

NewsLite

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An occasional publication of happenings at
St Faith's Great Crosby



We are celebrating the Feast of St Faith on
Sunday 3rd October with sung Eucharist
Preacher: Fr Myles Davies followed by
Lunch in the church hall and
Festal Evensong at 3.00

Any Spare Cash?

Recently, two or three people have said to me, "I saved some money during lockdown and now I've got some spare cash in the bank. Do you need anything in church?" Well, yes please is my answer!

Over the next few months, we will be facing some major expenditure at St Faith's - quite apart from our usual running costs. The roof and West window are due to be repaired soon, the church central heating boilers need replacement, there are costs in seeking professional advice and seeking funds for the Back of Church Development and a condition report on the organ is due next month that is expected to show major - and expensive - work is needed.

There are several smaller items of expenditure that could be funded by private donations - such as candles, small repairs, service books, altar linen, catering supplies, and so on. These are important parts of the church but are often overlooked in the normal running costs. If you would like to make a private donation for something, please speak confidentially to me, Gareth or Fr John. If you wish to give something in memory of a loved one, a dedication can be arranged too.

Thank you!

DAVID JONES

Treasurer

View from the Engineers Desk.

I think everyone agrees that the summer recital concerts at St Faith's are one of the best advertisements for our church as well as a money spinner and a truly splendid use of our large building and its' excellent acoustics. We are blessed with a building that really lends itself to such use.

Joe Watson has worked hard putting together a first class short programme of concerts this year, which have sadly now come to an end, although no one there could forget the very high standard of all the concerts.

Audiences numbers grew during the series and the last concert by Angelina Dorlin-Barlow was sensational!

Joe is promising an occasional concert or two over the Autumn / Winter period - keep your eyes peeled for 'What Happens Next'.(Clue - Black and White Phantoms will be seen in church)

In his letter above, David Jones mentions the current problems with the church heating boilers. Sadly new boilers are essential and this cost is currently a major worry for the PCC. There are also a number of other significant bills up ahead and we are all asked to consider our regular giving to provide the necessary finances so that in addition to our repair / maintenance work we can continue to pay our Parish Share to the Diocese.

One sure-fire money raiser for St Faith's and over 30 charities of course, is the **Christmas Tree Festival** which we hope will be back to normal this year and fill the church with cheer, song and colour for our 13th year. There will be an open meeting on **Wednesday 8th September** at the Back of Church at 7.30 for anyone who wants to be involved or who has ideas! The on-line event last year was (we hope) unique, but we have the chance to plan Festival 21 with new ideas and events as well as some of the more traditional favorites.

Another simple way of helping to support our finances is to buy a number or two in our monthly '100 Club'. Have a word with Brenda Cottarel is all it takes and you could be joining the list of winners sooner than you think.

A former family from St Faith's recently suffered the loss of their daughter, Lindsey. Margaret Sadler wrote me the note below:

I would like to say a very big 'THANK YOU' to all my friends at St. Faith's for their cards, letters, prayers and good wishes that have been sent to both Nick and I over the past weeks. We have been truly moved by the care and love expressed, and also to those that have donated to the Lindsey Mae Sadler Memorial Cancer Research Fund for Early Diagnosis. The Fund has now reached a remarkable total, including Gift Aid, of well over £7,000, which is a wonderful tribute to Lindsey Mae as a person and to people's generosity.

Margaret Sadler.

Lindsey was a member of our choir for many years, and although the family 'moved' to St Nicks, Pier Head when Derek was appointed organist there, she will always be remembered at St Faith's.

Sadly we also said farewell to Avis Port who died last month. Avis was a redoubtable St Faith's 'character' for many years, and we send our prayers and thoughts to her family.

The Back of Church project is moving forward, although of necessity we are now wading through the long grass of paperwork and grant aid applications. After raising about £25,000 over the past few years ourselves, we have spent £5,000 on professional fees and advice but are now writing planning applications, downloading forms for Diocesan approval, hoping for a green light from the Victorian Society, and possible grants from several sources. As you can imagine this will take quite some time, but I would hope to be able to give more news by the New Year. After the sterling efforts of the catering team during the recital series, the thought that the era of running water and a dishwasher is getting nearer is their motivation for next few months.

Keep safe and keep well,

Rick

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Next time you are in church

Look at the Runcie Window.

On the left as you come into church is one of the more spectacular windows in the church. Dedicated to the memory of our most illustrious 'Old Boy', Robert Runcie, it traces his progression from his family parish of St Luke's Crosby, his time as server at St Faith's, pupil at Merchant Taylors' school and his time in the forces where he was awarded the Military Medal.

It highlights St Albans Abbey where he was bishop, and of course his time as Archbishop of Canterbury. The eagle eyed among you will also spot the pig in the corner - a reference to his hobby as a pig breeder!

Services at St Faith's during September & October

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| Parish Eucharist | - September 5 th at 11.00 |
| | - September 12 th at St Mary's at 10.30
(No service at St Faith's) |
| | - September 19 th , 26 th at 11.00 |
| | - October 3 rd at 10.30, 10 th , 17 th , 24 th , 31 st at 11.00 |
| Evensong | - September 5 th , 19 th , at 6.30 |
| | - October 3 rd at 3.00 pm |