



Welcome

St. Luke Formby Parish Church
SUNDAY 24th December 2017

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES



- 8.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Lessons & Carols
4.00pm Crib Service
23.15pm First Communion of Christmas

Bible Readings: Rom. 16: 25 - end & Luke 1: 26 - 38
Read today by June Watchorn & Joan MacDonald 8.30am

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

9.30am Holy Communion



May we wish everyone a very happy and peaceful Christmas and a New Year filled with the love, joy, strength and blessings of Jesus our wonderful Saviour.

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 - Many thanks from everyone at the soup kitchen for your generosity throughout the year. The box will again be at the back of church to accept your donations of food.

ST. LUKE'S/RANGE HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR: There are still some left, priced £5. Buy your copies from Ken Davies today.



LAUNCHING OF YOUTH ALPHA: Our new Youth Alpha - Open Space - starts on **January 10th**. Please pick up an invitation to give to any young people (11-14) you may see over the Christmas period. The ten week course is a chance to meet, eat and talk about what matters in life. We'll meet each Wednesday evening from 6.30 to 8.30 in the fire station on Church Road. **Pre booking by 5th January is essential.** More details from Isabel Jordan, Cherie Gilchrist or Fiona Grieveson; youthalpha@stlukesformby.org.uk

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

SERVICES OVER THE NEXT TWO WEEKS:



SUNDAY 31st DECEMBER:

Holy Communion at 8.30am and 10.30am

THURSDAY 4th JANUARY:

Morning Prayer at 8.30am and Holy Communion at 9.15am

SUNDAY 7th JANUARY:

Holy Communion at 8.30am and 10.30am

PLEASE NOTE:

THERE WILL BE NO CRAFT MORNING IN JANUARY



SATURDAY 13th JANUARY - GIFTS TO FUNDS: This will also be our first OPEN DOORS coffee morning. Whilst you enjoy your coffee and cake, browse to see what exciting items are on our stall. 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.

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?



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.

THE NEXT NEWS SHEET *There will be no news sheet on Sunday 31st December. The next sheet will be on Sunday 7th January and contributions should be notified by email or by telephone to Irene Powell no later than Tuesday 2nd January*

PLEASE PRAY FOR:-

Those in hospital, those who are homeless and all who are lonely.

Our world and all those suffering through conflicts and disasters.

The ministry and members of St. Mark's, Shyira. and our fellow Christians throughout the world.

All who mourn especially those who have lost loved ones this year and face a first Christmas without them

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



IT'S ALL CRACKERS!

It's Christmas Eve, time to do a quick check list. Turkey, Christmas Pudding, Mince Pies, all the vegetables and trimmings - probably enough food to feed a small army! Did you remember the present for Aunt Maude (Harvie's favourite Aunt)? Oh yes, and the crackers. Are they really a complete waste of money with their silly hats and even sillier jokes? Maybe not. As you pull your crackers tomorrow let them remind you of the real meaning of Christmas.

The pointed hat can remind us that Jesus is the King of Kings.

The motto can remind us that we have a message to share.

The gift reminds us that in Jesus, we have the best gift - salvation.

He did not use a silvery box or paper green and red;
God laid His Christmas gift to me on a simple manger bed.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

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