

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

Sundays 19 & 26th June 2022

Bible Reading: Mark 1:9-20/Isaiah 6:1-8 & Luke 5:1-11

Reflection

Safety Zones

I can still remember the colourful robes, joyful singing, swaying and dancing. The visiting gospel choir filled one end of our church building and the rest of the room was full for this special event. Why I remember it so vividly is because of the painful amount of cringe I felt for this one sided worship event. Every glorious song was met with an inert audience; no moving, no singing and probably no smiling.

Fast forward about thirty years to one week ago and I'm in a tent in a field somewhere near Brighton with around 3000 other Christians. We're deep into a time of musical worship, hands are raised, people are singing loud but those leading worship sense that some joy needs to be unleashed. They ask us to move forward and find some room to start dancing. The violin starts up a jig and nearly all of us explode into a sea of joyful limbs bouncing along to the beat. The atmosphere in that moment and the tangible presence of God is something I struggle to put into words. As I danced I could feel my intellectual faith moving down into my limbs, heart and emotions as if my soul were coming to life for the first time.

That gospel choir and many who led at the festival had their faith formed in traditions that were born out of kidnap, generational slavery, poverty and injustice. Whereas the rest of the room, Christians with a dormant faith, were formed by relative comfort, power and wealth. I think my soul lit up in that moment because my whole body fully expressed the joy of God but it required me leaving behind comfort, safety and respectability. A flourishing faith and the presence of God can only be experienced outside of our safety zones. Where might God be calling you?

Dave Lowrie

Mission focus for June is A Rocha



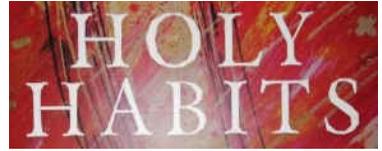
A Rocha is a global family of conservation organisations working together, in response to the worldwide crisis of biodiversity loss, to carry out community-based conservation projects. St Luke's supports the A Rocha project in Kenya. **Prayer points:** Please pray

for Colin Jackson as he oversees all the different projects & supports staff - for wisdom, grace, energy & refreshment for him & his wife Roni. Pray too for the family & friends of David Ngala, recently killed in a road accident, a trailblazing conservationist who had studied the forest for many years - an integral part of the A Rocha Kenya team.

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/

New Sermon Series starts on Sunday 19th June exploring Discipleship & Holy Habits. Small group resources for each week are available at www.stlukecrosby.org.uk/sermon-series



Morning Prayer - Each **Tuesday** there will be a prayer time in the Parish Office for half an hour, starting at **7.15am** 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.

Listen to God Vision Evenings: We have 2 more dates to come together and explore how we as a church are growing our vision of hosting/creating fountains and pools of God's love and presence in and for our community. Please join with others of St Luke's at 7.30pm on **Mon 20th June** and **Wed 20th July** in the Church for the sharing of ideas, discussion and prayer

ARocha mission evening – Monday 27th June at 7.00pm on Zoom when we will hear from Colin Jackson and his work on various conservation projects in Kenya. Book your place via the Events page on the website.

Prayer

Please pray for: Beryl Collins (Jan Holmes mum,) baby Aidan and mum Monique, Colin Jones, Sandra Walker, Peter and Lena Trofimchuk, June (Angelina's mum), Jackie (friend of Margaret Quayle), Dave Markham, Daniel Watson McCabe, Christine Burridge, Donald Gallagher, Maureen Mitchell, Viv Pierce, Stan Roberts, Marg Houghton, and all those who are suffering with COVID-19.

Update re baby Aidan : he has undergone heart surgery and so far recovering ok

Please pray for the family and friends of Brenda Hancock who has 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 19th June... Father's Day prayer from the Church of England – “Thank you God for all who show a father's love in our world. Thank you for those who are special to us. Be close to those who are sad today. Help us to know that you our Father are always close. In Jesus name Amen “

Mon ... World Refugee Day pray for the millions of men, women and children in our world today who have been uprooted by persecution, war and violence. Pray that God would strengthen those trying to help them to be safe, cared for, reunited with loved ones, and accepted into other countries as asylum seekers.

Tues...for all the places around the world being affected by the changing climate, pray for those whose crops are failing and for all who are hungry.

Weds... all who find themselves without a home. Pray for those charities working to support them and provide friendship, food and shelter

Thurs... for the places where you live and work and spend your leisure time pray for your neighbours and neighbourhood, for your colleagues and place of work or volunteering

Fri... Gardening Club meeting at St Luke's this evening

Sat... Armed Forces Day -pray for all who deployed on active service, for God's strength and protection; for the leaders and commanders for God's wisdom; for medics and chaplains, for patience skill and sympathy; for families and friends for God's comfort.

Sun 26th June... for Elsie and Lottie being baptised at St Luke's today

Mon... schools, colleges, children and young people, pray for all teaching staff; and all those involved in education.

Tues... those struggling financially, for those whose incomes are reduced

Weds... all emergency service workers: Ambulance, Fire and Police, also pray for the RNLI and mountain rescue volunteers

Thurs... this country; for God's wisdom for all leaders. Pray also for the Health service.

