

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions, but think on me in your goodness, O Lord, according to your steadfast love.

Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.

He will guide the humble in doing right and teach his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Second Reading, 1 Peter 3.18-end

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord.

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia.

Gospel, Mark 1.9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested,

Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

Post Communion

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Jesus the Name high over all

Jesus - the Name high over all,
In hell, or earth, or sky!
Angels and men before it fall,
And devils fear and fly.

Jesus - the Name to sinners dear,
The Name to sinners given!
It scatters all their guilty fear,
It turns their hell to heaven.

Jesus - the prisoner's fetters breaks,
And bruises Satan's head;
Power into strengthless souls it speaks,
And life into the dead.

O that the world might taste and see
The riches of His grace!
The arms of love that compass me
would all mankind embrace.

His only righteousness I show,
His saving truth proclaim;
'Tis all my business here below
To cry, "Behold the Lamb!"

Happy, if with my latest breath
I might but gasp His Name,
Preach Him to all, and cry in death:
"Behold, behold the Lamb!"