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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK — Lesley Utley

During the week, I bob in and out of church at all times of the day to do jobs and keep things ticking over. It's so peaceful there and on a sunny morning I marvel at the beams streaming through the east windows behind the altar.

Traditionally, Christian architecture often aligns the altar end of churches toward the East (ad orientem). This is the case at St Nicholas – we have the River Mersey and the Irish Sea to the west, Blundellsands to the north, Brighton-le-Sands to the South and Crosby to the East.

I love the moment, sometimes during the 10.30 service on Sunday, when the top of the cross beside the choir stalls is enveloped in beautiful bright sunlight streaming through the clerestory windows, the unusually shaped ones above the nave, the main body of the church. If you haven't noticed them before look up and check them out next time you're in church. When it was originally built in 1874 it was fitted with fairly plain windows, the stained glass ones being added at a later date. On late afternoons in winter when the sun's low in the sky it filters through the coloured glass lighting up the south east side of church spectacularly.

In mid September we'll be taking part again in Heritage Open Days with tours around the church – do join us to find out more about the history and heritage of the building including those amazing windows!

In Chapter 8 of John's Gospel, verse 12 Jesus says, "I am the light of the world" meaning that he brings truth, hope and life to us and that people who follow him will not live in spiritual darkness.

How often I'm reminded of this verse as those lovely rays bring light to us here at St Nicholas Church!

In your daily prayers, please remember especially the following members of our church family:

Stephanie Cater, Brian Fairclough, Sarah Russell, Dorothy Williams, Mike Oswald, Janet Humphries, Sue Kirby, Peter Fallows, Bernadette Hallman, Alf & Maureen Fairclough, Carol Swinyard, David Brooks, Roger Jenkins, David Mason, Gordon Orritt, Ellie Clark, Anne & Joe Johnson, Lol Crilly, Elaine Tiscornia, Christopher Jones, Peggy Furmage, John, Simon & Crystal, Joanne Duthie, Jean Sergison-Main, Richard Gedge, Jonathan Etheridge, Andrew Harwood, Simon Warren and the bereaved family & friends of Rob MacDonald



Names for this prayer list
can be e-mailed to:
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Keep up to date online with our church family at:

www.stnicholasblundellsands.org and  [stnicholaschurchblundellsands](https://www.facebook.com/stnicholaschurchblundellsands)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

A reminder that there is NO 8:30am service this Sunday (16th)



Sponsored Bike Ride

Supported by Crosby Royal Naval Association, we are having a community bike ride on **Saturday 29th August at 9am**. All money raised will go to church funds.

Individuals, groups and families are invited to take part and can choose one of the set routes via the Sefton Circular route.

Information sheets and sponsor forms are at the back of church.



Our next Men's Working Party is on **Saturday 22nd August 9am - 12 Noon**.

We always welcome new people who can come along and help with simple maintenance and repairs around the church building and gardens.

There will be a bacon butty and cuppa waiting for you!



We are once again be collecting stationery items over the Summer holidays to help local families in need be able to send their children back to school with some of the essentials.

If you are able to donate NEW items such as pens, pencils, highlighters, pencil cases, rulers, A4 note books, scientific calculators and maths equipment (compasses, set squares etc) they would be very gratefully received.

Thank you in advance.

PRAYER OF THE MONTH



Prayer For August

Loving Father God, you made all of creation from the ladybird to the planets in their orbits. Help me to notice you in the wonder of creation. Help me, this month, to take times of rest and to value all people as made in your image. Please give me your grace each day.

Amen.

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OUR REGULAR SERVICES/EVENTS

SUNDAYS

8.30am - Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer on **1st Sunday** of each month)

10.30am - Eucharist

10:30am All Age Service on **2nd Sunday** of each month (No Eucharist)

4.30pm - Picnic Praise on **1st and 3rd Sundays** of each month.

MONDAYS

6:00pm – Prayers together in the council chamber

WEDNESDAYS

9:00am -10:00am Church is open for private prayer

10:15am - Eucharist and Bible Study

THURSDAYS

9:00 am - 1:00pm - 'Soupa Thursday'.

Tea/coffee, toast, soup, company and chat

6:00pm - 7:00pm - Bridge Youth Group



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THIS MONTH'S RULE FOR LIFE

**Called to pray, read and learn.
Sent to tell, serve and give.**

Suggestions for August...

Read something you enjoy and revel in the writer's skill

Pray in a time of stillness and rest.

Learn to pause.

Tell someone each week what they mean to you.

Serve God in small acts of kindness.

Give someone a second or third chance!

Please e-mail items for newsletter
(by Wednesday 9 a.m.)
to: stnicspa@gmail.com



Our 10:30 Sunday Service is
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Feel free to contact us:

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This is Cathy who sings in our choir, plays the piano for us during communion and arranges pieces for the choir to sing.

Soupa Thursday

Tea, coffee, cakes, biscuits
toast, soup and toasties,
company and chat.

Food served 9am to 1pm

Pay as you can!

All are welcome - everyone belongs!

Sefton Warm Spaces

a space for community and warmth in Sefton

in partnership with

In St Nicholas small hall – best accessed through the rear carpark.

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