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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK —

Chris Jones

Sunday is the day when we remember Christ's transfiguration – his complete change of appearance into a more beautiful state on the mountain. Before then, he was seen as a human being, albeit one who could do miraculous things and show the God-side of his nature.

Transfiguration is an interesting word. Can it ever be applied to us?

I think it can at times. As I get older, I become more aware that God can work in me and in others in certain circumstances. Like many of us, Linda and I are facing illness and hard times in our family situations, but these can be transfigured.

For example, when our great-nephew went to visit his father in hospital recently, he was taken aback by the effect that the surgery had on this man he had always considered as strong. Fighting back the tears he said "How are you, Dad?" In that moment, it he was transformed by the sight of his father but wanted to remain positive for him.

Linda and I are celebrating 50 years of marriage this weekend. On the whole, it has been great and I feel blessed to have such a loyal and supportive partner in life. But we are not perfect and, at times, I know I have not been Godlike in my behaviour towards her. I seek to be a good husband but have not always succeeded. God is still working in my life to bring about that transfiguration he desires to see in me.

Can we be like the transfigured Christ on that mountain?

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, Lesley Davies, Agnes Yarwood, Peter Fallows, Bernadette Hallman, Alf & Maureen Fairclough, Carol Swinyard, David Brooks, Catherine Howe, Rob Scott, Rob MacDonald, Roger Jenkins, David Mason, Dave Smyth, Gwyneth Shackleton, Gordon Orritt, Stuart Prendergast, Adam, Ellie Clark, Anne & Joe Johnson, Cathrine Munikwa, Gill Sanderson, Chris Oxley and the bereaved family & friends of Clifford Radford



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

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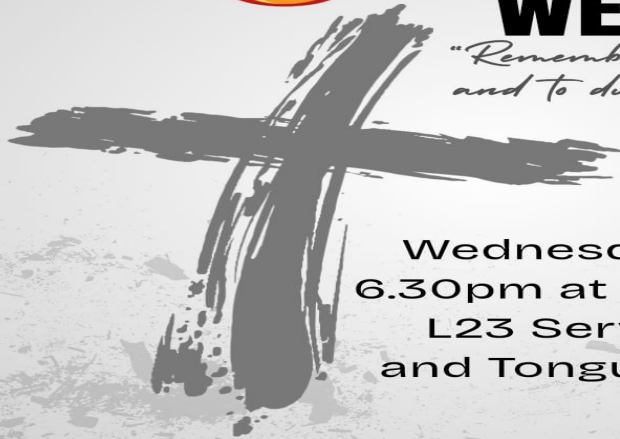
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**Tongues
of Fire**



ASH WEDNESDAY

*"Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return."*



Wednesday 18th February
6.30pm at St Luke's Church
L23 Service with ashing
and Tongues of Fire group



Our next Well-Being service is at **10:30am on Sunday 22nd February.**

Do join us for an informal service of fellowship, prayers, reflection and activities for ALL ages. Refreshments provided throughout.

We would love to see you!

Sefton North Deanery



**Lent Reflections
2026**



Pick up a copy in
your local church



The Sefton North Deanery Lent reflection booklets are printed and available in church with a reflection for each day leading up to Easter.

These have been written by people across the deanery and diocese including our link churches in Germany and our own Wednesday Bible Study group.

Please take one per household for your Lent reflections.

PRAYER OF THE MONTH



Prayer For February

Creator God, as we see snowdrops emerging and the shoots of daffodils, we thank you for your patterns of renewal and rebirth. Lord, help us to grow in faith and action. May our trust in you make this world a brighter place for everyone.

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 February...

Read the book of Acts – it's got 28 chapters, one for each February day.

Pray each day – "Bless the Lord my Soul!" and give thanks for 3 things.

Learn Exodus 34 verse 6 and keep reminding yourself.

Tell your family and friends about our next 'Well-being service' on 22nd Feb at 10.30am

Serve – give some thought and prayer towards standing for the church council in April or joining one of the teams – more info to follow...

Give the Parish Giving Scheme a look <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/> It's an easy and simple way to regularly support your church in a way that suits you. Beth can give you further details.

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



Feel free to contact us:

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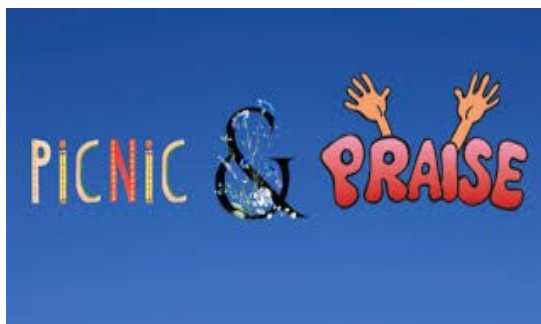
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MORE NEWS



Picnic Praise is back this **Sunday (15th) at 4:30pm**

Do join us for fellowship, fun, games and prayers in the church halls.

Don't forget your picnic, we hope to see you there!



Here is the latest blog from Jon and Elise, our CMS partners:

[Worlds apart – SlumBlog](#)



For those donating used stamps (UK and foreign), The Leprosy Mission are no longer accepting them.

If you would like to continue donating, our new charity is Freshfield Animal Rescue.

Please continue to put your stamps in the boxes at the back of church, alternatively, you can take them along to Freshfields direct.



We will be hosting one of our popular Quiz Nights on **Friday 20th March at 7:30pm.**

Please do save the date and come along, ALL ages are welcome!

Tickets will be £5 for adults and there will be cheese, chutney and crackers provided.

More details to follow.



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