

**St Faith Great Crosby:  
Liturgy and Formation  
Michaelmas 2014**



**AUTUMN**

## The regular pattern of worship from September 7th

### **Sundays:**

9.30am: Morning Prayer (said) – Lady Chapel

11.00am: Parish Eucharist

### **Sunday Evenings at 6.30pm (beginning Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2014)**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month:  
Compline and Benediction – Lady Chapel

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month:  
Evensong (Common Worship or Book of Common Prayer) – Choir Stalls

Full Choral Evensong – as announced

### **Weekdays:**

#### **The Daily Office:**

All Offices in the Lady Chapel

#### **Monday, Tuesday Wednesday, Friday:**

9.00am: Morning Prayer

#### **Tuesday:**

6.30pm: Evening Prayer

#### **Thursday:**

8.00am: Morning Prayer

#### **Friday:**

6.00pm: Evening Prayer

#### **Saturday:**

9.30am Morning Prayer

#### **The Holy Eucharist:**

All weekday Eucharists are in the Chapel of the Cross

Tuesday: 7.00pm

Thursday: 11.45am

Friday: 6.30pm

Saturday: 10.00am

### **Discipleship and Formation: Tuesdays at 7.30pm**

We are all disciples of Christ; that is what it means to be the Church, the sacramental presence of Christ in the world in our own local communities and in our daily living. We are formed as the people of God and as disciples by seeking God in prayer and scripture, by feeding on Christ in the Sacrament, and by study of scripture and tradition. So, on Tuesdays after the Eucharist, we offer opportunities to reflect on our faith and to be formed in our discipleship.

Starting this Autumn, there will be occasional 'one-off' input from visitors or our own clergy and readers, but from the end of September we will be following the 'Doxa' Programme, which is introduced below.

## **'Doxa' – The Glory of God**

'Doxa' means 'glory,' and this course starts with the belief that the glory of God is encountered in the ordinary, everyday experiences of Christian people. It is based in what its editor, John Thomson (who is Director of Ministry in the Sheffield Diocese) calls 'bread and butter' theology, or 'the theology of the pew.' Discipleship happens as ordinary Christian people discover more and more what it means to live as friends of Jesus Christ.

Doxa focuses on the Eucharist, because it is absolutely at the heart of Anglican worship and the ongoing sacrament of God's grace. Doxa focuses on what we do in worship – and what worship does to us! It enables us to reflect on what it means to live Eucharistically – which means living open to God, and worshipping in such a way that the liturgy opens to us God's transforming grace. It is open-ended in approach, because wisdom emerges when Christians reflect together on their sacramental experience of the living God. God refuses to be absent from those gathering in his name – so believing and belonging are linked. Actively belonging to church is part of how we flourish as disciples of Christ – we are constantly participating in God and being transformed to share God's life forever. And as we are, we make a difference to the world!

## **What is Doxa about?**

- It is rooted in a way of listening for God often expressed in the phrase 'lex credenda, lex orandi' – loosely, 'we pray what we believe, we believe what we pray.'

For Anglicans in particular this means:

- Attending to the interplay of scripture, tradition and reason as they weave together in the experience of public common worship
- Public prayer: prayer is never entirely private, even if it is sometimes solitary, but always a participation with others in the offering of life to God in Jesus Christ
- Liturgical listening. Liturgy – from the Greek leitourgia, meaning 'public service,' or 'the work of the people' is the way our praying is structured so that it is always anchored in the wisdom of the wider Christian community.
- Participation: Common worship reminds us that listening for God needs everyone's participation and sharing of wisdom – otherwise our hearing will be inadequate.

## What is the structure of Doxa?

There are 18 sessions in all, based on the structure of the Eucharist that is familiar in the Western (Roman Catholic and Anglican) Church – thus, the 3 first sessions are on ‘Gathering and Greeting,’ the next on ‘Penitence and Prayer,’ the next on ‘The Liturgy of the Word’ and so on. Each session involves some reflection on our own experience, a short bible study and some resources for discussion and reflection.

We’ll try to do it in blocks of 3 or six sessions with breaks and other stuff in between over the course of this year.

There is a book that goes with the course. You don’t need to read it to get something out of the course, but it is very well worth a look and isn’t too expensive. It is available online at Amazon

<http://www.amazon.co.uk/DOXA-Discipleship-Course-John-Thomson/dp/0232526605> for £9.15

## Tuesdays Formation at 7.30pm (after the Eucharist)

**8<sup>th</sup> September:** Canon Godfrey Butland, All Hallows Allerton: Aidan

**15<sup>th</sup> September:** Churches Together in Waterloo Meeting – Seafarers’ Centre

**23<sup>rd</sup> September:** Mission and Justice Meeting: 23 Bonnington Avenue

**Doxa starts Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September:**

### **Doxa 1: Gathering and Greeting**

30<sup>th</sup> September: Worship as Community

7<sup>th</sup> October: Worship as Celebration

14<sup>th</sup> October: Worship as Service

### **Doxa 2: Penitence and Prayer**

4<sup>th</sup> November: Lamenting

11<sup>th</sup> November: Dealing with Damage

18<sup>th</sup> November: A Praying People

