



Welcome

St. Luke Formby Parish Church
SUNDAY 18th FEBRUARY 2018

OUR SERVICES TODAY:

8.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion



Bible Readings: Genesis 9: 8-17 & Mark 1: 9-15.

*Read today by Elizabeth Almond & Joan MacDonald at 8.30am
and by Andrew & Jean Cox at 10.30am*

ALSO THIS WEEK:

Monday 8pm - Meditation
Thursday 8.30am - Morning Prayer



NEXT SUNDAY 25th FEBRUARY

8.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion

Readers: Sue Ford & John Nelson
Gwyneth Croft & Sheila Nelson

Sidespeople: Elizabeth Almond & Margaret McCoy
Gwyneth Croft & Sheila Nelson

Contact us: Vicar - Rev. Harvie Nicol
Wardens: Sheila Rodger and Peter Griffin
Deputy Wardens - John McGibbon, Ann Wood
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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.



REAL EASTER EGGS! These chocolate eggs come with a small gift and a booklet telling the story of Easter and make an ideal gift for someone wanting to know more about Jesus. Three different eggs are available (see posters) but as they can be difficult to find in the shops you can order them in church. Complete the form at the back indicating how many eggs you want but orders must be in no later than 28th February.

THANKS to everyone who bought or helped to sell the annual calendars. A profit of £541 was raised to be split equally between The Shyira Trust and The Teenage Cancer Trust.

TUESDAY 20th FEBRUARY - LUNCH. All welcome in the meeting room for a light lunch, cuppa and company.
12noon to 2pm



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

SATURDAY 24th FEBRUARY - OPEN DOORS

COFFEE TIME: Join us in the meeting room between 10am and noon and bring along your friends. *If anyone is able to bake a cake please ring Di before Thursday.*



ALSO ON SATURDAY 24th FEBRUARY: A meeting for members of the pastoral care team will be held in the meeting room at 12 noon. Please note this is on Saturday, not as previously stated.

NEXT SUNDAY - HALF HOUR OF PRAYER: We'd love to have you join us in church for this short time of prayer from 7.30 - 8pm.

FRIDAY 2nd MARCH - WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:



This year's service has been written by the women of Suriname in South America. The service for our area will be held at St. Stephen's, Hightown at 2pm. The theme is "All God's creation is very good". An estimated 3 million people around the world will be joining in prayer. Will you be one of them? All welcome.

SUNDAY 4th MARCH - LENT LUNCH: Join us in the meeting room at 12.15pm for homemade soup, rolls and sandwiches. Friends welcome too. No charge but donations for our lent projects appreciated. Please sign the list at the back of church if you plan to come.



SATURDAY 10th MARCH - Crafty Folk meet from 10am and new people are always welcome. Bring your own craft - needlework, painting etc and enjoy time together.

LENT COURSE AT ST. LUKE'S: TUESDAYS FEB - MARCH

Our Lent course begins this week on **TUESDAY 20th. looking at the life and teaching of Jesus.** Sessions lasting 1 hour 45 mins will be held in church on Tuesdays at 2.30pm and 7.30pm. and the dates are Feb. 20th, 27th. Mar. 6th, 13th, 20th.

LENT PROJECTS: There are sure to be lots of ways you can support our projects so keep an eye on the weekly news sheet. Donations may be placed in the African basket at the back of church throughout Lent and tax reclaim envelopes are also available. Please give your support.

THE NEXT NEWS SHEET will be for **Sunday 25th February** and contributions should be notified by email to **IRENE** no later than **Tuesday 20th February** please.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:-

Our own church the Lent Course and our Lent Projects.
Our world and all those suffering through conflicts and disasters.
The ministry and members of St. Mark's, Shyira and Formby Methodist Church.
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:-

Maple Close Mayfield Avenue Mayfield Close Meldreth Close
Mere Road Milford Close Orwell Close

IT'S ALL ABOUT LOVE.....



I used this heading last week. Did anyone notice???

We've just begun the season of Lent and are hoping to raise much needed funds for our two Lent projects and it's all about sharing God's love in practical ways and helping others who have so little.

In Butaka, Rwanda, Moses has been faithfully leading his desperately poor congregation who worship in an old leaking and disused building. For some years we have been sending money to help build a church which is now almost complete but then the money will have run out and they will still have no furnishings inside. Will you give generously for some simple benches and an altar table?

In Conception, Paraguay, the indigenous Indians had nowhere to sleep when they came to the town for hospital appointments. The local Christian church provided a small shelter of sorts and we sent money for some mattresses to save them sleeping on the floor but now they urgently need some toilet and cooking facilities. Will you help them?

“ in as much as you did it to the least of these you did it for me”.

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