



Welcome

to St. Luke Formby Parish Church

SUNDAY 23rd JULY 2017

OUR SERVICES TODAY

8.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Baptism



Bible Readings: Rom. 8: 12-25 & Matt. 13: 24-30, 36-43

*Read by Joan MacDonald & Sue Ford at 8.30am
and Ken Davies & Isabel Jordan at 10.30am*

ALSO THIS WEEK

Monday at 8.00pm: Meditation

NEXT SUNDAY 30th. JULY



8.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion

Readers: Ron Johnston & Anne Dennison
Alan & Irene Powell

Sidespeople: Anne Dennison & Ruth Whittaker
Alan & Irene Powell

Contact us: Vicar - Rev. Harvie Nicol ([away on sabbatical](#))

Wardens: Sheila Rodger and Peter Griffin

Deputy Wardens - John McGibbon, Ann Wood

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WELCOME EVERYONE - IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU

If you are visiting, please introduce yourself.
Refreshments are served in the Meeting Room
after the 10.30 am service. Do join us for a chat.

Mondays 1.30 - 3pm Mums & Tots in Meeting Room (term time only).

We have several Bible Study Groups,
Alpha Group and Uniformed Organisations.

Our Lifeboat Tea Room is open each
Friday, Saturday and Bank Holiday from 11am to 4pm

Please ask for more details about any of these.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please email prayer requests to Philip.

PASTORAL CARE: If you know someone who needs a home or hospital visit, please contact our wardens or one of our pastoral team.

GIVING BY PHONE: To support the work here at St. Luke's, text PEWS55 £5 to 70070. Other amounts may be given, just change £5 to the amount you wish to donate.

SOUP KITCHEN: A box is available at the back of church to receive your donations of tinned and packet foods. Thank you for your support.



SPONSORED BIKE RIDE FOR SHYIRA: Olivia successfully completed her sponsored bike ride, and the total amount **raised** now stands at **£829.95** (gift aided) and this includes £111.00 raised by St. Luke's. Many thanks to all who sponsored Olivia for the Shyira Trust, and you can still donate until 9th August by going to:

<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/oliviamckie-thompson/>

Toilets (and baby changing facilities in disabled toilet) are available in the Meeting Room which is open during the services.

First Aid Boxes are located in the Choir Vestry & Meeting Room Kitchen



WOODLAND WORKSHOP: Please note there will be no workshop during August. The next session will be on **SATURDAY 9th SEPTEMBER AT 9.30am**. All will be welcome to come and help keep our woodland and surroundings in good order but please wear strong shoes and gloves. Refreshments are provided.

BIBLE READING NOTES: Word for Today and Word for You. The August to October editions are now available, **FREE**, at the back of church. They can also be delivered, at no cost, to your home address (see the booklets for details). If you are not already familiar with these booklets, do have a look at them.

DEMENTIA AWARENESS SESSIONS: Once again Sally will be leading these sessions and if you have not already attended one, or even if you would like to go again, you will be most welcome and light refreshments will be served. This time the venue is **Formby Library** and the dates are as follows:

THURSDAY JULY 27th 7-9 and SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 23rd 10-12 noon



SATURDAY 29th JULY -

LIFEBOAT DAY AT OUR TEA ROOM:

In addition to delicious lunches, cakes and drinks entertainment will be provided by the Shanty Kings. Do come along with friends and family, enjoy a great time and support both our tea room and lifeboat service.

Don't forget you can always go along for a cuppa and a friendly chat at our tea room each Friday and Saturday or to Holy Trinity Workshop, Monday and Thursday from 10am to 12 noon. You'll be sure of a warm welcome.



JOB VACANCY - SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL: This position will be at the junction of Jubilee Road and Bushby's Lane, Formby. No experience is needed as full training will be given. Pay is £8 per hour and half pay retainer out of term time. There is also holiday pay and travel expenses. For additional information or an application form please contact the School Crossing Services on 0151 288 6153.

The next news sheet will be for Sunday 30th July. Please pass items to **Irene Powell** to arrive no later than Tuesday 25th July

PLEASE PRAY FOR:-

Our church, for Harvie on his sabbatical and also for Sally.
The ministry of St. Mark, Shyira.
The work of the food banks.

Those who mourn that they may know
God's love and comfort.

Those who are facing long term health problems,
those on our email prayer chain and in our book of healing.

Those in residential or nursing homes especially those
from our own congregation and their families at home.

The housebound, elderly, and all who care for them.

Those living in:-

Eccles Road Edenhurst Close Edenhurst Drive Elm Drive
Elmdale Close Elson Road Elsworth Close



SPOTLIGHT - where is God today?

Recently I read these words from the prophet *Habakkuk Chapter 1 verse 1* "How long, Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen?" As I read the next verses there was almost a sense of déjà vu. All these centuries later, and nothing seems to have changed. Do we sometimes despair at the state of the world, at the wars, injustice, poverty etc? Do we sometimes wonder why we pray for people yet they don't receive the healing for which we ask? Habakkuk and many others down through the ages have faced it all before yet time and again we read that their despair turns to praise as they realise afresh that God has not forsaken them. We don't always understand His ways or His timing, but He **IS** with us, He does care and nothing is beyond His control. The answer? Keep praying!

St. Luke's verse for 2017

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put
a new and right spirit within me". Psalm 51 verse 10