

Sunday, 25th November 2018
Christ the King
The Sunday Next Before Advent

A warm welcome to St Cuthbert's today

We are pleased to offer a loop system for those with hearing difficulties - just turn your hearing aid to the T setting.

8:30am Holy Communion [BCP]

President: The Revd Nick Wells

Preacher: The Revd Nick Wells

Readings: Revelation 1. 4b-8; John 18. 33-37.

10:00am Holy Communion

President: The Revd David Hirst

Preacher: The Revd Nick Wells

Psalm 93

Readings: as above.

10:00am Sunday School

Meet in church and move to the Church Hall.

6:00pm Evening Prayer

Officiant: The Bev Wells

Psalm 72 vv 1-7 [p. 505]

Readings: Daniel 5; John 6:1-15.

Keep up to date with us on Facebook at [St Cuthbert, Lytham](#) and by regularly visiting our website stcuthbertslytham.org

Bell Ringers Urgently Needed – St Cuthbert's has a fine peal of bells, 5 cast in 1857 with a further 3 in 1874 to make a full octave in the key of F, with the heaviest weighing just under $\frac{3}{4}$ ton. They have been in continual use since then, largely due to the Boardman family but, alas, they may now fall silent unless any from the congregation would help carry on with this ancient tradition. Ringing is open to all ages 10-90, though you do need to be reasonably fit. It is very good exercise (for the mind too), and a wonderful team activity. But apart from all that, it is fun. Wednesday practices are from 7:00pm and are free. You will be 'shown the ropes' and given as much help as needed. Please support the Church by coming along to try it, or simply come along to have a look at the bells and have a go. Please contact Sid Lloyd (acting tower captain) on 01253 731376.

Parish Office – The office will be closed from Wednesday, 28th November and will re-open on Wednesday, 5th December. During this time, if you need somebody urgently, please contact Revd Nick Wells, Revd Adam Thomas or the Church Wardens, Beryl and Liz.

The Posada is an Advent celebration covering the period from the First Sunday of Advent until Christmas Eve. Its purpose is to re-create the suspense of the season, and to symbolize the difficulties encountered by Joseph and Mary as they searched for a place to stay whilst travelling to Bethlehem.

We are planning for the figures of the Posada will make a journey round the parish during this season of Advent. They will be given to the first family on the list at the end of the 10:00am service next Sunday, Advent 1. Having received them and given them accommodation for two nights, the holders must take them on to the house of those who are next on the list. [It is advisable to telephone in advance.]

If you are willing to participate, please enter your name and details on the list which is now available at the back of church. The Posada will return to church on Christmas Eve.

Open Church – It is a joy indeed to welcome people into our Open Church. Visitors include people from our local community and beyond, who enter in their own time and pace. To help us extend Open Church, please consider if you are able to help on the rota. Training is given, and you can choose times and frequency to suit yourself. There is an Open Church rota on the notice board at the west end of church; do please help if you are able.

A Festive Fairtrade Coffee Morning and Fair organised by the local Fairtrade steering group is being hosted here at St Cuthbert's Church from 10:00 – 2:00pm on Saturday 1st December. The event will include a raffle, refreshments and stalls with a wide range of Fairly Traded gifts and cards and food available which make a difference for people and the planet. Admission is by donation.

Christingle - Our Christingle Service this year is on Sunday 9th December at 4pm. This has become a popular Christmastide service and as the children (and Adults) encircle the church with their Christingles it is one of the highlights of the season. Donations from the service will be given to the Children's Society.

Nine Lessons and Carols – Is at 6pm on Sunday 16th December and the choir are already practising. This is always a special and traditional service to celebrate the Incarnation

Christmas Communion – If you are aware of anyone who will be unable to come to church this Christmas, or find yourself in that position, please do let us know and we will arrange for Home Communion to be brought out to you in the days prior to or following Christmas Day.

Pastoral Care – Please will you make Nick or Adam aware of any pastoral care concerns you may have for members of our congregation. They would particularly appreciate it if you could let them know when you realise that someone you normally sit near is not at church for a time. Forms to assist with this are at the back of church.

Emails – Please will you note that Nick and Adam are now using church based email addresses. So from now on please contact Nick at nick.thevic@stcuthbertslytham.org and Adam at rev.adam@stcuthbertslytham.org The church officials are also contactable by typing their position, followed by @stcuthbertslytham.org

Flowers – the flowers today in church have been sponsored by Jean and Stanley Hartley to celebrate their 17th Wedding Anniversary today.

The Community Craft Group - thanks those who supported their sale of goods recently. We're pleased to have donated £130 to The Royal British Legion and Remembered. There are still some crafted items for sale if you missed the opportunity.

Your prayers are asked for:

those in special need at present: Ken Rylatt and Sally Ward.

the recently departed: Frederick Best.

those who have requested ongoing prayer support:

Adrian Fisher, Barbara Lewin, Catherine Stacey, Patricia Morris, Angela Morgan, Denis Quinlan, David and Margaret Pearson, Beth Mellors, Mary Moulden, Andrew Taylor, Carine Rawsley, Katie Ritchie, Elizabeth Frater, Raymond Morris, Jo Gibbons, Margaret Wiggans, Peter and Mary Willis, Arnold Towler, Betty Wyles, David Fairbrother, Annabel and The Revd Michael Ward.

What's on This Coming Week

Mon	19:00	Choir Practice	Choir Vestry
Tues	19:00	Cell Group	Church
Wed	09:45	Bertie Bear	Hall
	19:00	Bell Ringers	Belfry
Thurs	10.30	Community Craft Group	Church
Fri	11:00	Holy Communion	Church
Sat	10:00	Open Church	Church
Sun	08:30	Holy Communion	Church
	10:00	Holy Communion	Church
	18:00	Evening Prayer	Church

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