

Parish Church of Saint Cuthbert Lytham



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Services

Sunday Services

8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am	Holy Communion (CW)

Weekday Services

Friday 11.00am	Holy Communion
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Bi-monthly Services on Sunday

4.00pm	Taize – 20 th January 2019
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Dear Friends,

After a very significant time of looking back in memorial and remembrance through late October and early November we are now very much looking forward. Although Christmas seems to start so early now a days, it is still a time of great anticipation.

In the midst of it all please ensure you do not forget the reason for the season. The central point of Christmas is the birth of the son of God and as the service of Nine Lessons and Carols emphasis this incarnation is to restore our relationship with God. I enjoy watching home restoration programs and to see tired and dilapidated houses being not just restored improved and updated. Just consider this is what God wishes through the life and example of Jesus to do for each one of you, each one of us. This is the real reason for the season of Christmas.

There are two other things I wish to mention in my letter this month too. Firstly, the parish meeting we had planned for 24th November has been rearranged for Saturday 2nd February as it became clear a number of people were not able to make the original date.

And finally, to say the PCC have decided to make this the last edition of the magazine. The circulation of the magazine is very low so we have agreed we will increase the content of the weekly sheet to include articles, a vicar's letter and more contact information instead. Many people access the leaflet through Facebook and the internet and this will continue to be accessible in this way. We recognise a number of people will miss the magazine, but since it's reintroduction 3 years ago it has not generated the circulation we had anticipated.

In closing may I wish you all a wonderful and Christ filled Christmas from myself, my family and everyone at St Cuthbert's.

Yours in Christ,

Nick

The Posada

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.

Fylde Fairtrade Steering Group

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

Our traditional carol service is at 6pm on Sunday 16th December and the choir are already practicing. This is always a special and memorable 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.

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Our November meeting was very well attended and all our members were enthralled once again listening to the latest adventure of Mrs Pat Ascroft. Pat had only recently returned from her three weeks aboard HMS Endeavour, which is a sailing ship for disabled young people. Mrs Julia Bell gave the vote of thanks.

We are now making preparations for the Mums & Toddlers Christmas Party on Wed. 5th December with fifty little ones looking forward to seeing Jo Jingles and of course Father Christmas (Aka Revd Adam).

The MU party is on Thurs. 13th December at 2.30 pm when we will have the Encore Singers to entertain us followed by a traditional buffet. Raffle prizes would be much appreciated.

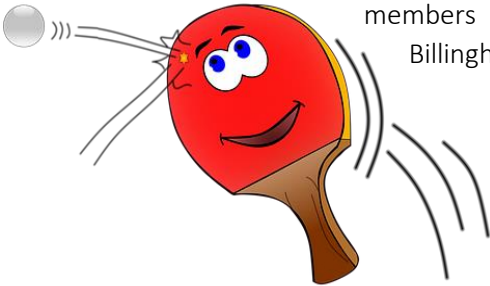
The Christmas Lunch is on Tues. 18th December at Lytham Hall, 12.30 for 1.00 pm.

On behalf of the MU, may I wish all the congregation of St. Cuthbert's a Holy and Peaceful Christmas, Good Health and Happiness in the New Year.

Margaret Fisher

Table Tennis 50+

Meetings are held in the Victory Hall on Wednesdays, 2.00pm - 4.30pm. New members are welcome. Contact Mrs Pat Billingham, Tel: 713418.



100 Club

Take part in the monthly draw and you could win £100!

All profit goes directly towards the upkeep of the church!

All you need to do is pay £5 per month by standing order. This buys you a number between 1 and 100. Each month a number is drawn, rather like a raffle, and the owner of that number receives a cheque for £100.

There are standing order forms at the back of the church. Or please have a word with me, Debbie Rogerson. I am usually singing in the choir at the 10am Communion service so catch me afterwards or ring 01253 422500 / 07540284517.

Congratulations to Sylvia Boardman with number 22.



