

## WHO WE ARE

Welcome in the name of Jesus to the Church of England parish of Kirkdale, Liverpool, comprising St. Lawrence church and St. Paul's church.

Everyone is welcome to attend our church services, please introduce yourself to the ushers on the door:

Our regular services are at **St. Lawrence at 10.30 am on Sunday mornings** and at **St. Paul's at 6 pm on Sunday evenings**.

Our churches are available for Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals.

Our church halls are available to hire for Birthdays, Anniversaries, Community events and Corporate events, and can be booked online at [kirkdale.org.uk/venues](http://kirkdale.org.uk/venues)

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## ST. LAWRENCE & ST. PAUL KIRKDALE

### Easter Magazine 2025



#### **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

17 April 2025, 7:00pm St. Paul's

#### **GOOD FRIDAY**

18 April 2025, 2.45pm St. Paul's,

With a walk of witness to St. Lawrence and St. Athanasius

#### **SATURDAY**

19 April 2025, 7pm St. Lawrence (silence)

#### **RESURECTION DAY**

20 April 2025, 10:30am St. Lawrence and 6pm St. Paul's

Associate Priest, Rev Gill Hoy

## REV'D GILL HOY

Hello and thank you for taking the time to pick up and read our Easter Magazine.

As we journey through Lent, we remember it is a time of waiting; a time of anticipation and Hope. As Christians we eagerly await Holy Week when we can spend time in quiet reflection, participate in Holy Communion, walk together to remember the path Jesus took and join together in our worship of praise and thanksgiving.

Lent can be a time when we really become aware of the sacrifice that was made for each of us, a sacrifice that went above and beyond a kind gesture that we might do for others. Jesus showed His love for us upon the Cross, He died so that we might have Eternal life, and He rose again on Resurrection Sunday so that He can be our advocate in Heaven.

This eternal life is available to all who believe and trust in Him, Jesus our Redeemer. May the resurrection of Christ inspire your faith and renew your Hope.

You are warmly invited to any or all of our services especially during lent and Holy Week.

- **Maundy Thursday** - 7pm at St. Paul's – The Lords Supper with Holy Communion
- **Good Friday** – Walk of Witness – 2.45pm at St. Paul's onto St Athanasius Via St. Lawrences. Finish with refreshments.
- **Holy Saturday** – 7 to 8pm at St. Lawrence (silence)
- **Resurrection Sunday** – 10.30am at St. Lawrence and 6pm at St. Paul's

God bless, Rev'd Gill

## WHO WAS ST.LAWRENCE ?

St Lawrence (Laurence) was born in Spain, (Zaragoza) in AD 225, and made his way to Rome in AD 257 with a future Pope, Sixtus.

Lawrence, was appointed as a deacon, was put in a position of great trust, with care of the treasury and riches of the church. Bit like Joe!!

He was also responsible for the distribution of alms to the poor, in a time of extreme poverty, when only the rich could afford food.

After the execution of Pope Sixtus and many of the deacons, by beheading, Rome demanded Lawrence turn over the riches of the church. He asked for three days so he could gather together all the riches and asked them to bring many wagons to take his bounty away.

Lawrence gathered the indigent, crippled, blind and suffering, declaring these are the real treasures of the Church, stating, "You see, we are truly rich, far richer than your Emperor." I think he'd given the treasures to the poor to purchase food.

The Roman prefect was so incensed, so angry, he considered beheading too quick a death, he had a great GRIDIRON prepared with hot coals beneath, and had Lawrence martyred on it, hence the many references to the GRIDIRON, in and around our church furniture, plaques, plates etc.

He is the patron saint for cooks, bakers, brewers and tanners, those working with fire. Oh, and also comedians. It is alleged he said, 'I've already been done on one side.'

How many symbol's of the GRIDIRON can you find in and around our building? Some are on display; some are sadly pushed out of the way.

## APCM

### **The Annual Meeting of Parishioners and The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)**

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners and the APCM will be held at St Lawrence Church on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 7.00pm. These are important meetings within the life of the church and are open to everyone in the parish.

Our new Church Wardens will be elected during the short Annual Meeting of Parishioners.

This will be followed by the APCM which serves as a forum for reporting on various matters related to the church community. The financial state of the parish is discussed, updates on parish activities and initiatives are shared and changes to the electoral roll are reported

PCC Laity representatives and independent examiners will also be elected.

It is important that the right people are chosen for all these important posts within our church during our interregnum, so please pray for wisdom and guidance throughout this meeting that all of our thoughts and actions will reflect God's Holy will as we seek to serve Him in this parish.

Remember, the APCM is an opportunity for parishioners to engage, participate, and contribute to the life of the church community, so please come along and have your say!

## POEM BY LIZ ALLEN

There is a special Saviour, who loves you, O so much,  
You may not know about Him, but you too can feel His touch.  
You may have heard of Jesus, who was born on Christmas day,  
He came to save us from our sin, our debt He had to pay.  
He suffered and died upon a cross, for us at Easter time,  
Because He cares for each of us, for you, and yours, and mine.  
You only have to know Him, to feel His love and care,  
To know you're never on your own, cause, He'll always be there.  
He'll give you strength for each new day,  
and hear your every prayer,

It's such a special comfort, to know that He is there.  
To Him you are so special, He knows your every need,  
He'll take your hand and stay with you, and never ever leave.  
You only have to turn to him, and accept Him as your friend,  
Admit your wrongs and want to change,  
and your life will be transformed.

If you feel your life needs changing, we're always there for you,  
You only have to ask for help, we've all made this choice too.

## POTTER'S VILLAGE MINISTRIES



Potter's Village Ministries is a Child Crisis and Medical Centre in Kisoro Uganda. They provide a temporary home for babies whose mothers have died in childbirth, or who are mentally ill or who have been abandoned, until they can be resettled with either their own, or a foster, family. The Medical Centre provides high quality care for all local children, including premature babies.

We as a church have supported Potter's Village Ministries for many years both financially and prayerfully. Did you know that when we have our "cuppa" after the morning service at St Lawrence, there is a dish by the serving hatch where any small change can be donated to this worthy cause?

The village is currently trying to raise £30,000 for a new pick-up truck which is essential for their work. So next time you have a cup of tea in church, please think of Potter's Village and if you are able make a small contribution, as in the words of a popular advert "every little helps"!

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

### **Coffee Morning**

Every Wednesday morning, 9 to 11am at St. Lawrence  
followed by

### **Prayer and Fellowship**

Every Wednesday lunchtime, 12 to 1.30pm at St. Lawrence  
Contact Revd Gill Hoy for more information

### **YOUNG at HEART**

Second Monday of every month from 12 to 3pm at St. Paul's



Food, fun, friendship and entertainment. All welcome.  
Contact Pauline Worthy or Don Rivers for any further information.

### **Breakfast Club**

Third Saturday of every month from 10.00am at St. Lawrence  
Contact Val Maclean or Barbara Hughes for more information.