



Welcome

St. Luke Formby Parish Church
SUNDAY 21st JANUARY 2018

OUR SERVICES TODAY:

8.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion



Bible Readings: Rev. 19: 6-10 & John 2: 1-11
Read today by Anne Dennison & Mary Williamson at 8.30am
and by Sally Nicol & Isabel Jordan at 10.30am

ALSO THIS WEEK:

Monday at 8pm - Meditation
Thursday at 8.30am - Morning Prayer

NEXT SUNDAY 28th JANUARY



8.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Baptism

Readers: Ron Johnson & John Nelson
James Patterson & Ken Davies

Sidespeople: June Watchorn & Joan MacDonald
Ken Davies

Contact us: Vicar - Rev. Harvie Nicol
Wardens: Sheila Rodger and Peter Griffin
Deputy Wardens - John McGibbon, Ann Wood
Web site: <http://www.stlukesformby.org.uk>
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services**



WELCOME EVERYONE - IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU

If you are visiting, please introduce yourself.
Refreshments are served in the Meeting Room
after the 10:30am service. Do join us for a chat.

Mondays 1:30 - 3pm Mums & Tots in the Meeting Room (term time)
We have several Bible Study Groups,
Alpha Groups and Uniformed Organisations.
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 Ann Wood or Maggie Elkington.

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 - There is a box at the back of church for donations of tinned and packet foods.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES: If you've not recently had your box emptied, please bring it to church **by the end of January** or speak with Rachel. Rachel will also accept foreign and old coins (including the old round pound). Last year the total from all the boxes was over 1.6 million pounds which was used to run local services, helping thousands of young people who don't feel loved, safe or able to cope. Every coin you find down the back of the sofa or in a coat pocket makes a difference so thanks for your support.

YOUTH ALPHA: Please pray for this new venture, for the leaders and for youngsters to come along on Wednesday evenings.

THANKS: To all who supported the Open Doors/Gifts to Funds coffee morning last weekend when £173.65 was raised for church funds.



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

TONIGHT: As a conclusion to our week of prayer for Christian Unity, there will be a united service at St. Stephen's Church, Hightown at 6.30pm to which everyone is invited.



SATURDAY 27th JANUARY: OPEN DOORS COFFEE.

Do come along, bring friends and enjoy coffee and cakes (and toasted tea cakes!) in the meeting room from 10am to 12 noon. *If you would like to help by baking a cake, please call June before Thursday.*

**ALSO ON SATURDAY 27th JANUARY:
DEMENTIA AWARENESS TRAINING**

This free - of - charge event will be held at the fire station on Church Road, Formby from 10am to 12noon. All are welcome. Ring 01704 877655 or speak with Sally in church for more details.

NEXT SUNDAY 28th JANUARY - HALF HOUR OF PRAYER. Do join us in church from 7.30 to 8pm as we bring the needs of our fellowship, our community, country and indeed our world to our faithful God.



SATURDAY 3rd FEBRUARY: Our Crafty folk meet from 10am in the meeting room and would love to see new crafters. Bring your own favourite crafts and enjoy some good company and a cuppa too.

TUESDAY LUNCH 6th FEBRUARY: Everyone welcome to join us in the meeting room for a light lunch from 12 noon.

SATURDAY 10th FEBRUARY: WOODLAND WORKSHOP. Always plenty to do and Bob will be pleased to receive help but please wear suitably strong shoes and gloves. Meet from 9am.

New Brownie leader: Julie Maher is a new leader for the Monday evening 4th St. Luke's Brownies and she can be contacted on 07811907003.

*THE NEXT NEWS SHEET will be for **Sunday 28th January** and contributions should be notified by email to **PHILIP LOWE** no later than **Tuesday 23rd January.***

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES

PLEASE PRAY FOR:-

Our own church especially those who are ill or generally struggling with life.

Our world and all those suffering through conflicts and disasters.

The ministry and members of St. Mark's, Shyira, St. Michael's, Altcar and Redgate churches.

All who mourn that they find comfort and strength in God's love.

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

THERE'S GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS!

It is reported that from West Africa to Indonesia some 44,000 Muslim believers have been baptised as a witness to their new found faith in Christ.

Across the Indian Diaspora there is a surging tide of believers, passionate for Christ and desperate to be taught God's Word.

China continues to witness revival and the church has overtaken the membership of the communist party BUT.....Since September 2017 China has passed new restrictions on Christian gatherings and in Yugan county the believers are being "urged" to replace their crosses and religious pictures with pictures of the communist leader.

"Greater is He who is for us than he who is against us!"

Thank God for new Christian converts but let's continue praying for persecuted Christians in China and throughout the world.

St. Luke's verse for 2018

"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ." Galatians 6: 2