Parish Office

The Parish office will be closed from Wednesday 28th November and will reopen on Wednesday 5th December. During this time if you need to speak to someone, please contact:

The Revd Nick Wells or The Revd Adam Thomas
The Church Wardens – Beryl Matthews or Liz Willis



Please consider donating a Real Advent Calendar for children in need in the Fylde this year. You can donate £ 5 which helps purchase extra calendars (actual price of calendar is £3.99) This is an ecumenical initiative that has been growing over the last few years. The calendars are distributed by the Fairtrade Steering Group to Homestart, Women's Refuge and Children's social care and Children's Centre. The wonderful thing is the calendar is the only Fairtrade advent calendar, it contains a 24-page

Christmas story book, it's palm oil free, and there is an extra donation that goes to the Funzi and Bodo Trust which supports charities home and abroad. Christ is not written out of Christmas with these calendars.

FARESHARE -TACKLING FOOD WASTE

On a Thursday and Saturday, a small team of people from St Cuthbert's Church collect bread and pastries and sometimes fruit and vegetables from Tesco @Lytham at the end of the day. This food that would otherwise be wasted. We bring it to church on a Friday and Sunday morning. We receive the communication to collect from Fareshare - which helps to redistribute food from supermarkets to charities and community groups.

This is an article from Tesco about their waste in this month's Big Issue.

" AT TESCO, WE HAVE NO TIME FOR WASTE. As a food retailer, we know that perfectly matching supply and demand is almost impossible. Some waste is inevitable. At Tesco we have reached a point where only 0.5% of food is designated as waste but that still means 53, 000 tones going to waste a year .Our target is that no food that's safe for human consumption is wasted in our UK business .Over the last two years , as a result of our efforts we have reached over 70 % of this target .Since 2009 , we have sent no food to landfill .In the last 6 years , with our partners , we have donated 56 million meals to local charities and community groups .We have rolled out colleague shops to all our stores ,

and suitable remaining fruit, vegetables and bakery items are sent to animal feed". Most of the supermarkets are doing the same as Tesco's. Government currently subsidised big food firms, supermarkets and farms to deposit their excess and surplus food to go into giant compost heaps called anaerobic digester s (AD). The government's Waste Hierarchy aims to reduce surplus being produced, distribute to charities and community groups, then to livestock, then to AD, lastly landfill. Please, whatever way you are able, redistribute the weekly food donations we bring to St Cuthbert's. For yourselves, take to friends and family, colleagues, freeze for Christmas, people who keep horses like bread, be creative! We redistribute to other community groups like Harbour House who do not have capacity to collect. Do share your ideas and do contact Fareshare if you are involved with a charity that could also benefit. We would like to increase the collection from Tesco's. If you can volunteer to collect, please speak to Rev Nick or Bev Wells or if you are able to redistribute to Harbour House or others, please speak to Julie Webb. Thank to everyone who has been supporting and redistributing.

Working together to help people and the planet.

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 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.

Ringling 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 7.00 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.

Lytham St. Cuthbert's Organ
Support Group



“St. Cuthbert’s Brings in the New Year”

Join us for an evening of
Epiphany Carols, seasonal hymns and popular songs
with Peter Jebson at our organ, plus guest singers
on Friday, 4th January 2019 at 7pm.

Admission including Refreshments: £5.00 with children free. Pay at the door

Community Craft Group

As a group we continue to grow in numbers, in skills and in our outreach. We have been knitting teddies for the police, for children abroad and more recently have produced teddies for firemen and paramedics. This was because of suggestions by one of our members and a great granddaughter of another. The Fireman Buddies have been spread throughout the region thanks to the enthusiasm and hard work of a particular crafter but you can join in if you wish to. Patterns and wool can be provided on request.

We hope you enjoyed the poppy display that we contributed to in church and thank you for supporting our sale. £130 has been donated to the Royal British Legion and Remembered. There are still cards and other goods to be had on request.

We continue to craft, drink tea and coffee, natter and support our community with our skills on Thursdays 10.30 to 12.00. All are welcome to come.