Fri... Sewing Group meeting at St Luke's today

Sat... Benefit Concert for Ukraine at St Luke' church hall today.

Notices

Confirmation - 10th July if anyone is interested in getting confirmed please speak to Rev Amanda Bruce asap.



Plastic Free July® is a global movement that helps millions of people be part of the solution to plastic pollution – so we can have cleaner streets, oceans, and beautiful communities. Will you be part of Plastic Free July by choosing to refuse single-use plastics? To take the challenge or take the pesky plastics quiz and find out more visit plasticfreejuly.org/

TOGETHER LIVERPOOL

Do you have a heart for social justice? Experience leading social action projects? A desire to see more faith-based social action across the region?

Together Liverpool are looking to appoint a [Social Action Development Lead Officer](#) to join our team. If you answered yes to the questions above, this could be the role for you.

Closing date: July 3rd 2022. The team are happy to arrange an informal chat with anyone who would like to know more about the role. Please contact our Executive Director [James Green](#), or our Chair of Trustees [Rev Canon Dr Ellen Loudon](#).

JOURNEY INTO PRAYER An ecumenical invitation to explore a variety of ways of praying not just by talking about them but by giving ourselves space to experience them and to deepen our relationship with God.

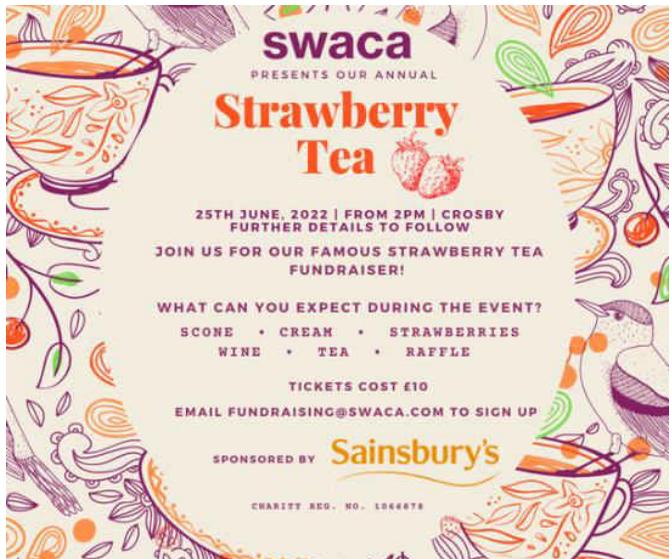
The course will be over 12 fortnightly sessions from September 2022 to Easter 2023 Tuesdays 10 a.m. – 3 p.m and held at the Cenacle Convent, Tithebarn Grove, Lance Lane, L15 6TW. The leaders will be members of three different denominations: Sr Winnie Morley, Revd David Frudd and Revd Karen Beck, they are all Ignation trained, spiritual directors and experienced in running courses. For more information please contact Sr Winnie on 0151 722 2271 or email to cenacleliverpool@gmail.com.

Closing date for applications is August 1st 2022



Dates for the Diary

SWACA Strawberry Tea - Saturday 25th June at 2.00 pm
(please see below and also poster at the back of church)



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. The next service will be on **Thursday 23rd June here at St Luke's church. Forthcoming service: Thursday 30th June at St Helen's church.**

St Nicholas Church music festival Saturday 25th June – Sunday 3rd July. Admission £5 per concert (under 16's free). Tickets on the door and all profits to their organ fund.

www.stnicholasblundellsands.org



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ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH **Music Festival**

Saturday 25th June 7.00pm - St Nicholas' Singers

A selection of pieces performed over the last year; from Tallis to Rutter

Sunday 26th June 7.00pm – Chamber Music

Poetry in Music; featuring works by Bach, Mozart and Holst

Monday 27th June 7.00pm - IndigoVibe Choir

Directed by Amy Freeman

Tuesday 28th June 7.00pm – Sophie Clarke and Friends

'One Summer Evening': Royal Northern College of Music students

Thursday 30th June 7.00pm

Cantanti –Vocal Ensemble

Friday 1st July 7.00pm – James Luxton

Organ Recital by the Assistant Director of Music at

Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral

Saturday 2nd July 7.00pm – Maghull Wind Orchestra

A wide variety of musical genres directed by Phil Shotton

Sunday 3rd July 10.30am – Festival Eucharist

ONLY £5 PER CONCERT

Under 16's FREE

Tickets on the door

All Profits to St Nicholas Church Organ Fund

Bridge Road, Blundellsands. L23 6SA

Reg charity: 1158819

Saturday 2nd July Benefit Concert for Ukraine at St Luke's church hall at 7.30pm by St Luke's Players ADS & Friends. Please see [Eventbrite](#) for more information and tickets (£12.00 each)



Saturday lunchtime concert series at St Faith's Church Waterloo. 12 noon start, free entry, refreshments served from 11.00am no ticket required. Please see poster at the back of church or <http://www.stfaithsgreatcrosby.org.uk/concertposter> for more details.

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