



# Christmas Tree Festival

*St Faith's Church, Crosby, December 6th – 12th, 2009*

**Welcome to St Faith's Church** for our first Christmas Tree Festival. We hope you will enjoy your visit, admiring the many decorated trees and exploring our church. Entry is free throughout the week, but the many groups and organisations who have sponsored and decorated trees for their favourite charities hope you will give generously to those you wish to support.

Refreshments are on sale at the back of church, together with cakes, preserves, jams and an assortment of Christmas goodies. You are welcome to stay as long as you like, and to relax at the tables at the back of church.

The Festival is open at these times

<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>1.00 pm to 5.00 pm</b>
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12 noon to 5.00 pm</b>
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>12 noon to 5.00 pm; and 7.00 to 8.00 pm</b>
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>10.00 am to 4.00 pm</b>

# The Trees



The decorated Christmas trees of the sponsors listed below can be found around the church as you wander around. At each tree there is information about the sponsors and the charity, and, of course, somewhere to put your money!

Alexandra Florist  
Beautyspot  
The Childrens' Society  
Crosby United Reformed Church  
Freshfield Animal Rescue  
Gillions Delicatessen  
Jonathan James Hairdressers  
Macmillan Nurses  
Medic Malawi  
The Mount, St. Mary's Prep School  
The Plaza Cinema  
Rumours  
St. Faith's Cubs  
St. Faith's Prayer Tree  
The Lollipop Tree  
St Vincent's School for the Blind  
Sue Rider  
Waterloo Dental Care  
Waterloo Primary School  
World of Flowers

Barnardos  
The Brooke Bowling Club  
Claire House Hospice  
Friends of Real Lancashire  
George x  
The Guides Organisation  
Jospice  
Marshalls Greengrocers  
Mersey Mission to Seafarers  
Oxfam  
Riding for the Disabled  
St. Faith's Church  
St. Faith's Junior Church  
St. John's Primary School  
St Nicholas's Church  
Southport Contemporary Artists  
The Trefoil Guild  
The Waterloo Partnership  
Woodlands Hospice

We thank all who have sponsored and decorated this inspiring display and wish them success in their fundraising throughout the week.

# St Faith's Church

The clergy and people of St Faith's are delighted to be able to play host to the 2009 Christmas Tree Festival and hope that our visitors will not only enjoy the display but also our parish church in which the trees are set.

We were founded in 1900, the gift of our generous benefactor Douglas Horsfall, and have been serving our parish and the people of Crosby and Waterloo for over a century. We hope you will find time to walk around the church and explore our fine building and its furnishings. You may find these notes helpful as you do so.

Immediately on your left as you enter is a stained glass window in memory of Lord Runcie, a Crosby boy who worshipped here as a boy and went on to be Archbishop of Canterbury and head of the Anglican Communion. Look out for the pig in the window – Lord Runcie was a great pig breeder! In front of you is the stone font, where baptisms take place, and the boards to the left record the names of vicars and churchwardens of our church.

Many of the stained glass windows along the side walls, most of which are dedicated to various saints, are Whitefriars glass, and you can see the little trademark monks at the bottom. In the south aisle, the right hand side, is a memorial to Joseph Bell, a worshipper at St Faith's, the heroic Chief Engineer who perished with the ill-fated 'Titanic'.

The nave, or main body of the church, leads up to the carved screen separating it from the choir and High Altar. On this screen are the figures of the patron saints of other churches founded by Douglas Horsfall in the Liverpool area. On your right is the Lady Chapel, where a light burns above the reserved sacrament. The fine statue here, which we call the 'rabbit madonna' has a distinctive feature: count the toes on the baby Jesus... You are very welcome to light a candle and place it in the nearby candle stand - and maybe spend some time in prayer or quietness.

The reredos, the great decorated panel above the high altar at the far end of the church, is a fine piece of Venetian work by the artist Salviati. In the small side aisle on the left you can see a little Madonna statue by the Liverpool sculptor and artist Arthur Dooley. Around the church you can see the striking red and gold Stations of the Cross.

If you would like to find out more, or if you have any questions, please feel free to speak to a steward. Overleaf you can find out about our regular and Christmas services, and read about our church website, which carries full information about everything to do with our church and community.

# Worship at Saint Faith's

## Every Sunday

11.00 am Sung Eucharist and  
Children's Church

## All-age Services

11.00 on certain Sundays

## Weekday Worship

Services most days of the week



## Christmas Services 2009

**Christmas Eve**, December 24th at 6.00 pm  
The Christingle Family Service

**Christmas Eve**, December 24th at 11.30 pm  
Christmas Midnight Mass

**Christmas Day** at 11.00 am  
Christmas morning Sung Eucharist

**For full details of everything that's happening at St Faith's...**

**Visit the Church website: [www.stfaithsgreatcrosby.org.uk](http://www.stfaithsgreatcrosby.org.uk)**

... for regularly updated information about services, officials, organisations, events, a guide, the church history, picture galleries and much more.

## Getting in Touch with St Faith's

Our vicar is currently on study leave, but you are welcome to get in touch, using the vicarage telephone number (928 3342), with any of the other clergy or church officials, or to find out more about our worship, our activities and organisations, or enquire about baptisms, weddings and funerals. Full contact details may be found on the church website.