QUIZ for December: Advent and pre-Christmas questions

Mental stimulation can be both satisfying and beneficial during the dark evenings of December. Here is my antidote to lethargy of the brain as you ease yourself into the festive season.

Please write your answers on a separate sheet, adding your name and contact details.

Advent

1. What is the traditional colour of Advent ?
2. During which century was the length of Advent reduced to its current length ?
3. From what number does the month of December take its name ?
4. What is symbolized by the evergreen branches of the Advent wreath ?
5. What is symbolized by the rose/[pink] candle lit on the Third Sunday of Advent ?
6. The Christmas tree in London's Trafalgar Square is an annual gift from which nation ?

Christmas - Anagrams

Clues 7.-22. involve anagrams of items that are associated with Christmas. Some of the answers are Christmas carols or songs. The numbers given are the number of letters in each word of the answer.

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| 7. Yeti duel [8] | 8. Miss Chatterer [9,4] |
| 9. Be the helm [9] | 10. Weary man again [4,2,1,6] |
| 11. Thy lion hog [1,4,5] | 12. Coordinates [11] |
| 13. Totems lie [9] | 14. Station pie [10] |
| 15. Streaky rout [5,6] | 16. Gap pawn ripper [8,5] |
| 17. Sweet gherkin [2,5,5] | 18. Boot gang [8] |
| 19. Tossing eagerness [7,9] | 20. Starfish rematch [6,9] |
| 21. Can assault [5,5] | 22. Wolf snakes [10] |

Christmas - Carols and Songs

Questions 23.-32. In which Christmas carols/songs are these lines ?

23. "Io, he abhors not the Virgin's womb"
24. "he is Alpha and Omega"
25. "Snowing and blowing up bushels of fun"
26. "we shall see him; but in heaven"
27. "Crowded street, busy feet hustle by him, downtown shoppers,
Christmas is nigh"
28. "She didn't see me creep down the stairs to have a peep"
29. "In the meadow we can build a snowman"
30. "and a manger full of hay"
31. "And then they found a little nook in a stable all forlorn"
32. "It's the season for love and understanding"

Christmas – Number Ones

Questions 33.-38. Who sang the following songs, and in which year/s were they the Christmas number one in the UK ?

33. "Do they know it's
Christmas ?"
34. "Mary's Boy Child"
35. "A moment like this"
36. "Hallelujah"
37. "Wherever you are"
38. "Bohemian Rhapsody"

Christmas – a miscellany

39. What Christmas item was invented by Tom Smith in 1847 ?
40. Which two books of the NT describe the birth of Jesus ?
41. In which direction should a Christmas pudding be stirred in order to bring good luck ?
42. Pine needles are said to be a good source of which vitamin ?
43. Which family has a pet dog called Santa's Little Helper ?
44. What is the birth sign of people born on Christmas Day ?
45. What colour are the berries of the mistletoe plant ?
46. In which land is it 'Always winter but never Christmas' ?
47. A person given all the gifts in the song The Twelve Days of Christmas would receive how many gifts in total ?
48. Which English leader banned Christmas in 1647 ?
49. In which ocean does Christmas Island lie ?
50. In which 007 film does the character Dr Christmas Jones appear?

Entries to David Matthews by 16th December.

The QUIZ for November: Saints, sinners ... and the rest of us

The standard of entries was high; the number was low.

Answers: 1. St Jude and St Cajetan, 2. St Zita, 3. Canonisation of Joan of Arc in 1920, 4. St Augustine, 5. It will rain for another forty days, 6. St Elmo's Fire, 7. St Luke, 8. St Stephen, 9. Petrograd [1914-24] and Leningrad [post 1924], 10. A decade, 11. San Marino, 12. Joseph of Arimathea, 13. 20th March, 14. St Margaret, 15. St Aidan, 16. John the Baptist, 17. Lot's wife, 18. Mark, Luke, 19. Methuselah, 969 years, 20. Antioch, 21. Nicodemus, 22. Twelve, 23. Philip, 24. Ethiopian, 25. John 11.35, 26. Saul, 27. Daughter-in-law, 28. Jairus, 29. Three, 30. Samson, 31. Archelaus, 32. Balaam, 33. They would both fall into the ditch, 34. Matthew, Luke, 35. He was taken up to heaven in a whirlwind, 36. Didymus/The Twin, 37. A tenth of their income, 38. Letter to the Hebrews, 39. David, 40. He would hate one and love the other.

