



Welcome

St. Luke Formby Parish Church
SUNDAY 1st APRIL 2018

OUR SERVICES TODAY: EASTER SUNDAY

HALLELUJAH! CHRIST IS RISEN!



8.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Easter Communion



Bible Readings: Exodus 14: 10 to end & Mark 16: 1-8

*Read today by John Nelson & Pauline Mulford at 8.30am
and by Sally Nicol & James Patterson at 10.30am*

*Our altar flowers are today donated by Margaret Fisher
in memory of her husband Paddy.*

ALSO THIS WEEK:

Thursday 5th April: Holy Communion at 9.15am

NEXT SUNDAY: 8th APRIL

8.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Praise
6.30pm Holy Communion



Readers: Ron Johnson & Elizabeth Almond
Philip & Elizabeth Lowe (6.30pm)
Sidespeople: Mary Williamson & John Nelson
Carole Spence & Ken Davies
Philip & Elizabeth Lowe (6.30)

Contact us: Vicar - Rev. Harvie Nicol
Wardens: Sheila Rodger and Peter Griffin
Deputy Wardens - John McGibbon, Ann Wood
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Face book: <https://www.facebook.com/StLukesChurchFormby>

**Hearing
Aid?
Switch to
the 'T'
position
during
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.

THANKS: To everyone who delivered the parish Easter cards;
To those who gave money for Easter flowers;
To those who prepared and served Lent Lunches;
To those who offered promises and those who bid for them
at our Lent Auction last Sunday.

ALSO, A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN ORGANISING VARIOUS EVENTS DURING LENT AND TO EVERYONE WHO HAS GIVEN SO GENEREROUSLY TO OUR PROJECTS.

SUMMARY: Total from benches and bricks £404
Auction of promises £389



**Gift Aid has still to be added but so far over
£3,000 has been raised for Butaka and Concepcion.**

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

3rd APRIL - TUESDAY LUNCH: Everyone welcome to join us in the meeting room at 12 noon for a light lunch and good company.



SATURDAY 7th APRIL - OPEN DOORS COFFEE MORNING: This will be the last of these events as the Lifeboat Tearoom reopens on 27th. Come along for coffee, tea, cake and a chat. *If you would like to bake a cake for us please contact Ann before Thursday.*

ALSO ON SATURDAY - CRAFTY FOLK. Join us in the meeting room from 10am to 12 noon. Bring your favourite craft and enjoy some "me" time with perhaps coffee and cake too?

SATURDAY 14th APRIL - WOODLAND WORKSHOP Join Bob and his team in the church grounds from 9am. There is always plenty to do, everyone welcome but do wear strong shoes and gloves.



SUNDAY 15th APRIL LIGHT BREAKFAST in the meeting Room at 9.30am. Please sign the list at the back if you plan to come.

THURSDAY 19th APRIL - APCM 7.30pm in the Meeting Room. Please do your best to attend this important meeting in the life of YOUR church.

SATURDAY 21st APRIL - RETIREMENT SERVICE: Bishop Richard is due to retire as Bishop of Warrington in April and his farewell service will be in the Cathedral at 3pm. An invitation is extended to members of all parishes to join him for this service.



**FRIDAY 27th APRIL -
LIFEBOAT TEAROOM RE- OPENS**

Put the date in your diary, spread the word and come along and enjoy freshly made sandwiches, soups, cakes and drinks all served with a smile! We will be open from 11am to 4pm each Friday, Saturday and Bank Holiday until the end of August. Extra help always appreciated - speak with Jean, Andrew or Gwyneth.

THE NEXT NEWS SHEET will be for Sunday 8th April and contributions should be notified by email to **IRENE** no later than **Tuesday 3rd April**.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:-

Our own church, and Christians throughout the world as we celebrate together the joy of Christ's resurrection.

Our world and all those suffering through conflicts and disasters, remembering especially this week the people in Israel.

The ministry and members of St. Mark's, Shyira, and Our Lady of Victories, Hightown.

All who mourn especially Harvie and family on the loss of his mum, 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:-

Bushbys Lane Bushbys Park Buttermere Close Cambridge Rd
Carrs Crescent Carrs Crescent West Cedar Drive



HE IS RISEN INDEED! HALLELUJAH!

Last week we wondered what it must have been like watching Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey. A lot happened in the next few days. The disciples euphoria turned to shock and horror as Jesus was crucified. How would you have felt then? For some their hope of Jesus being the sort of saviour they imagined was dashed. He was dead...or was He? On Sunday morning the women went to the tomb and found it empty. What was going on? A million questions and fears tumbled into their minds. Yet, what was this man saying? Could He really be Jesus? Was He really raised from the dead? Would we be like the women and rush home in excitement and joy to tell others? Would we be like some of the disciples and need to see for ourselves? Perhaps we'd be like the two on the Emmaus road, not sure what to make of it all or even like poor Thomas, forever labelled "doubting". The most wonderful news is it was true. Jesus was alive and what's more - He's alive today and for ever more. **HALLELUJAH!**

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