

The Parish Church of St Faith Great Crosby

Notes and News

3rd July 2022

St Thomas



Music & Hymns at the Parish Eucharist

532 – <i>Ye Watchers</i>	<i>Darke in F (G,S,A)</i>
186 – <i>O what their joy</i>	<i>The Lord bless you and keep you - Rutter</i>
421 – <i>Strengthen for service</i>	
323 – <i>Who are these</i>	
Festal Evensong	
O sons and daughters, let us sing!	<i>Locus Iste - Bruckner</i>
Thine be the glory	<i>Evening service in Bb - Stanford</i>
Smith responses	<i>Let all the world – Vaughan Williams</i>

Notices

If you are using the blue Gift Aid envelopes on a regular basis, please consider switching to a monthly standing order. You can still Gift Aid your donation by signing a form. For further details, please speak to the Treasurer, David Jones.

Flyers and Posters for this year's concert series are available from the back of church. Please take these flyers and help distribute them around the community.

Help is needed for the Summer Recitals. If you can help with the catering, please sign the list at the back of Church.

Help is needed to serve coffee after the Eucharist on Sunday. There is a list on the table at the back church to sign up and if you would like to know more see Rosie.

Come and Sing Festal Evensong this evening at 6.30pm. If you'd like to sing or know anyone who would be interested in singing at this event, please contact the Director of Music.

Donations are still being taken to fund the ongoing maintenance costs of the church organ. Donations are also welcome by cash or cheques (made payable to: PCC Great Crosby St Faith) or you can donate to "St Faith's Organ Appeal" on our JustGiving campaign page.

Kind Hearts Cafe every Thursday 12.00 noon till 2.00 pm in the hall. Soup, hotpot and pudding, proceeds go to work with the homeless.

If you are aware people are unwell, in hospital or in need of help could you inform Fr. John or any member of the ministry team.

Services

This Sunday 11.00am Parish Eucharist St Thomas	Celebrant & Preacher: Fr. Dennis Smith
Festal Evensong 6.30pm <i>"Buffet to follow"</i>	Rev. Dr Crispin Pailing Fr. John Reed
Thursday 12.00pm Eucharist	Fr. John Reed
Next Sunday 11.00am Parish Eucharist 4th Sunday after Trinity	Celebrant: Rev. Denise McDougall Preacher: Fr. John Reed Readings: Deuteronomy 30.9-14 Colossians 1.1-14 Luke 10.25-37

Contacts

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Please keep in your prayers

The Diocese of Liverpool: Liverpool South and Childwall. St Anne, Aigburth, St Margaret's Academy, St Barnabas, Penny Lane, Dovedale School, St Michael, Garston, Garston School, St Matthew and St James, Mossley Hill. North Meols Deanery. St John, Ainsdale, St John's School, St James, Birkdale and St Peter, Birkdale and Birkdale School.

Parish: Galloway Road, Molyneux Road, Milton Road and Stuart Road.

The World: For the Ukraine for peace in the region. An end to violence, injustice, intolerance, and racial violence. Refugees, asylum seekers and agencies that help. The World Health Organisation, cooperation in sharing vaccinations worldwide. Good stewardship of the earth and its resources.

The Church: The unity of all Christians. Archbishops Justin and Stephen, Diocesan Bishop Beverley with her new responsibilities and for those appointing the new Bishop of Liverpool. For Archdeacon Pete, Andrew Area Dean. Churches in the South Sefton Deanery, and local ecumenical partners.

Those who are sick: Barbara Bryan, Ross Cunningham, Joyce Sharpe, Elizabeth Lawson (Nee Moss), Suzie Greenwood, Oliver Grace, Jake Brown, Elaine Harrison, Mike Hammond, Danny Ohara, Christine Bore, Joan McKortel, Fr Mike Finlay, John Crooke, Stephen, and Rani Seneviratne, Russell Bamber, Samuel Andrews, Tracy Riley, Cliff Butler,

Elaine Brown, John Pierce, Pat Turnick, Dave O'Brien, Sheila Roberts and for those with coronavirus and those self-isolating.

Those who are recently departed: Canon Alan Wilkinson.

Those who are to be remembered at this time: Herman Annis (priest)Fr. Dennis Kelly, David Hodgson Jones, Joan Chapman, Sydney Thomas Hodges, Edith Mercia Nuttall, Re Charlton, Michael Fennemore, George Wardle, Sidney Riddick, Patricia Frances Johnson, Maurice Noakes, Barbara Davies, Ann Connor, William Ludlow, Jade Matthews, Harry Roberts, Yvonne Bower and Des Child.

Collect

Almighty and eternal God, who, for the firmer foundation of our faith, allowed your holy apostle Thomas to doubt the resurrection of your Son till word and sight convinced him: grant to us, who have not seen, that we also may believe and so confess Christ as our Lord and our God; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Reading: Habbakuk 2.1-4

I will stand at my watch-post, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

Psalm 31 v.1-6

I trust in you, O Lord, for you are my God.

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness. Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me. Be my strong rock, a fortress to save me, for you are my rock and my stronghold.

I trust in you, O Lord, for you are my God.

Guide me and lead me for your name's sake. Take me out of the net that they have laid secretly for me, for you are my strength. Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

I trust in you, O Lord, for you are my God.

I hate those who cling to worthless idols; I put my trust in the Lord. I will be glad and rejoice in your mercy, for you have seen my affliction and known my soul in adversity. You have not shut me up in the hand of the enemy; you have set my feet in an open place.

I trust in you, O Lord, for you are my God.

Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, my soul and my body also. For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of my affliction, and my bones are consumed.

I trust in you, O Lord, for you are my God.

I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbours, an object of dread to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they flee from me. I am forgotten like one that is dead, out of mind; I have become like a broken vessel.

I trust in you, O Lord, for you are my God.

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is on every side; they scheme together against me, and plot to take my life. But my trust is in you, O Lord. I have said, 'You are my God.

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Reading: Ephesians 2. 19-end

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

Reading: John 20.24-29

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**