Nazareth

Last year's article for December was on Bethlehem – an obvious topic for the month when we celebrate Christmas. Nazareth is of course the other town associated with the Nativity, far to the north in Galilee which, under Roman occupation was organised at the time of Jesus' birth, was in a different administrative sub-division from Judaea, in which Bethlehem is found.

Nazareth, unlike Bethlehem, is not named in the Old Testament. But Matthew and Luke, the only two gospels which give us any information about Jesus' birth and early life, refer to Nazareth in this context, although in rather different ways. It is only Luke who tells of the Annunciation to Mary (chapter 1), which is said to have taken place in Nazareth. The obvious inference is that this was Mary's home town, since she was as yet only betrothed to Joseph. He is identified not by place, but by the statement that he is 'of the house of David'.

Luke's next reference to Nazareth is in Chapter 2 where he explains that Mary and Joseph subsequently travelled from Nazareth to Bethlehem for the purpose of the Roman taxation census because Joseph was 'of the house and lineage of

David' (Bethlehem being the city of David). Later in Chapter 2 Luke describes how Mary and Joseph made an offering in the Temple in Jerusalem, and then 'returned to Galilee, to their own city of Nazareth'. Matthew, by contrast, says that Mary, betrothed to Joseph, was 'found with child of the Holy Ghost', but no narrative is provided and no place is named. Instead, this gospel gives us an account of how an unnamed angel came to Joseph in a prophetic and reassuring dream.

Matthew then moves directly to the birth in Bethlehem, with no suggestion at all that Mary and Joseph had to travel there from anywhere else (a journey that would not, in any case, have been required by Roman census rules). Afterwards, according to Matthew, the Holy Family flees to Egypt (a different Roman province) to escape the persecution of Herod. Later, Joseph hears in a dream that Herod is dead and that it is safe to return. But then he finds out that Herod's son Archelaus had succeeded him and fears that Judaea is consequently still risky, so they decide go to Galilee and settle in Nazareth — the clear implication being that this was not their original intention. Subsequently, when Jesus is identified in terms of his 'home town', he is associated with Nazareth, or at least the distinctive region of Galilee, where much of his ministry takes place.

If one were to read Matthew's gospel alone, then, one would imagine that Mary and Joseph had lived in Bethlehem all along, until their flight into Egypt, and that they only took up residence in Nazareth after their return from exile.

The differing implications of these two gospel narratives, which clearly emerge when we look closely at the role that Nazareth plays, points yet again, as do many other problematic details about the Nativity story, to the impossibility of reading the two gospel-narratives at face-value as straightforward factual rapportage. But there is nothing odd about this: we cannot and do not read narrative histories from this period as 'simple fact' because that is not how texts of this type were composed or how they were intended to function, regardless of whether they were secular or religious 'histories'. We are need to think, rather, about the purposes of what is written and the often-inconsistent oral traditions that lie behind it.

Joyce Hill

Church Wardens News

In the lead up to Armistice Day we saw St Cuthbert's opening its doors from Tuesday to Sunday 10 am till 4pm. This was thanks to an army of volunteers giving their time, making drinks and welcoming the public to look around our beautiful church. We had many complements, people looking at the display of over 1,000 poppies knitted by the community craft group and displayed by Brian Baker.

