

Second Sunday of Epiphany 16 January 2022 The Parish Eucharist

Welcome to Liverpool Parish Church.

There has been Christian worship on this site since the 13th century and today we are still proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ in the centre of Liverpool.

All people are welcome in this place. At the Eucharist if you normally receive Holy Communion in your own church, you are welcome to do so here.

Babies and children are welcome in this church. If you feel they are unsettled, there is a small play area for them in the Narthex. You would still be able to see, hear and participate in the service, but please rejoin the rest of the congregation when you are ready.

Sunday School continues to meet each week. Parents are welcome to stay with their children or to reclaim them at the end of the service.

Donations and Giving. We rely on generous individual giving for much of our income. If you are a UK taxpayer donations can be Gift Aided to provide additional benefit to the Church. If you worship here regularly then please consider joining the Planned Giving Scheme. There is a contactless donation point in the Narthex and online donations can also be made by scanning the QR Code.



Calendar for the week

Monday 17 January

09.00 Morning Prayer
Church Open

Tuesday 18 January

09.00 Morning Prayer
Church Open

Wednesday 19 January

09.00 Morning Prayer
12.15 Eucharist
19.30 Film Evening
Church Open

Thursday 20 January

09.00 Morning Prayer
Church Open

Friday 21 January

09.00 Morning Prayer
12.15 Eucharist
13.05 R C Mass
19.30 Bells
Church Open

Saturday 22 January

Church Open

Sunday 23 January

09.00 Morning Prayer
10.00 Parish Eucharist



Before the service

Organ: : Folk Song (from 6 Sketches) – Cecil Armstrong Gibbs (1889-1960)

Opening hymn and Greeting

The bell rings and we stand, as we are able, and sing:

**Hail to the Lord's Anointed!
Great David's greater Son;
Hail, in the time appointed,
His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
To set the captive free;
To take away transgression,
And rule in equity.**

**He comes with succour speedy
To those who suffer wrong;
To help the poor and needy,
And bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing,
Their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying,
Were precious in his sight.**

**He shall come down like showers
Upon the fruitful earth,
And love, joy, hope, like flowers,
Spring in his path to birth:
Before him on the mountains
Shall peace, the herald go;
And righteousness in fountains
From hill to valley flow.**

**Kings shall fall down before him,
And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore him,
His praise all people sing;
To him shall prayer unceasing
And daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing,
A kingdom without end.**

**O'er every foe victorious,
He on his throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious,
All-blessing and all-blest:
The tide of time shall never
His covenant remove;
His name shall stand for ever;
That name to us is Love.**

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854) based on Psalm 72

Music: 'Crüger' Adapted by W. H. Monk (1823-89) from J. Crüger (1598-1662)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Confession

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

We receive an absolution, assuring us of God's forgiveness

When Sunday School is meeting, a prayer is said with our young people at this point before they leave for their session.

The Gloria and Collect

Glorify to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

[Music: Dom Gregory Murray (1905-92)]

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings (we sit)

First Reading (Isaiah 62.1-5)

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Cantors sing verses from Psalm 62:

1. On God alone my soul in stillness waits; * from him comes my salvation.
2. He alone is my rock and my salvation, * my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.
3. How long will all of you assail me to destroy me, * as you would a tottering wall or a leaning fence?
4. They plot only to thrust me down from my place of honour lies are their chief delight; * they bless with their mouth, but in their heart they curse.
5. Wait on God alone in stillness, O my soul; * for in him is my hope.

Second reading (I Corinthians 12.1-11)

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

(We stand)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening: you have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Please turn to face the Gospel reading (John 2.1-11)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, O Lord

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon— Fr. Crispin Pailing

The Creed (We stand)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Intercessions (please kneel or sit)

The response to each petition is:

Jesus, Lord of the Church,
in your mercy hear us.

*At the end....*one God, now and for all eternity. **Amen.**

The Peace (We stand)

The Peace is introduced, followed by:

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

**The God of Abraham praise who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love:
Jehovah, great I AM, by earth and heaven confest;
We bow and bless the sacred name for ever blest.**

**The God who reigns on high the great archangels sing,
And “Holy, Holy, Holy,” cry, “almighty King,
Who was, and is the same, and evermore shall be.
Jehovah, Father, great I AM, we worship thee.”**

**Before the Saviour’s face the ransomed nations bow,
O’erwhelmed at his almighty grace for ever new;
He shows his prints of love-they kindle to a flame,
And sound through all the worlds above the slaughtered Lamb.**

**The whole triumphant host give thanks to God on high;
“Hail, Father, Son and Holy Ghost,” they ever cry;
Hail, Abraham’s God and mine, (I join the heavenly lays)
All might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.**

Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-99) based on the Hebrew Yogdal

Music: ‘Leoni’ Hebrew melody notated by Thomas Olivers (1725-99)

The Eucharistic Prayer

A prayer is said over the gifts on the altar, to which we respond **Amen.**

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

The seasonal part of the prayer follows and at the end the Cantors sing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

[The Parish Communion—Martin How (born 1931)]

We pray for the Holy Spirit to transform us and the gifts, and then the words of Jesus at the Last Supper are recalled:

The following acclamation is then used:

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

The prayer continues with oblation and intercession, ending:

... we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

Believing the promises of God, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The Cantors sing:

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us (x2)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Come to this sacred table, not because you must, but because you may; come, not to declare that you are righteous, but that you desire to be true disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ; come, not because you are strong, but because you are weak; not because you have any claim on heaven's rewards, but because in your frailty and sin you stand in constant need of heaven's grace.

