

The Parish Church of St. Peter, Chorley

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Sunday 3rd August 2025

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

COMING UP AT ST PETER'S

Sunday 3rd August	9:30am	Holy Eucharist
	3.00pm	All Age Service of the Word with meal.
	1.00pm	Holy Baptism
Wednesday 6th August	10.00am	Holy Eucharist
Thursday 7th August	10:00am	Brew & Chat with Fr Cornelius
Sunday 10th August.	9.30am	Holy Eucharist
	3.00pm	All Age Service of the Word with meal.
	6.00pm	Youth Group

Thursday Mornings (August only):

10:00 am – 11:00 am

Brew & Chat with Fr Cornelius. Come for a relaxed chat over a cuppa!

To join, please message Fr Cornelius: ☎ 07592 838726 |

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Prayer Walk – Join Fr Cornelius for a peaceful Prayer Walk through the streets of St Peter's Parish on Tuesday, 12th August. The walk aims to bless our community and pray for unity, peace, and those in need. All are welcome to accompany him—meet at St Peter's Church at 1:00 PM.

Church Summer Party – Please save the date for our summer party. Sunday 24th August from 4pm.

Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church or go to this link to let us know you are coming:

<https://forms.office.com/e/EFg8IyaT3b>

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Clergy Rest Days: Fr Neil – Wednesday

Fr Cornelius – Friday & Saturday.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, Afghanistan, Syria, Sudan, and all places affected by warfare, violence or state oppression.

We pray for the following couples from our parish who will be joined in Holy Matrimony:

Michael Ball and Alex Bateson who will be married at St Andrews Church, Dacre Village, Penrith on Wednesday 6th August

Thomas Blecher and Katie Dewhurst who will be married at St John's Hurst Green on Saturday 9th August.

Those who have asked for our prayers:

the Rev'd Mo Baldwin, Pam McLoughlin, Dorothy Kerr, Beryl Diggles, Dot Bolan, Debbie Cope, Simon Charles Biddolph, Thelma Warburton, Jeff Morgan, Cassie Wilson, Amanda Smith, Bob Forest.

All recently departed:

those who we remember at this time:

Ronald Pilkington, David John Yates, Peter Derbyshire, Rev Kenneth Robinson, Joseph Wells, Bertha Graham, Marney Berry, Dennis Treadwell, Robert Alan Finch, Florence Mary Nightingale, George Ford, Edward Morris

To allow for privacy, names are not added on to the sick or departed lists unless requested and permission from the person named is given.

To add a name onto our prayer or memorial lists, please email chorleystp.office@gmail.com

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Collect

Let us pray

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

We sit to attend to the scriptures

Liturgy of the Word**The Reading | Esther: 4:12-17**

¹²When Esther's words were reported to Mordecai, ¹³he sent back this answer: "Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all the Jews will escape. ¹⁴For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"

¹⁵Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: ¹⁶"Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my attendants will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish."

¹⁷So Mordecai went away and carried out all of Esther's instructions.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

All stand for the Gospel

The Holy Gospel – Mark 8:34-38

Alleluia, alleluia.

Speak Lord for your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord

³⁴Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever wants to save their life^[a] will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ³⁸If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post-communion prayer

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and forever. **Amen**

Please join us for refreshments after the service.

The LYCiG Prayer for Church Growth

God of Mission, who alone brings growth to your Church: Send your Holy Spirit to give Vision to our planning, Wisdom to our actions, Joy to our worship, And power to our witness. Help our church to grow in numbers, In spiritual commitment to you, And in service to our local community, Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

