

Sunday 28th November 2021 – Advent Sunday

Sunday 10.30am - We welcome Keith Thornborough who is presiding & preaching

Wednesday @10am - Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion – Hannah Lewis is presiding and preaching

Ecumenical Prayer Thursday @ 9.45am will be at St Helen's on 2nd Dec followed by Moor Lane Methodist on 9th Dec.

Latest News

- ✚ **Advent night prayer** - A small group of us will be meeting on Thursday evenings in Advent in church at 6pm for 30mins or so of quiet night prayers and a short reflection. All are welcome on any or all of the dates. The dates are 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd December. If you are interested in night prayer, but would prefer to join a zoom group on another evening please contact me, revdr.hmlewis@gmail.com or message me on Facebook.
- ✚ **IAP Crosby Nativity** - Come and join us on Fri 3rd and Sat 4th Dec at 4pm and 6pm each day with mass choir, dancing and a live retelling of the real Christmas Story. The performance will last 45 minutes, and tickets are available from £5 tickets are on sale <https://bit.ly/CrosbyNativity> There will be some seating available for those that need it.
- ✚ **Christmas Tree Light Switch on** will take place at Thornton village green opposite the Nag's Head on Friday 3rd Dec starting at 6pm. This festive community event includes Carol singing, Carmen Maria Dancers, Strung Together Ukuleles, Shy Lowen Christmas horse, Santa & refreshments.
- ✚ **Toy Service – Sunday 5th Dec.** You are invited to bring new unwrapped toys to this year's Toy Service. Please don't forget the teenagers! We know it's hard, but if we can try to minimize plastic toys that would help the planet!
- ✚ **Folk Carol evening – Saturday 11th Dec @ 7pm.** Come to sing some folky carols and wassails with Time Ashore Folk band – and enjoy a glass or two of mulled wine. Tickets £5 from Andrew or the church office or just sign up on the list at the back of church.
- ✚ **Community Carol Singing** - On Mon 20th and Tues 21st Dec we plan to visit a few of our housebound congregation to sing some carols. This will take up a maximum of a



couple of hours each night. If you would like to take part please let David Winsland know. Should either night have terrible weather Wed 22nd is our reserve night.

↵ **See how your waste is recycled!** Dave Bruford has arranged a visit to the Veolia recycling plant at Gilmoos on Wednesday the 15th December at 10.30am. Numbers are limited to a maximum of twelve persons. We will meet at church for about 09.50am and go in 3 cars. There's no charge. But we might go for a pub lunch afterwards. There will be a sign up list at the back of church.

↵ **Church Sidespeople** – We are keen to re-start the role of sides-people, so Ann is updating the list from 2019. The main purpose of this ministry is to greet people as they arrive at church. If you wish to carry on being a sides-person or would like to be one, then please have a chat to Ann. Thank you.

↵ **Calling all choir voices!** If you would like to join a choir for Carols by Candlelight on 19th December and maybe at other times over the Christmas period then please let Penny Thompson or Ruth Bennett know.

↵ **2022 Calendars** - As part of their fundraising Crosby and District Lions have produced a calendar with pictures of the North West. If you would like a calendar to support the lions please speak to Lynne or David Winsland. Calendar price £5.

↵ **Flower Rota 2022** – The new rota is now available in the Narthex. Please sign up for a date if you would like to sponsor our flowers. Regular sponsors – please check that the dates recorded for you are correct, please feel free to amend them. With thanks for the support given to our Flower Fund over the year.

↵ **Sefton Foodbank** – They particularly need the following: Instant mash, tinned goods (potatoes, rice pudding, fruit, fish), instant coffee, UHT milk (1 litre), long-life fruit juice and Christmas foods.



↵ **Traidcraft Christmas Gifts & Cards** - In the Narthex, this year's Christmas cards from Traidcraft are displayed with a catalogue and order forms. Payment on delivery. These christmas cards support four inspirational charities, Christian Aid, Cafod, SCIAF and Traidcraft Exchange. Many thanks for your support for these charities whose aim is always to eradicate global inequality. There is also a catalogue with the full range of Christmas gifts. Please add your orders to the list there. Payment due on delivery. Further details from Kathleen on 07910172430. Many thanks for your support

Hymns for Sunday

HON 86 Come and see the shining hope

HON 92 Come, thou long expected Jesus

HON 212 I cannot tell

HON 515 The Spirit lives to set us free

Collect

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

OT reading - Jeremiah 33.14-16

“The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will fulfil the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah.

“In those days and at that time

I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line;
he will do what is just and right in the land.

In those days Judah will be saved
and Jerusalem will live in safety.

This is the name by which it will be called:

The Lord Our Righteous Saviour.”

Gospel – Luke 21.25-36

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

‘There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’

He told them this parable: ‘Look at the fig-tree and all the trees. When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

‘Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

‘Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.’

*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
Hilary Plaistow	Gordon Iverson	Jane Dunphy

At the beginning of Advent we pray for the coming of Christ's Kingdom throughout the world and for our own part in its fulfilment -

Lord God

Give us your perspective

With the grace and courage to listen and wait.

To watch and pray, to stand up and lift our voices, To speak out and amplify

The call for justice for all the earth. Amen (Christian Aid)

November 25th began the Sixteen Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence, under the global theme set by the United Nations "Orange the World: End Violence against Women Now!" The colour orange is intended to symbolize hope for the future. Nearly 1 in 3 women globally have been abused in their lifetime.



Please pray for...

Locally, for Sefton Women's and Children's Aid, Refugee Women Connect, Victim Support, Sefton Counselling Services and the Salvation Army, all offering support to women victims of abuse and discrimination in the Merseyside area.

Globally, for all women who bear the brunt of climate change, poverty and the impact of Covid 19 which has heightened the risks of violence and gender inequality.

In Israel/Palestine, for the General Union of Palestinian Women which was established in 1965 to promote women's empowerment and participation in all levels of society. The organisation has this year been deemed a 'terrorist organisation' by Israel in an effort to shut down free speech in Palestinian society.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer Amen

Parish Office – The office is open Tues, Wed & Thurs 9.30-11.30am



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preparing for **Christmas** at All Saints with St Frideswyde

Sunday 5 Dec

9am

Holy Communion

Book of Common Prayer

10.30am

Toy Service Parade

Saturday 11 Dec

7pm

Folk Carol concert

with mulled wine

Tickets £5 from church office or Andrew T-S

At the heart of Christmas



Sunday 19 Dec

10.30am

All Age Holy Communion

6pm

Carols by Candlelight

Wed 22 Dec

10am

Holy Communion

Book of Common Prayer

Church office contacts: Phone 345 3231 or email office.assfchurch@gmail.com

Christmas at All Saints with St Frideswyde

Christmas Eve

3pm and 4.30pm

Christingle services

Booking is essential for these services – see below

11.30pm

Midnight Communion

At the heart of Christmas



Christmas Day

10am

Communion service

Sunday 26 Dec

10.30am

Holy Communion

Book of Common Prayer

At the Heart of Christmas is the Church of England's Christmas message. To find out more and to sign up for daily reflections, visit www.churchofengland.org/christmas

To book for Christingle please call in to the ASSF Community Hub or text Caroline on 07528 258993 giving your name and the number of adults and children in your group