

Sunday 10th October 2021

We welcome Peter Paine who will lead the communion services this week on Sunday and Wednesday.

Church Services – now in church!

Harvest Festival Holy Communion @ 10.30am

We will again try to live stream this service on Facebook

Open Table Service @ 6.30pm

Wednesday BCP Holy Communion @ 10am

Latest News

↵ **Climate change walk this Saturday** As mentioned last week, there will be two groups doing the walk – both are encouraged to wear green on the day!

Group 1 will leave ASSF at 10.30 and join up with the party from St Lukes at the Derwent Road entrance to Rimrose Valley

Group 2 will meet at Blundellsands and Crosby station at 12 noon and get the 12.11 train to Sandhills. If you have not already done so please let Andrew know ASAP which group you would like to join – preferably by email to andrewt-s@outlook.com or see him in the Hub on Friday.

↵ **Harvest Festival Gifts** – This Sunday is our Harvest Festival. Please bring gifts for Sefton Foodbank. At present they do not need baked beans or pasta but do need the following: tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding, coffee, UHT milk (1 litre), toiletries, long-life fruit juice and squash, instant noodles and pasta sauce.



↵ **Ecumenical Morning Prayer** will recommence at 9.45am on Thursday 14th October at SS Peter and Paul church.

↵ Our **Brownie Guide Pack** (18th Crosby) is still looking for anyone who would like to volunteer as a leader for their meetings on Thursday evenings from 6-7.15pm. Full training and support will be provided by Girlguiding. You don't have to volunteer alone, you can do it in pairs or a small group. Anyone interested can either email Liz

Sinker the Guide District Commissioner at alsinker@hotmail.com or go to www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer/register-your-interest and register for 18th Crosby Brownies.

↵ **Cleaning** - We are looking to appoint a cleaner to help us maintain the high standard of our buildings. We need someone to work 10.5 hours each week between Thursday and Sunday. Please contact Alan Mears by email alan.mears@lineone.net or on 07513060359 if you are interested.

↵ **Advent Calendars 2021** - Advent Sunday is just seven weeks away ! Calendars are now available to order from Kathleen (kathleen.zimak@gmail.com or text mob 07910172430, there is also a list to sign in the Hub). The real Advent Calendar includes a 24 page Christmas story booklet reflecting the true meaning of Christmas. Price £4.50 - Profits go to Traidcraft's charitable work supporting small world producers in the Global South



↵ **Traidcraft Christmas Cards & Gifts** - Samples and catalogues will soon be available.

↵ **North Merseyside Newman Circle** are restarting our activities on 21st October. Venue, as before, will be St. Helen's Parish Centre, Crosby, at 7.30p.m. We have a talk by Fr. Peter Morgan on a very topical subject. His talk is entitled ***Hospitality or Hostility? The Asylum Question*** Fr. Peter is well-known and respected on Merseyside for his work with asylum seekers at St. Anne's Overbury Street.

Hymns for Sunday

MP 106 Come, ye thankful people, come

MP 7 All creatures of our God and King

MP 153 For the fruit of all creation

MP 486 Now thank we all our God

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 - Joel 1:1-7,10; 2:12-13,18-19,21-24

Hear this, O elders,
give ear, all inhabitants of the land!
Has such a thing happened in your days,
or in the days of your ancestors?
Tell your children of it,
and let your children tell their children,
and their children another generation.

What the cutting locust left,
the swarming locust has eaten.
What the swarming locust left,
the hopping locust has eaten,
and what the hopping locust left,
the destroying locust has eaten.

Wake up, you drunkards, and weep;
and wail, all you wine-drinkers,
over the sweet wine,
for it is cut off from your mouth.
For a nation has invaded my land,
powerful and innumerable;
its teeth are lions' teeth,
and it has the fangs of a lioness.
It has laid waste my vines,
and splintered my fig trees;
it has stripped off their bark and thrown it down;
their branches have turned white.
The fields are devastated,
the ground mourns;
for the grain is destroyed,
the wine dries up,
the oil fails.

Yet even now, says the Lord,
return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
rend your hearts and not your clothing.
Return to the Lord, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,

slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
and relents from punishing.

(God's Response and Promise)

Then the Lord became jealous for his land,
and had pity on his people.

In response to his people the Lord said:

I am sending you
grain, wine, and oil,
and you will be satisfied;
and I will no more make you
a mockery among the nations.

Do not fear, O soil;
be glad and rejoice,
for the Lord has done great things!
Do not fear, you animals of the field,
for the pastures of the wilderness are green;
the tree bears its fruit,
the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

O children of Zion, be glad
and rejoice in the Lord your God;
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.

The threshing floors shall be full of grain;
and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

Gospel – Matthew 6:25-33

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.*

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?’

‘And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today

and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, “What shall we eat?” or “What shall we drink?” or “What shall we wear?” For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

We continue to pray for

Dave Rogers	Mark Isherwood	Phyllis Bell
Mark Wilson	Marian Palin	Judith & Frank Kelly
Barbara Maddock	Billy Harding	Dave Bruford
Don Wylie	Ken Rimmer	Donald Gallagher
Vicky Sutton	Ken Lawson	Julie Walker
Keith Spencer	Barbara Thomas	Mary Sutton
John Barnes	Gordon Iverson	Karen Mayers
Hilary Plaistow		

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK As we celebrate Harvest this week give thanks ...

... for the food with which we are daily blessed and for our local farmers and producers. Despite the current delivery difficulties, few of us need worry about the next meal. Heavenly Father, make us thankful for the food we eat and conscious of the needy in our community who have to rely on Food Banks and the kindness of others. Make us generous in our gifts and ready to share the abundance with which we are blessed. Amen

... for those who produce our food in far off countries, Father we pray for the small farmers whose livelihood is threatened by huge multinational corporations; Bless the Fairtrade Foundation in its work to provide all with a living wage and inspire us to live sustainably and shop responsibly. Amen

... for the gift of fresh water. We thank you Lord for our own access to fresh running water and pray for those who must walk for miles to the nearest water source. We ask for your blessing on the Palestinian communities in the West Bank who need to collect rain water in tanks since they must pay more for running water than their neighbours in illegal Israeli settlements. Amen

With Christian Aid pray and work for a more equitable sharing of the World's Harvest. In Jesus' name Amen