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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK — Mike Anderson

9th August is National Book Lovers Day - a day to celebrate the joy of reading, escaping into different worlds and appreciating how important books are and have been to humanity.

I was lucky enough to be teaching when the Harry Potter books were being published and saw the impact they had on pupils' reading and subsequent learning. I even queued up before midnight outside Ormskirk Waterstones in 2007 with our 11 year-old daughter to purchase the seventh and final book of the series on the day of publication.

That coincided with chucking out time of some hostelrys and I recall one particular 'oiky' group of youngish revellers noisily pouring scorn on the long line of children and parents until a young girl in the queue brandished a wand and shouted "Expecto Patronum"! This admonishment was greeted with huge applause and the drinkers sheepishly slunk away.

Eventually, these books were made into films but, somehow, the pictures and action in my head were more vivid than what appeared on celluloid. That's the thing with books – every reader conjures up different images.

Our holy book is the Bible but it's actually 66 books – full of intrigue, wisdom, adventure, poetry, history and, most importantly, insight about what it is to be human – made in the image of God.

I've not read all 66 books so I'm setting aside a little time on Sunday 9th August to have a crack at reading 6 of them – the 2 letters of Peter, the 3 letters of John and the letter of Jude. (Before you think I'm all worthy, let me point out that they only amount to 16 pages but I wonder where they'll take me and what I'll learn.) Watch this space!

Happy reading!

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, Rob MacDonald, Roger Jenkins, David Mason, Dave Smyth, Gwyneth Shackleton, Gordon Orritt, Adam Newbury, 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 and Simon Warren



Names for this prayer list can be e-mailed to:
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LATEST CHURCH FAMILY NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS



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
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Our 10:30 Sunday Service is
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This is Derek, one of our assistant church wardens. He is also Team Leader on our Social team which arranges fellowship, fundraising and fun events throughout the year. He is well known for his treasure hunt clues!

Derek arranges the rotas for reading, prayers, sidespeople and bulletin articles, so if you would like to help out with these things, he is the person to speak to.

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



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

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