



Welcome

St. Luke Formby Parish Church
SUNDAY 14th JANUARY 2018

OUR SERVICES TODAY:

8.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Praise
6.30pm Holy Communion



*Bible Readings: Rev. 5: 1-10 & John 1: 43 to end
Read today by Sue Ford & Joan MacDonald at 8.30am
and by Andrew & Jean Cox at 6.30pm*

ALSO THIS WEEK:

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



NEXT SUNDAY 21st JANUARY

8.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion

Readers: Anne Dennison & Mary Williamson
Sally Nicol & Isabel Jordan

Sidespeople: Anne Dennison & Ruth Whittaker
John & Rhona Heron

Contact us: Vicar - Rev. Harvie Nicol
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 10:30am 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.

CALENDAR SALES: Total profit to date is £536. Any remaining money from sales or unsold items should be returned to Ken a.s.a.p. Thanks to all who bought calendars and to those who helped with sales.

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



JANUARY 16th TUESDAY LUNCH: The first of the New Year when all are welcome in the meeting room from 12 noon for a lunch of soup, sandwiches, cake and friendship. If you've never been before, why not come along and give it a try?

SUNDAY 21st JANUARY - LIGHT BREAKFAST in the meeting room at 9.30am. To assist with catering, please add your name to the list at the back of church and if anyone could help with setting up at 8am please speak with Ann Wood.



**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. Speak with Sally in church for more details.

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.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
BEGINS TOMORROW**

We will join with others for Morning Prayer at 9am as follows:

Monday 15th at Holy Trinity

Tuesday 16th at Our Lady's

Wednesday 17th at St. Jerome's

Thursday 18th at St. Peter's

Friday 19th at United Reformed

Saturday 20th at St. Luke's



There will be a united service on Sunday 21st January at St. Stephen's, Hightown at 6.30pm

*THE NEXT NEWS SHEET will be for **Sunday 21st January** and contributions should be notified by email to Irene Powell **no later than TOMORROW 15th January.***

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAY

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 and all our local churches as we pray together for Christian unity.

All who mourn especially those who are facing this new year for the first time without their loved one.

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:-

Chestnut Way Chindit Close Church Green Church Way
Coniston Road Crescent Avenue Derwent Avenue

HAVE YOU KEPT YOUR NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS?

Well, I have to admit that telling myself to ease up on the chocolate and cake is usually a resounding failure before the end of New Year's Day! However, perhaps there are other resolutions more worthy of keeping.....

The planet Mercury is hot, whereas Pluto is cold and that's because Mercury is closer to the sun. As God's children our spiritual temperature is determined by how close we are to God. How many times have we resolved to get closer to God; to read our Bibles more; to spend more time in prayer? Often easier said than done. Actually, it's all to do with that word "resolve". We need to DESIRE, DECIDE AND DISCIPLINE ourselves. To get close to someone we need to give them our attention, our time, our commitment and yes, our love. As we consider God's love to us in giving His Son to be born in a manger - to live, die and rise again so that we may be saved - making more time for Him seems like one resolution worth making and keeping.

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