

Zechariah 4:6b 'Not by might, nor by power but by spirit, says the Lord of hosts'

Sunday 15th May 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter Bible Reading: Acts 11:1-18

Into the town

Reflection

Let me ask you a question: What would you be able to do if the Spirit of God was working in you? Would you be able to do more? Better? New things? Would you improve and be better to be around?

Now, let me ask you another question: what would Crosby be able to do if we took the Spirit of Life into it? Into its commercial life? Into the life of its young people? Its leisure life? What difference would our taking the Spirit of Life into our town make? To its care for the weak and elderly? Into the poorer parts of town, the spaces where shops have closed? What difference would the Spirit of Life make to our town?

And that of course is where we come in for, in actual fact, we DO have the Spirit of God working in us and we are taking Him with us into our lives in our town, but I wonder if we're a little unambitious for what the Spirit of Life can do for our town. So, some more questions (Oh Caroline! This is getting like an exam!!)

As you look around our town, what difference would you like to make? Might the Spirit of God be interested in making the same difference? Might there be others in the church family with the same concern? What if coffee after church services was filled with conversations about the differences that the Spirit of God could make through our actions in the life of our town? What if we started a whole array of small (but maybe growing) interventions in the life of our town? How might the Holy Spirit work anew? And what differences would we have to make to our lives so that we could be available for God in these ways? Might God be asking something of us? **Caroline Ramsey**

Mission focus for May is Christian Aid



Christian Aid week 2022 is 15th-22nd May "This year's campaign is an opportunity to focus on the lives of families in Zimbabwe, and how we can turn hunger into hope." **Prayer points:** please pray for the

Christian Aid events this week and for all who are walking to raise funds for Christian Aid week. To donate, please use the [Donate button](#) link and select Christian Aid.

Church services and events

Our Sunday Service meet in the building & live streamed at 10.00am every week; www.stlukecrosby.org.uk, church [YouTube channel](#) by searching for stlukeschurchcrosby & church [Facebook](#) There are children's resources on stlukecrosby.org.uk/resources/

Morning Prayer - Each **Tuesday** there will be a prayer time in the Parish Office for half an hour, starting at **7.15am** every Tuesday to pray for St Luke's and the way ahead. Do join us if you can.



Wednesday morning Holy Communion 10.30am in church – a short service of Holy Communion is held each Wednesday morning, all welcome.

Prayer

Please pray for: Colin Jones, Sandra Walker, Peter and Lena Trofimchuk, June (Angelina's mum), Jackie (friend of Margaret Quayle), Dave Markham, Daniel Watson McCabe, Lyra Cassell (aged 16 who is fighting Leukaemia, for her parents Hayley & Johnnie & her little brother Sonny), Christine Burridge, Donald Gallagher, Maureen Mitchell, Viv Pierce, Stan Roberts, Marg Houghton, and all those who are suffering with COVID-19.

Please pray for the families and friends of Frances Briscoe, Allan Edge and Jan Sumner who have recently passed away.

Please also pray for the appointments of a Vicar for All Saints with St Frideswyde's and a Team rector for the Maghull and Melling team.

Prayers for this week: Please keep the people of Ukraine in your prayers throughout this week; please pray for peace for Ukraine.

Please pray for...

Sun... Christian Aid week "As changing weather patterns and rising sea levels affect the poorest peoples of the world, we confess our contribution to the threat of climate change. Bless the work of Christian Aid and guide us and the entire world into the ways of justice and peace." (Praying for the Earth)

Mon... for Zimbabwe the focus country of Christian Aid. For Christian Aid's work in Zimbabwe to strengthen the Gender and Faith Network (GFN) through engagement of men and boys as champions in order to bridge gender and inequality gaps for poor women, girls and men;

Tues... The Christian Aid team in Zimbabwe operating from Harare with a team of 11 dedicated staff members. For their work across six provinces in Zimbabwe. including Matabeleland North, Matabeleland South, Manicaland, Midlands, Harare and Mashonaland East.

Weds...Foster Care Fortnight 8-22nd May– pray for all who are involved in foster care, pray that children in foster care would experience a sense of belonging in a foster family, pray for strength and endurance for foster parents as they invite children into their families.

Thurs... for all who are struggling financially at this time. Pray also for the government for wisdom to guide this country out of the current economic crisis.

Fri... groups meeting at St Luke's today; Knitters, flower arrangers, Sewing Group



Sat... those waiting for operations, for strength, patience and peace of mind

Notices

The funeral of Jan Sumner will take place on 26th May at 12pm at Thornton crematorium followed by light refreshments at the Crosby Comrades club on Liverpool Road.

