

WELCOME EVERYONE

to St Luke Formby Parish Church

Sunday 1st March 2020



OUR SERVICES TODAY

1st Sunday of Lent

8.30 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Holy Communion
Including launch of our Lent Project

Bible Readings: Genesis 2: 15 - 17, Matthew 4: 1 - 11

Read by Mary Williamson and David Moore at 8.30am
and by Fiona Grieveson and June McGibbon at 10.30am

ALSO THIS WEEK:

Monday 8.00 pm Meditation
Thursday 8.30 am Morning Prayer
Thursday 9.15 am Holy Communion

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 8th MARCH

8.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Praise

Readers: Ann Dennison and Pauline Mulford
"Praise Team"

Sidespeople: Ruth Whittaker and Ann Dennison
Ken Davies and Gwyneth Croft

Contact us:

Wardens: Peter Griffin, Andrea Brown

Deputy Wardens - Ann Wood, Sheila Rodger

Web site: <http://www.stlukesformby.org.uk>

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. Please join us for a chat.

We have several Bible Study Groups, Alpha Group and Uniformed Organisations. Please ask for more details about any of these.



PRAYER REQUESTS: Please email prayer requests to Philip Lowe.



SOUP KITCHEN: Please continue to donate tins of meat, soup, beans, dried and packet goods for the Southport Soup Kitchen.

USED STAMPS: Thank you for continuing to collect used postage stamps during the year. They can be given to Irene Powell or left at the back of church, suitably identified. They are then sent to fund Hearing Dogs for Deaf People.



PARISH PROFILE: The PCC have approved the profile to help us find our next vicar. The profile describes who we are as a church and the type of person we believe God is calling to our parish. If you would like to read it, email Rachel or there are copies at the back of church for reference. None of us realised all that we do as a church so it's been wonderful to find out about it all. (Rachel)



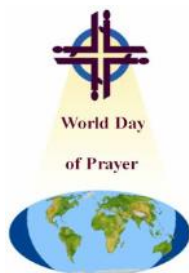
3rd MARCH: TUESDAY LUNCH Everyone welcome to come along to the meeting room for a light lunch and good company between 12noon and 2pm.

Toilets (and baby changing facilities in disabled toilet) are available in the Meeting Room which is open during the services. First Aid Boxes in kitchen and vestry.

LENT COURSES BEGIN THIS WEEK - Pick up a leaflet

- **Tuesday 3rd March at St. Luke's 7:30 pm Meeting Room**
"Build on the Rock: Faith, Doubt and Jesus" with Allan Hobson
- **Monday 2nd March at St. Peter's 7:30 pm in Bier House**
"Expressing God's Love"
- **Thursday 12th March at United Reformed Church 2pm**
"What our Christian faith has to say about important issues"

THIS FRIDAY 6th MARCH 2 pm: WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE HERE IN ST. LUKE'S CHURCH



This year we are delighted to be hosting this special service which has been prepared by the women of Zimbabwe. The theme is *"Rise, Take your mat and Walk"*.

The service will be celebrated in 170 countries, beginning in Samoa, through Asia, Africa, Middle East, Europe and the Americas before finishing in American Samoa more than 36 hours later.

It will be an all inclusive service and everyone is welcome. Do come along and be part of it.

SATURDAY 7th MARCH: COFFEE & CRAFTS and OPEN DOORS in Meeting Room 10 am to 12 noon. All welcome.

TUESDAY 10th MARCH: LENT LUNCH in the MEETING ROOM 12 - 2 pm No charge - Donations please to Christian Aid and CAFOD (*NOT TODAY as advertised on a Lent flyer*) Don't miss it.

SATURDAY 14th MARCH: WOODLAND WORKSHOP with Pete.
Tools & tea provided. Bring your own waterproofs, boots and banter!

SUNDAY 15th MARCH: 9:30 am PARISH BREAKFAST *Sign the sheet at the back of church please to order your boiled egg!*

*** ADVANCE WARNING!! ***

*** **VE DAY BANK HOLIDAY FRIDAY 8th MAY** ***

Our Lifeboat Tea Room will be open to celebrate VE Day.

Please speak to Jean, Andrew or Gwyneth if you have any ideas as to how we could best celebrate this important occasion.

NEXT NEWS SHEET: Items for **SUNDAY 8th March** to **Philip Lowe** no later than Tuesday 3rd March

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Our own church, especially those who are taking on extra duties during the interregnum and for other clergy supporting us.

The ministry in Rwanda and Formby United Reformed Church

Our country, trade deals and negotiations.

Our world and those affected by natural disasters, poverty, hunger, persecution and war.

Those who are mourning the loss of loved ones that they may know God's strength and peace.

Those who are living with 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.

People living in
Eccles Road, Edenhurst Close, Edenhurst Drive, Elm Drive,
Elmdale Close, Elson Road, Elsworth Close.

Making Lent Special?

We have 40 days of Lent to contemplate what Jesus did for us that first Easter. Today we sing "Forty days and forty nights" which reminds us about what our saviour did in preparation for his amazing self-sacrifice.

We could give up something we enjoy or we could do something extra. Perhaps making more time to pray. We could read a daily devotional.

The Church of England has produced, *#LiveLent: Care for God's Creation*, daily reflections available on line or by email. There's an app for Apple or Android devices or you can Google "Live Lent 2020" and sign up for daily emails. There's no charge.

You can even listen to #LiveLent daily reflections on Alexa or Google Home.

VERSE FOR 2020

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15: 13