

*Matthew 18.20 "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."*

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

**Today's Bible Reading: Genesis 4:1-8**

## Reflection

### Faith in Action

Today we continue our series on Faith.

The first hero of faith listed in Hebrews 11 is Abel.

His faith was shown by his actions and he was a righteous man. His choice of sacrifice was acceptable to God. We may see his choice of a lamb as a sign that he was listening to God and obedient.

We read in 1 John 3:12 that Cain belonged to the evil one and his actions were driven by jealousy and hatred. Here we find the basis of faithful actions and that basis is love. Hatred comes when we follow sinful ways. So from the beginning of humankind we find that we are given the choice to follow God's ways or to follow wrong ways, which could well be doing what seems right to us without reference to God. One definition of 'The World' is, society as it is ordered without reference to God. So how do we live by faith? We need to be sure that we are following God's ways. We can be led away by wrong ways and teachings. We read in 1 John 4 that the first thing we need to do is to make sure we stay close to Jesus and listen to those who recognise his lordship. Our actions need to be driven by love for others and love for Jesus. We need to examine our motives and bring our best to God. We may get it wrong but if we belong to him he will help us to put things right.

Alan Lewney



### Please pray for:

Margaret Quayle, Christine Burrige, Donald Gallagher, Maureen Mitchell, Viv Pierce, Sophie, Stan (Jean Robert's husband), Hal Whitaker, Marg Houghton, John Metcalfe, Malcolm Molyneux, Finley, Eloise (parents Anna & Pete) Simon Hulme (Head teacher of St Michael's school) and all those who are suffering with COVID-19, feeling vulnerable or self-isolating.

### Prayers for this week:

**Sun...** children across the world who are refugees and not receiving formal schooling, those living in places of conflict and where there have been natural disasters lately.

**Mon...** the groups meeting at St Luke's premises this week including Uniformed Organisations, Bloom Sefton, Single Resource, Falls Prevention, Silver Swans, Waterloo Theatre Company, St Luke's Players, and the Way Youth Club.

**Tues...** God's protection on all working and volunteering at the premises of St Luke's. Pray also for God's protection for the grounds and buildings at St Luke's. Pray for all visitors that they would be respectful, enjoying the peace and tranquillity that may be found in the grounds, and not seek to spoil this for others.

**Weds...** Story House Church has been in negotiations with a local school about meeting there on a Sunday and would value your prayers that they hear confirmation very soon and can start planning and meeting together in person again.

**Thurs...** all who work in hazardous jobs: sewage and waste management, demolition work, emergency services, Armed Forces, in combat zones and refugee camps. Pray that God would keep them safe in body, mind and spirit.

**Fri...** all those in local and national government, for your local MP, the Metro Mayor, the PM, for wisdom, deep commitment to all and right judgment in their decision making.

**Sat...** as the pandemic continues to impact lives around the world, pray for equity and equality. For vaccine availability, and for aid to be provided in ways that help all children and families to survive, recover, and thrive. Pray for those living with extreme hunger that is threatening lives across countries in Africa, caused by conflict, COVID-19, and climate change.

**Our Sunday Service meet in the building (booking essential using the events page) & online at 10am every week;** [www.stlukecrosby.org.uk](http://www.stlukecrosby.org.uk), church [YouTube channel](#) by searching for stlukeschurchcrosby & church [Facebook](#) There are children's resources on [www.stlukecrosby.org.uk/resources/](http://www.stlukecrosby.org.uk/resources/)

**Freephone Dial-in Service** - you can listen to the weekly Sunday service on the phone by ringing 0808 501 5040.

### Mission focus for September

**Alejandro Mesco, Arequipa, Peru** – some more news from Alejandro: "Thank God Doris and all of our children are doing well. The vaccines are coming very slowly and this week they will vaccinate people aged 34-40 and continue to immunize the very young in the coming months."

**Prayer points for this week:** For the health of Doris (Alejandro's wife)



**Forthcoming online events – book via [www.stlukecrosby.org.uk/events](http://www.stlukecrosby.org.uk/events) or ringing 931 3119 (please leave a message)**

You are invited to a history evening exploring Little Crosby on **Monday 20th September @ 7.30pm**, on Zoom. Hugh Hollinghurst will be bringing us some fascinating stories about Little Crosby, please do join us, register as above.

Alpha begins **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October; meetings are each Thursday evening** for 11 weeks until 16<sup>th</sup> December, online and in church, more details to follow soon. Who could you invite? Would you like to refresh your own faith? Is God calling you to be part of the team in some way?



**Liverpool Cathedral – Annual Micah Lecture 13th September 19:00-21.00** This year's lecture is presented by Chine McDonald who will be talking on her book *God Is Not a White Man: And Other Revelations*. More information from the Cathedral website.

[www.liverpoolcathedral.org.uk](http://www.liverpoolcathedral.org.uk)

### **Fruity Frolicking!**



Have you ever wondered what people can do with windfall apples that won't keep? Come to the Paddock at St Luke's church hall on **Saturday October 2nd between 1pm and 3pm** and make apple juice! Turn your surplus apples into delicious, fresh apple juice

using the right kit, supervised by experts from the Groundforce Team. Book yourself and your friends online, (book [here](#) to register your attendance) and tell them to bring as many garden apples as possible to turn into liquid gold! Bring some plastic containers to carry away your sweet bounty. There will be fruit from the grounds and from a local orchard and from local gardens. Eating (dessert) apples and cookers (culinary) types make fantastic juice. Meet the team, make friends, make juice and have a bit of fun and fruity frolicking.



**John Turner**

**Keystone**  
Support for dementia carers

Keystone is restarting on **Thursday 7th October at 10:30** in the welcome area in church. All carers of a friend or relative living with dementia are welcome. Meetings will continue on the first Thursday of each month, depending on the covid situation. For

further information please contact Jane Stephens 0772 1302846 or [jane.at.keystone@gmail.com](mailto:jane.at.keystone@gmail.com)

**A Call to Action: Saturday 9th October:** An opportunity to join the ecumenical relay walk into Liverpool for climate justice - the walk will be leaving **St Luke's Crosby at**

**10:30am** and culminating at Liverpool Cathedral for a service of Evensong at 3.00pm. More information about the walk, prayers, and how to make paper origami boats for the prayers can be found [here](#).

**In Another Place Christmas Crosby Nativity** - For those who would like to be involved in the actual performances there will be a read through and informal audition on Monday 27th September, in the Crosby area. (Details to follow.) Rehearsals will then be on Monday evenings throughout September and October, but not all the cast will be required every Monday.

## Notices

### **Afghan refugee clothing and toiletry donations**

**UPDATE** – I wish to thank everyone for their extremely generous donations of new shop-tagged clothing and toiletries that were delivered yesterday to Crosby Library. The member of staff informed me that the response by local community to the appeal has been very good.



The second-hand towels so beautifully laundered along with any second-hand clothing and shoes are stored in my clean dry garage until I hear that the council are happy for me to deliver them. It is the covid-19 that is causing delays.

My car was packed to the brim with items received last Sunday. Consequently, there are still further toiletries for me to deliver so anyone who wishes to make any donations still further toiletries can do so this **Sunday 12 September** by leaving them in the large clear plastic box located in the Welcome Area of church. Wrapped combs and hairbrushes would be useful too. Please only donate what you can comfortably afford.

The national news reported that a large percentage of Afghanistan refugees will be arriving in North West England so many thanks once again for such an amazing response to the Afghanistan Refugee Appeal.

***Many thanks Jan Wilson***

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