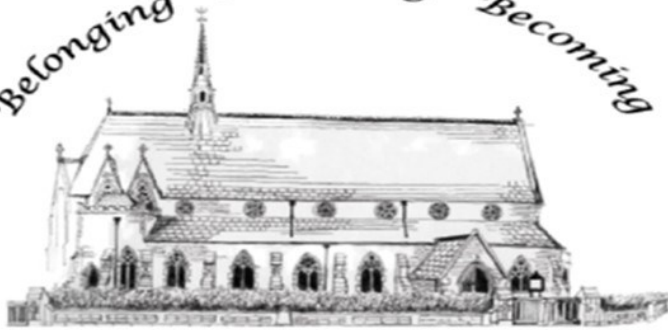




Belonging Believing Becoming



All are welcome, everyone belongs!

NEWSLETTER
26th April 2026

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK — Mike Anderson

I overheard a conversation today. The participants were on the bus seat behind me, and one spoke loudly and relentlessly while the other chipped in intermittently "Oh" and "I see".

The loud and relentless one recounted a series of medical woes but my sympathies were very much with the one receiving this litany of events, symptoms and opinions about medical professionals.

About 15 minutes in, the loud and relentless one said, "And to cut a long story short ..." and continued without drawing breath. I felt the rising hysteria of wanting to laugh but just about kept it under control!

At that moment though, I recalled the woman (in Mark 5) who touched Jesus' cloak, was cured and then related to Jesus 'the whole truth' about her 12 years of suffering. Jesus should have been in a hurry to tend to Jairus' sick daughter, but he waited and listened.

It was then that I realised that the loud and relentless one may not have had anyone with whom to share worries and mishaps and that the quiet one was showing the same patience and compassion as Jesus. Unlike me, the quiet one seemed to accept the loud and relentless one as a child of God in need of sharing their life experience - in all its fullness – and I felt pretty ashamed of my initial reaction.

So, I'm going to try harder and I give thanks for that Gospel event from 2000 years ago that reminded me today to appreciate (a) those who have a need to tell their story and (b) those who listen and recognise we're all made in the image of God and worthy of dignity and compassion.

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 MacDonald, Roger Jenkins, David Mason, Dave Smyth, Gwyneth Shackleton, Gordon Orritt, Stuart Prendergast, Adam, Ellie Clark, Anne & Joe Johnson, Gill Sanderson, Joanne Duthie, Lol Crilly, Elaine Tiscornia, Christopher Jones, Peggy Furmage, John, Simon & Crystal and the bereaved family & friends of Irene Byrne



Names for this prayer list can be e-mailed to: stnicspa@gmail.com

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

St Nicholas' Church Blundellsands



**Saturday
Night
Melodies**

7.30pm

**25th April
Maghull Wind Orchestra**

**2nd May
Liverpool Indie Choir**

**9th May
Valley Brass Band**

**16th May
Indigo Vibe
Crosby Strings Ukulele**

**Tickets £6 under 18 free
Pay on the door or on line**

www.ticketsource.com/st-nicholas-church-blundellsands



For **each concert** , we need volunteers:

- 4 people to sell wine and soft drinks
- 2 people to sell / check tickets.
- 2 people to sell raffle tickets.
- 1 compere.
- 1 person to take photographs

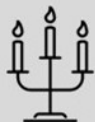
If you are able to help, please speak to Anne Dobie

HELP
RAFFLE PRIZES
NEEDED

If you have any **NEW** unwanted gifts etc. that would make good raffle prizes, we would be very grateful for them.

Please pass them to Anne Dobie or Beth

PRAYER OF THE MONTH



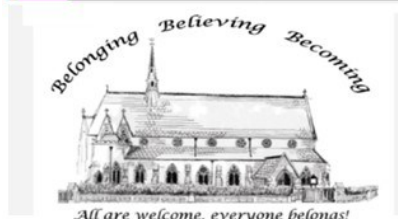
Prayer For April

Lord of light and life, thank you for your faithfulness through the changes of life.

Help us to hold tight to you through both joyous times and difficult struggles. Draw us ever closer into your eternal love and may your love shine out through us to all those around us.

In your holy name, 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 April...

Read one of the gospels this month – Matthew, Mark, Luke or John

Learn a prayer to use each day.

Pray when you don't feel prayerful! Bring all those other feelings to God – all of them!

Tell a friend about what it means to you to live life knowing God loves you.

Serve on a Sunday rota, on PCC or with one of the church groups. What could you offer?

Give yourself time to rest (and play) each day.

Please e-mail items for newsletter

(by Wednesday 9 a.m.)

to: stnicspa@gmail.com



Our 10:30 Sunday Service is
LIVE STREAMED



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MORE NEWS



Confirmation

Just for your information - the Sefton North Deanery confirmation service will now be held at **St Stephen's on 28th April at 7pm**, not here at St Nicholas' , as we didn't have any candidates for confirmation.



Our annual APCM is this **Sunday (26th April)** following a joint morning service at 9:30am. **THERE WILL BE NO 8:30am SERVICE.**

We do hope to see you there



The amazing time of community, worship, fun and learning together that is St Nicholas' Church@School has made the diocesan headlines. Read the story here -

<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=1369681741868018&set=a.558924552943745> or if you don't do Facebook find it here - [The Bulletin - Bishop Ruth's Good Friday and Easter Message](#)



Have your say in the next Bishop of Liverpool

We are in an important moment in the life of our diocese as we prayerfully look ahead to the appointment of a permanent diocesan bishop.

We are inviting everyone who lives, worships, works or participates in the life of the Diocese of Liverpool to share their views through our public consultation survey.

Your voice is important in helping us understand the hopes, needs and opportunities for the future of our diocese, and the qualities we seek in our next Bishop of Liverpool.

[Please complete this survey if you are aged 18 and over](#)



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