



Welcome

St. Luke Formby Parish Church
SUNDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2018

OUR SERVICES TODAY:

8.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Praise
6.30pm Holy Communion



Bible Readings: 2 Kings 2: 1-12 & Mark 9: 2 - 9

*Read today by Ann Dennison & Pauline Mulford at 8.30am
and by Philip & Elizabeth Lowe at 6.30pm*

Our Altar flowers this week are donated by Hazel Younger

ALSO THIS WEEK:

Monday 8pm - Meditation
Ash Wednesday Joint Service at St. Peter's - 7.30pm
Thursday 8.30am - Morning Prayer



NEXT SUNDAY 18th FEBRUARY

8.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion

Readers: Elizabeth Almond & Joan MacDonald
Andrew & Jean Cox
Sidespeople: Mary Williamson & John Nelson
Alan & Irene Powell

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

YOUTH ALPHA: Please continue to pray for this new venture, for the leaders and for youngsters to come along on Wednesday evenings.

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.



ASH WEDNESDAY 14th FEBRUARY: This year there will be a joint Service at 7.30pm, at St. Peter's when everyone will be welcome.

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 17th FEBRUARY - ROMANTIC MEMORIES: Our next reminiscence event will be in the Meeting Room from 11am to 1pm and our theme will be "Love, Romance and Weddings". We will spend time together sharing memories prompted by various objects in our memory boxes and singing some old love songs. Please invite anyone you think may enjoy this event and they will be warmly welcomed.



NEXT SUNDAY 18th FEBRUARY: Light Breakfast at 9.30am in the meeting room. To assist with catering please put your name on the list at the back if you plan to come.

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.



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



This year's service has been written by the women of Suriname in South America and 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". Join an estimated 3 million people around the world. All are welcome.

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 entitled, **JESUS, THE GAME CHANGER**, will explore how the life and teaching of Jesus changed the world and why it still matters today.

Sessions will be held in church on Tuesdays at 2.30pm and 7.30pm.

Each session will last 1 hour 45 minutes as follows:

Week 1	February 20th	JESUS
Week 2	February 27th	EQUALITY
Week 3	March 6th	FORGIVENESS
Week 4	March 13th	WOMEN & CHILDREN
Week 5	March 20th	DEMOCRACY

THE NEXT NEWS SHEET will be for **Sunday 18th February** and contributions should be notified by email to **IRENE POWELL** no later than **Tuesday 13th February** please.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:-

Our own church and the forthcoming Lent Course.

Our world and all those suffering through conflicts and disasters.

The ministry and members of St. Mark's, Shyira and Formby Elim Pentecoastal 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:-

Jubilee Road Kew Road Kirklake Bank Kirklake Road
Langdale Avenue Langdale Close Lifeboat Road Lime Tree Way

IT'S ALL ABOUT LOVE.....



The Beatles sang "All you need is love". Have you ever wondered how many things you say you love? I love chocolate, cakes and biscuits (yes, I know I shouldn't). I love my garden and I love nature in all its many forms. The list of things that I love is long and of course I love my family and friends too!

Can you remember the first time you met someone special and how you wanted to spend as much time as possible with them?

Can you remember when you realised God wanted to be special in your life and you looked forward to spending time worshipping, praying and reading His Word?

Sometimes love can become a bit stale. On Wednesday this week we begin Lent with Ash Wednesday and it also happens to be Valentine's Day. Will we renew our love for God and those around us? Will we make time to show our love and grow closer? Lent is not just about giving things up it's also a time to spend learning more about God and His ways and how we can share His love with others. Let's use Lent wisely.

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