

Sunday 25th July 2021

We welcome Keith Thornborough who will lead the communion services this week and will preach at Sunday's online and in-church services and at Wednesday Communion.

Church Services

Sunday - Online worship @ 10am
Said Communion @ 2pm in church
Wednesday - BCP Holy Communion @ 10am in church.

It is no longer necessary to book in to attend the services in church

but until further notice please continue to observe the other Covid procedures

- Please do not attend if you have COVID symptoms
- Please wear a mask and sanitize on the way in
- Please keep social distance and do not mingle inside the building.

Latest News

↪ **Church Services** – As we know, all Covid-19 legal restrictions in England were lifted this week. In church, we have to consider how this lifting affects how we can continue with our current services until we are able to offer any changes. More information will follow over the next few weeks. Please remember that there is now no necessity to phone to book a place at any of the services.

↪ **Morning Prayer continues on Facebook each Mon, Tues and Wed morning at 9.15 am.** It is now led by a team of volunteers, Alan, Marion, Joyce and Kathleen and we have been asked to be introduced to them.

- The Rev Alan Brooks who has already become a familiar face in the Hub and at Sunday services came to Merseyside from rural Northamptonshire 53 years ago. He taught in Primary schools for 32 years latterly as Head of John's School Waterloo, before responding to the call to ordination. He served as OLM at St John's Church, Waterloo for 12 years and since 2013 has served in churches in L23. He says the Daily Office each weekday and is delighted to share that on Facebook with friends at ASSF.
- The Rev Marion Simmons was ordained after working for the Mother's Union and the Church Urban Fund and eventually became vicar of St Paul's Fazakerley.

She now serves in her retirement in the Maghull ministry team but has been a faithful ASSF morning prayer member since March last year. Her family includes a stepdaughter Cindy in South Africa.

- Joyce Green was licenced as a Reader in 1984. Her ministry was initially to St Faith's, then when it became a united benefice, she ministered also to St Mary's Waterloo Park. She moved to St Mary's permanently in 2012. In the 1980s she was actively involved in MOW , the Movement for the Ordination of Women and was delighted to attend the first ordinations at Liverpool Cathedral. Joyce says she was self-educated eventually being awarded an English degree from Edge Hill University. Her main employment was at the Careers Office. She is married to Ted, and has a son and a daughter.
- Kathleen hails from Lancashire from a Wigan family and has been a member of the Anglican church all her life within Manchester, Oxford and Blackburn Dioceses and the CMS Mission in Uganda. She has close connections with the Czech Republic through her marriage to Alex Zimak and worships at the Anglican chaplaincy when in Prague. She moved to Liverpool in 1987 to be Head of Archbishop Blanch School and has worshipped at All Saints Church for the past five years.

Thanks to the whole team for the important ministry they have undertaken for our church.

↪ **Save the Date** – The family of Shiela Duncan are inviting all who would like to attend to West Lancs Golf Club on Thursday 26th August 2021 – to enjoy Afternoon Tea and share some happy memories of Shiela. The exact time is still to be confirmed. If you would like to go please let Ann Iverson or Lynne Winsland know.

↪ **Join Liverpool Cathedral Education Team for some Summer themed arts and crafts activities** – This takes place every Thursday during the Summer holidays. There will also be the opportunity to view our large-scale art installation – “Peace Doves”. Each family friendly session is free and lasts up to 45 minutes. All sessions must be [pre-booked](#) and each person attending is required to have a ticket.



↪ **Festal Evensong Sunday 1st Aug** – St Faith's are holding a music event to celebrate the gift that church music can offer to liturgy across all denominations. The service starts at 6.30pm with Tapas Style refreshments & wine being served after the service. Music will include 'O Thou the Central Orb' & 'Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in D minor'

Hymns

Amazing Grace
Bind us together Lord
Seek ye first
The Lord's my shepherd (modern version)

Collect

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reading - Ephesians 3.14-21

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Reading - John 6.1-21

Sometime after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick. Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. The Jewish Passover Festival was near.

When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

Philip answered him, "It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!"

Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world." Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, where they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum. By now it was dark, and Jesus had not yet joined them. A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were frightened. But he said to them, "It is I; don't be afraid." Then they were willing to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading.

We continue to pray for

Dave Rogers

Mark Wilson

Barbara Maddock

Don Wylie

Vicky Sutton

Keith

John Barnes

Mark Isherwood

Marian Palin

Billy Harding

Ken Rimmer

Ken Lawson

Barbara Thomas

Phyllis Bell

Judith & Frank Kelly

Dave Bruford

Donald Gallagher

Julie Walker

Mary Sutton

Please pray for the family and friends of Ted Meighen who passed away last week.

Please pray ...

... for our nation as the lockdown restrictions are eased; that people will behave responsibly and that life be spared. Amen

..... for the people of Germany and Belgium whose lives have been lost or blighted by the recent floods and for those in North America whose lives and homes are at risk from extreme heat and wildfires. Pray for stable government in Afghanistan and South Africa and for wisdom amongst all world leaders. Amen

.....for the Palestinians of all ages in the occupied West Bank and Gaza still awaiting their vaccinations while young children in Israel are now receiving theirs. Israel/Palestine is an apartheid state in which a people with rights are forcibly separated from those who have none. Heavenly Father instil in the hearts of the Israeli government a hunger for the justice proclaimed by the Jewish prophets Amen