The 17 Tommies attracted much attention and brought the people of Lytham St Annes, as well as many visitors from further afield, into our church. A month ago, the PCC decided to purchase the 6 ft Standing Tommy. I placed the order and because the 17 came quickly I thought so would the standing one. Well my friends I was wrong, I must have been a nightmare to the company phoning them, emailing them but nothing. Nick was positive that God would make sure we would have it before Remembrance Sunday and it arrived on the Friday in time for the 11 am service. We have left it in church for an extra week so those who didn't have the chance see him over the weekend, have the opportunity to do so this week. If you would like to donate to the standing Tommy Beryl or myself would be happy to receive your donations.

Two complements stood out for me, one of our congregation made a comment "it was good to see the church so alive with people" and a gentleman commented on the windows, he said you don't find many churches with so many stain glass windows they are magnificent. That is where I'm finishing, do we who worship here in God's Church take time to look around at the beauty that we have? Just take a short walk one day and marvel at our wonderful building. Yours in Christ - Liz Willis - Church Warden.

December's Diary

Saturday 1st	10 am	Open Church
Sunday 2nd	8.30 am 10 am 6 pm	Communion Communion Evening Prayer
Monday 3d	7 pm	Choir Practice
Tuesday 4th	7 pm	Cell Group
Wednesday 5th	9.45 am	Bertie Bear Club
	7 pm	Bell Ringers Practice
Thursday 6th	10.30 am	Community Craft Group
Friday 7th	10 am	Hearing Aid Lesson
	11 am	Communion
Saturday 8th	10 pm	Open Church
Sunday 9th	8.30 am 10 am 4 pm	Communion Communion Christingle
Monday 10th	7 pm	Choir Practice
Tuesday 11th	7 pm	Scouts Carol Practice
	7 pm	Cell Group
Wednesday 12th	1.30 pm	Hall Park School Visit
	7 pm	Bell Ringers Practice
Thursday 13th	10.30 am	Community Craft Group
	10.30 am	Stepping Stones
	2.30 pm	Mothers' Union
Friday 14th	11 am	Communion
Saturday 15th	10 am	Open Church

Sunday 16th	8.30 am 10 am 6 pm	Communion Communion Nine Lessons and Carols
Monday 17th	7 pm	Lytham C of E School Carol Service
Tuesday 18th	9 am 2 pm 7 pm	Hall Park School Carol Rehearsal Hall Park School Carol Service Cell Group
Wednesday 19th	7 pm	Bell Ringers Practice
Thursday 20th	10.30 am	Community Craft Group
Friday 21st	11 am	Communion
Saturday 22nd	10 am	Open Church
Sunday 23rd	8.30 am 10 am	Communion Communion
Monday 24th	4 pm 11.30	Crib Service First Communion of Christmas
Christmas Day	10 am	Christmas Day Communion
Friday 28th	11 am	Communion
Saturday 28 th	10 am	Open Church
Sunday 29 th	8.30 am 10 am	Communion Communion

St Cuthbert's Uniformed Organisations



Monday

Cubs meet at 6.45 – 8.15pm
for more details email
catherinehughes0@btinternet.com

Tuesday

Beavers meet at 6 - 7pm
for more details contact Sarah Johnson 01253
739457



Sea Scouts meet at 7.15 -9 pm
for more details contact
Graham Igoe 01253 734861



Wednesday

Rainbows meet at 6 - 7pm
for more details contact
Muriel Ward 01253 738729

Thursday

Brownies meet at 6.15 - 7.30pm
for more details contact
Jeannette 01253 738443



Useful Church Contacts and Phone Numbers

Alpha Course Community Craft Group	Bev Wells Paula Chapman	01253 279 676	07742 709 994 07891371358
Churchwarden	Beryl Matthews	01253 725 552	07788 683 706
Churchwarden	Liz Willis		07771 634 818
Fairtrade	Julie Webb		07914 926 422
Mothers' Union	Margaret Fisher	01253 737310	
Parish Coordinator	Fiona Newbold	01253 736488	
Vicar	Nick Wells	01253 279676	
Vision Champion	Julie Webb		07914 926 422
Webpage Facebook & Twitter	Bev Wells	01253 279676	07742 709 994
100 Club	Debbie Rogerson	01253 422500	07540 284 517

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