

Sunday, 16th December 2018
The Third 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: Mr David Chapman

Readings: Philippians 4. 4-7; Luke 3. 7-18.

10:00am Holy Communion

President: The Revd Helen Houston

Preacher: Mr David Chapman

Psalm 146 vv 4-10

Readings: Zephaniah 3. 14-20 and as above.

10:00am Sunday School

Meet in church and move to the Church Hall.

6.00pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

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 two weeks 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 this evening from 6:00pm and the choir are guaranteed to be in fine voice. 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, 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.

Food Bank - 1st January 2018 to the 4th December 2018 total weight of donated items to Food Bank is 319.16kg or 700lbs or 50 stone. Huge thank you to everyone who has donated.

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.

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 have cleared one of notice boards 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.

The funeral of The Revd Michael Ward who presided at several of our services earlier in the year will be at Holy Trinity Church South Shore on Friday of this week, the 21st December, at 10:30am followed by cremation at the Park Crematorium at 12 noon.

Community Craft Group – has finished for this year. We welcome you all back in the New Year on 10th January.

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Your prayers are asked for:

those in special need at present: 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, David Fairbrother.

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

in memory of: Gordon Semley.

What's on This Coming Week

Mon	11.30	Funeral of Michael Hill	Church
	19.00	Lytham C of E School Carol Service	Church
Tues	12.30	MU Christmas Lunch	Lytham Hall
	14.00	Lytham Hall Park School Carol Service	Church
Wed	10.30	Funeral of Dorothy Lochtie	Church
	19:00	Bell Ringers	Belfry
Thu	11:00	Funeral of Ken Rylatt	Church
	7:00	Lancashire Sings Christmas	Costa Coffee, Lytham
Fri	11.00	Holy Communion	Church
Sat	10:00	Open Church	Church
	10:30	Carol Singing	Lytham Methodist Church
Sun	08:30	Holy Communion	Church
	10:00	Holy Communion	Church