

**Sunday, 2nd December 2018**  
**The First Sunday Of 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: Mrs Bev Wells

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 3. 9-end; Luke 21. 25-36.

**10:00am Holy Communion**

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Psalm 25 vv 1-9

Readings: Jeremiah 33. 14-16 and as above.

**10:00am Sunday School**

Meet in church and move to the Church Hall.

**6:00pm Evening Prayer**

Officiant: Mrs Nicola Whitehead

Psalm 9 vv 1-8 [p. 418]

Readings: Joel 3. 9-end; Revelation 14.13-15.4

Keep up to date with us on Facebook at [St Cuthbert, Lytham](https://www.facebook.com/StCuthbertLytham) and by regularly visiting our website [stcuthbertslytham.org](http://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 continuous use since then, largely due to the Boardman family but, alas, they may now fall silent unless any from the congregation would help to carry on 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, 28<sup>th</sup> November and will re-open on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> 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 to make a journey round the parish during this season of Advent. This journey will begin at the end of the 10:00am service on Advent Sunday when the figures will be given to the first family on the list. Having received them and given them accommodation for two nights, the holders will then take them on to the address 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 remains available at the back of church. The Posada will return to church on Christmas Eve.

**Christingle** - Our Christingle Service this year is next Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> December at 4:00pm. 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 6:00pm on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

**St Cuthbert's brings in the New Year** Do join us for an evening of Epiphany carols, seasonal hymns and popular songs on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019 from 7:00pm. Peter Jebson will be at the organ, and he will be joined by guest singers. Admission including refreshments - £5.00, children free. Tickets will soon be available.

**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](mailto:nick.thevic@stcuthbertslytham.org) and Adam at [rev.adam@stcuthbertslytham.org](mailto:rev.adam@stcuthbertslytham.org). The church officials are also contactable by typing their position, followed by @stcuthbertslytham.org

**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.

**Hearing Aids** – We have recently had the loop system in church tested and have been advised it is in good working order. The loop system is to assist people with hearing aids hear better when at our services. We have now further arranged for a brief explanation regarding setting hearing aids to make use of the loop to be given in church this coming Friday at 10:00am prior to our Friday communion. If you may find this useful, please do come along.

**Magazine** – Because of the small circulation of the Parish Magazine, the PCC have agreed that we cease production of it from the end of the year. We will, however, be expanding the weekly leaflet to include articles as well as the usual news and diary. Don't forget you can also view the weekly leaflet each week on our web site.

**Mothers Union** - We meet on Saturday 7th December at 10.00am in church to prepare the Christingle oranges for the service on Sunday 8th December at 4.00pm. Help would be much appreciated.

**Food Bank** - please do support the Food bank leading up to Christmas if you are able and into the new year when some folk can go into deeper hardship. all your usual donations please, but in addition the Food bank would like tins of tuna, meat, fruit and potatoes. Selection boxes for children and boxes of chocolate for adults. Thank you.

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<i>What's on This Coming Week</i>			
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	10.00	Hearing Aid Lesson	Church
	11:00	Holy Communion	Church
Sat	10:00	Open Church	Church
Sun	08:30	Holy Communion	Church
	10:00	Holy Communion	Church
	16.00	Christingle Service	Church

***Your prayers are asked for:***  
***those in special need at present:*** Ken Rylatt and Sally Ward.  
***In memory of:*** Duncan Bowomley.  
***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 Rawnsley, Katie Ritchie, Elizabeth Frater, Raymond Morris, Jo Gibbons, Margaret Wiggans, Peter and Mary Willis, Arnold Towler, Betty Wyles, David Fairbrother and The Revd Michael Ward.