If you normally receive Communion in your own church then you are welcome to do so here, or you may prefer the priest to pray for God's blessing on you. Please indicate if you would rather receive a blessing.

In order to preserve social distancing, please leave space as you queue to receive communion standing at the front of the church. If you would prefer to kneel to receive Communion then please use the rail in the south aisle.

Gluten-free hosts are available.

During Communion:

○ taste and see how gracious the Lord is.
Blest is the man that trusteth in him.

Words: 'Psalm 34 verse 8

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Post-Communion Prayers (We stand at 'Let us pray')

After the post-communion prayer we say together

Faithful God, in baptism you have adopted us as your children, made us members of the body of Christ and chosen us as inheritors of your kingdom: we thank you that in this Eucharist you renew your promises within us, empower us by your Spirit to witness and to serve, and send us out as disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Notices (please sit)

A collection is taken during the final hymn. Those preferring to donate online are invited to use our contactless donation point instead or follow the QR code on the front of the booklet.

Hymn (We stand)

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all life thou givest – to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish – but nought changeth thee.**

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.**

Words: William Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)

Music: 'St Denio' from a Welsh song in John Robert's Caniadau y Cyssegre, (1839)

Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

...and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ: In tribute to Dr. Francis Jackson (1917-2022) who died on Monday aged 104 and who played the inaugural recital of the organ here in Liverpool Parish Church in 1952 and also a lunchtime recital after the rebuild of the organ in 1983, John Winstanley will play: Impromptu for Organ.

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Prayer Diary

✠ Please pray for the recently departed:

Andrew Zsigmond Jnr Jean Pailing Ged Addy Trevor Furlong
Gordon Salmon David Humby

	Anglican Communion	Our Diocese	Our Parish
Sunday 16 January	The Church of England	Wigan Deanery	Webster Street Trueman Street Leigh Street
Monday 17 January	The Diocese of Johannesburg	Parish of Wigan Central	Fontenoy Street Commutation Row Lime Street
Tuesday 18 January	The Diocese of Jos – The Church of Nigeria	Parish of Wigan East	Islington Norton Street Gildart Street
Wednesday 19 January	The Diocese of Juba – Church of South Sudan	Parish of Wigan North-East	Devon Street Basnett Street Finch Place
Thursday 20 January	The Diocese of Kabba – The Church of Nigeria	Parish of Wigan North-West	Constance Street Boathouse Lane Land Street
Friday 21 January	The Diocese of Kadugli & Nuba Mountains (Church of Sudan)	Parish off Wigan South	Kempston Street Stafford Street Lambert Way
Saturday 22 January	The Diocese of Kaduna (Nigeria)	Parish of Wigan Town Centre	Houghton Street Clifton Street Craven Street

Those in Need	Year's Mind
Gerry Morgan Anne Wade Nadia Attick Flo Langton Peter Bailey	Mary Finnegan Harold Southward Ruby Roberts
Betty Attick Khalid Binymin Willie Smith Derek Sullivan Elaine Keogh Brian Sullivan	Benjamin Harris George Grey Eileen Vaughan
Al Jackson Sylvia Jones Mark McKay Annette Pierrepont Carole Wells Celia Roberts	Catherine McKenzie Susanna Pinney Isobel Stock Richard Hall Ashcroft
Bonnie and John Dickenson Madelaine Summerfield Stewart Henderson Shona Ankers	
Marjorie Lawton Tom Carson Pat Field John Pritchard Geoffrey White	
John Langton Elizabeth Cosnett Alfie, Kristy and Ian Montgomery Sam Kilpatrick	William Neville
Joyce Ashcroft Anna Pendleton Clémentine Amegee Liz Dean Eileen Pye David Cleave	Mary Pye Angie Hopcraft Joyce Owen

Notices

Staying Safe in Church : Clearly we are at another critical moment in the pandemic. Please do continue to support church services if you are able and if you feel comfortable doing so. There is plenty of space to spread out in Church. Masks should be worn in Church, and we encourage everyone to take regular Lateral Flow Tests. Just for a short while, during the current spike in COVID infections, we are not serving refreshments after services. However, this is being reviewed on a weekly basis and we hope to resume very shortly.

Thank you for all the gifts, flowers and good wishes on the occasion of my retirement, and also for all your generous donations to the flower fund over the years. I will still be 'keeping my hand in' by continuing to arrange the Altar of Repose on Maundy Thursday. Once again, many thanks. Monica

Flowers at St Nick's : On Sunday we marked Monica's retirement as head of the flower team and welcomed Sarah Doyle as our new flower supremo. Given the number of special events and weddings throughout the year, this is not an easy role: the flower team works throughout the year to keep the Church decorated. We benefit greatly from the generosity of the congregation who give donations for floral displays to mark significant anniversaries and events, or just make general donations to support the flowers. If you would like to make a donation to the flower fund, or if you would like to join the flower team, then please speak to Sarah on Sundays or email: her at stnicksflowers@livpc.co.uk

First Aid: It is time for us to renew the first aid credentials of the Church. If you are a regular attender and would be interested in undergoing First Aid training, please speak to the Churchwardens.

Film Evening : We are all too aware of the climate emergency our planet is facing. Despite some progress at COP26, many of us feel powerless when confronted by this desperate situation. However, there are steps that every individual can take that will have a positive impact on the planet. The climate emergency – and how we might respond to it as Christians – will be the focus of an event at Liverpool Parish Church on Wed 19th January 2022 at 7.30pm. We will screen the 2020 David Attenborough documentary *A life on our planet* and follow it with a short discussion facilitated by Dr Ed Manderson, lecturer in Environmental Economics at Manchester University. The event is free, please book your ticket via Eventbrite. A donations bar will be open from 7pm.

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