



Welcome

St. Luke Formby Parish Church
SUNDAY 7th JANUARY 2018

OUR SERVICES TODAY:

8.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion



Bible Readings: 1 John 3: 7-10 & John 1: 35-42
Read today by Mary Williamson & Elizabeth Almond at 8.30am
and by Alan & Irene Powell at 10.30am

ALSO THIS WEEK:

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

NEXT SUNDAY 14th JANUARY



8.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Praise
6.30pm Holy Communion

Readers: Sue Ford & Joan MacDonald (8.30am)
Andrew & Jean Cox (6.30pm)
Sidespeople: David Moore & Sue Ford
Gwyneth Croft & Sheila Nelson
Philip & Elizabeth Lowe

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.

THANKS: It may all seem a while ago now, but many thanks to all who donated money for church flowers over the Christmas period. Thanks also to those who contributed at our Christingle service when £190.52 was raised for the work of the Children's Society.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES: If you've not recently had your box emptied, please bring it to church **by the end of January**, speak with Rachel or email her.



LAUNCHING OF YOUTH ALPHA: Our new Youth Alpha - Open Space - starts on **January 10th**. The ten week course is a chance for young people (11-14) to meet, eat and talk about what matters in life. They'll meet each Wednesday evening from 6.30 to 8.30 in the fire station on Church Road. ***Please pray for this new venture, for the leaders and for the youngsters. who will come along.***

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

PLEASE NOTE:

THERE WILL BE NO CRAFT MORNING IN JANUARY

SATURDAY 13th JANUARY - OPEN DOORS/GIFTS

TO FUNDS: This will be our first coffee morning of the year. Whilst you enjoy your coffee and cake, browse to see what exciting items are on our stalls. An opportunity to bring along those “not quite what I wanted” presents you received for Christmas. Someone else may be happy to buy them and help boost church funds. It’s a win, win situation so hold on to those presents, bring them with you and give it a try.

*Also, if you are able to bake some cakes, please let Jean Cox know by **Thursday 11th January.***



ALSO ON SATURDAY 13th - WOODLAND WORKSHOP: Bob is always glad of some extra pairs of hands and working in the grounds is a great way to shed some of that extra weight gained over Christmas! Wear strong shoes and gloves and join Bob from 9am.



JANUARY 16th TUESDAY LUNCH: The first of the New Year when all are welcome in the meeting room from 12noon 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 for more details.

THE NEXT NEWS SHEET will be for Sunday 14th January and contributions should be notified to Irene Powell no later than Tuesday 9th January

PLEASE PRAY FOR:-

Our own church and especially for the new Youth Alpha.

Our world and all those suffering through conflicts and disasters.

The ministry and members of St. Peter's, Formby and St. Mark's, Shyira.

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:-

Bushby's Lane Bushby's Park Buttermere Close Cedar Drive
Cambridge Road Carrs Crescent Carrs Crescent West

WHAT CAN I DO?

This New Year is going to be tough for a number of people I know, perhaps you can say the same. Sometimes we think we can't make a difference, there is nothing we can do to make them feel better, we can't alter the world, heal all the hurts, stop wars or injustice. Perhaps this poem will help us realise that sometimes it just takes something small to make a difference.

"One song can spark a moment; one flower such joy can bring. One tree can start a forest; one bird can herald Spring. **One smile begins a friendship, one handclasp lifts a soul.** One star can guide a ship at sea; one word can frame the goal. One vote can change a nation; one sunbeam lights a room. One candle wipes out darkness; one laugh can conquer gloom. **One step can start a journey, one word can start a prayer. One hope can raise our spirits, one touch can show you care.** One voice can speak with wisdom, one heart can know what's true. **One life can make a difference, you see.....it's up to you.**"

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