

The PCC having made the decision to cease production of the Parish Magazine we have sought to include one or two of the regular magazine articles in the weekly leaflet, including the letter from the clergy each month.

Dear Friends - Last week the government announced additional funding for the NHS. The news reports claimed the funding will 'save lives'. As someone who has really appreciated and benefitted from the NHS over past two years, I find that wording strange.

As I have reflected on my diagnosis and treatment what I have realised very clearly is that it has not so much saved my life but lengthened it. My life expectancy is greater because of treatment I have received than it was without treatment. I would therefore suggest the headline should be additional funding of the NHS 'will extend life expectancy', though it's not quite so pithy or emotive.

Thinking further, the original headline claim, 'to save lives', sees the press almost becoming theological, stepping into religious territory.

As Christians we believe that our lives are saved for eternity through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. 'So, we will be with the Lord for ever' (1Thess 4:17b), with the Lord not just in this world but beyond it. To receive this promise, we need to accept Jesus and allow the Holy Spirit to direct our lives. As Peter says to Jesus 'where else can we go, you have the words of eternal life' (John 6:68).

This is not to say I do not value greatly the NHS and all it does for so many but let us leave eternity in God's hands.

Yours in Christ, *Nick Wells*

The Community Craft Group -thank you again for your support during the pre-Christmas period. The Christmas novelties etc have raised £115 which has been sent to the Motor Neurone Disease Association. This is in addition to the money we sent to forces charities after Remembrance weekend.

At the moment we are continuing to knit Fireman Buddies which some members of our group introduced to the Lytham fire service. Over 100 buddies later these have spread as far as Lancaster and all around the area. Should you wish to help us with our crafts you would be very welcome Thursday mornings 10.30 -12.00 to have a coffee and chat to us or indeed join us. Other ways you can support are to knit at home, continue to buy our cards and other things we have for sale from time to time, tell us of any needs you may know of, or contribute financially to the materials we have to buy.

Thank you again for your encouragement and support.

100 Club – the winner this month is George Rochester with number 50.

Sunday, 20th January 2019
The Third Sunday of Epiphany



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 Helen Houston

Readings: 1 Corinthians 12. 1-11; John 2. 1-11.

10:00am Holy Communion

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Psalm 36 vv 5-10

Readings: Isaiah 62. 1-5 and as above.

10:00am Sunday School

Our Sunday School meets in church and then moves over to the Church Hall for their time together.

Thanksgiving Service – in memory of Arnold Towler will be held here on Wednesday, 23rd January at 11:30am. All will be welcome.

Mid-week cell groups – meet on a Tuesday evening at 7pm. We are offering a choice with a Bible Study on the Epistle to the Romans being led by Nick, and a repeat of the Introduction to the Bible led by David Chapman. These groups will meet one in the church and the other in the vestry. