

Sunday, 9th December 2018
The Second 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 Helen Houston

Preacher: The Revd Adam Thomas

Readings: Philippians 1. 3-11; Luke 3. 1-6.

10:00am Holy Communion and Baptism

President: The Revd Nick Wells

Preacher: The Revd Adam Thomas

Canticle: Benedictus [Luke 1. 68-79]

Readings: Malachi 3. 1-4 and as above.

10:00am Sunday School

Meet in church and move to the Church Hall.

The Christingle Service has unfortunately been cancelled

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 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.

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.

The figures of Joseph and Mary began their journey round the parish a week ago on Advent Sunday. They are being given accommodation for two nights by those who signed up to provide it. Finally, they will return to church on Christmas Eve.

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols – will take place from 6:00pm on Sunday, 16th December and the choir are guaranteed to be in fine voice. This is always a special and traditional service to celebrate the Incarnation.

Blue Christmas – is a carol service for those living with bereavement, loss and grief. Arranged jointly by the Churches in Lytham and Lytham Funeral Services this year's Blue Christmas will be at Lytham Methodist Church this Thursday, 13th December, at 7pm. Anyone is very welcome to attend this thoughtful service.

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, 4th 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 and Adam at 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.

Mothers' Union - We meet on Thursday, 13th December at 2.30pm for our Christmas Party when we will be entertained by the Encore Singers.

Real Advent Calendars – A massive thank you to all who purchased a fairly-traded calendar this year for family, friends and workplace; 62 in total. In addition, 20 more were donated for Children in Need, together with donations from the White Church, Fairhaven MC, Church Rd MC and St Cuthbert's. Fylde Fairtrade Steering Group were able to deliver 101 calendars to Brian House Children's Hospice, Fylde Coast Women's Aid, Homestart, Sydney Street Neighbourhood Centre [Children's Centre].

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, together with selection boxes for children and boxes of chocolate for adults. Thank you.

Christmas Card Board – we will clear one of notice boards shortly to allow you to 'send' a Christmas Card to everyone in church, please then consider donating the money you are saving to a charity of your choice.

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Your prayers are asked for:

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

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, Betty Wyles, David Fairbrother.

the recently departed: The Revd Michael Ward, William Irwin, Robert Haworth, Michael Hill, Dorothy Locktie and Arnold Towler.

What's on This Coming Week

Mon	19:00	Choir Practice	Choir Vestry
Tues	19:00	Cell Group	Church
	19:00	Scouts Carol Service	Church
Wed	10.45	Funeral of Robert Haworth	Church
	19:00	Bell Ringers	Belfry
Thurs	10:30	Community Craft Group	Church
	10:30	Stepping Stones	Hall
	14:30	Mothers' Union	Hall
	19.00	Blue Friday	Lytham
Fri	11.00	Holy Communion	Church
Sat	10:00	Open Church	Church
	16.00	Walking Nativity	Lytham Assembly Rooms
Sun	08:30	Holy Communion	Church
	10:00	Holy Communion	Church
	18.00	Nine Lessons and Carols	Church