Confirmation - if anyone is interested in getting confirmed in July please speak to Rev Amanda Bruce.

Christian Aid week 15th - 22nd May - we have 2 days, 20th and 21st on which we will do a collection in Crosby Village. For this we need collectors. We all know that the need is great and people around us know that, too. We have found in the last 2 years of doing this, that people are quite happy to be approached in that way and especially on the Saturday the footfall in the village is great, so a lot of opportunity there. If you feel you can help, please contact Kirsten on kirstensothmann@hotmail.com or text on 07587 178717.



We are also doing a sponsored walk to Hightown for Christian Aid which will take place on Sunday 22nd, we will meet at Lakeside Centre Waterloo at 1.00pm, estimated walking time: 2 hours, walking along the beach and promenade to the pub in Hightown. That will be the end of the official walk. People can then decide if they want to take the train back, or after a little refreshment walk back to Crosby. If you are up for it, sponsor forms are available via from the office via email and will be in church on Sunday 15th and Sunday 22nd. To donate, please use the [Donate button](#) on the churchwebsite and select Christian Aid. **Many thanks, Kirsten**



Thy Kingdom Come The wave of prayer will start in May and run for 10 days between Ascension and Pentecost from **26th - 5th June 2022** Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. What started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer. During

the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, it is hoped that everyone who takes part will:

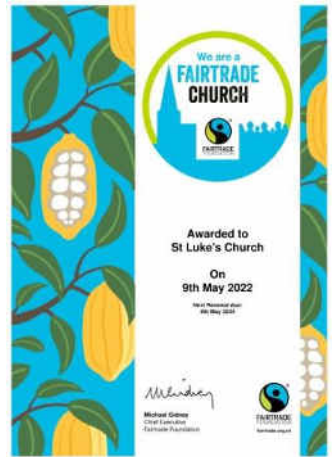
- Deepen their own relationship with Jesus Christ
- Pray for 5 friends or family to come to faith in Jesus
- Pray for the empowerment of the Spirit that we would be effective in our witness

For Prayer resources and lots more please see <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

St Luke's has been awarded Fairtrade Church status, thank you to everyone for supporting this through our Fairtrade refreshments of tea, coffee and biscuits

Meal Plan - Here's a link to a great 7 day meal plan to help families budget as cost of living rises. This would be great for those who are too busy at work and with young children to put together their own plans. It's put together by the BBC Good Food website.

www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/budget-family-meal-plan - Jan Wilson



Crosby Crisis Café – Looking for support in a mental health crisis? Crosby Crisis Café can help. Have a cup of tea with us at Parenting 2000, Crosby Youth & Community Centre, Coronation Road. Open Friday 5pm-11pm (by appointment only) and Sat/Sun drop – in. Phone 0300 323 0197 crisiscafe@seftoncvcs.org.uk

Looking for support in a mental health crisis?

Crosby Crisis Cafe

(serving South Sefton) can help...

Support in a crisis Signpost to services

Improve your wellbeing Have a cup of tea with us Support your recovery

Crisis Cafe Let's talk

5pm-11pm
Friday - appointment only
0300 323 0197
Saturday/Sunday - drop-in

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We support people aged over 18

Dates for the Diary

Mother's Union Deanery Festival at St Michael's Church on Tuesday 17th May at 2pm

Churches together in Crosby Ecumenical Prayer: you are invited to Morning Prayers with fellow-Christians. These short Services start at 9.45am followed by tea/coffee and biscuits. You can be sure of a warm welcome; venue for the service on **Thursday 19th May at St Helens Church**

New Wine celebration- Sunday 22nd May @7pm at St Bart's Roby (L36 9TL). There will be live worship, teaching from author and leader Chris Lane as well as a time of ministry. There will be a trained prayer ministry team in place to pray with others on the evening - and we'd love to pray for anyone who would like to receive prayer. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you there. With love in Christ, Rev Mike Hindley



Pentecost Arts Workshop Saturday 28th May


A day of art media immersion to create expressions of Pentecost including painting, collage, sculpture, poetry and song. Venue: St Luke's hall and paddock garden. Please book at

www.stlukecrosby.org.uk/events We will start at 10am with a short time of reflection on Pentecost, and consider the different

ways to use the materials. Paints, paper, fabric, natural mediums such as pebbles, flower and leaves, will be provided but please bring your own if you have an idea in mind. The completed art will be left in church on the window sills and walls for the Feast of Pentecost the following weekend. The day will finish at 4pm. Please bring lunch and suitable clothes for outdoors if necessary.


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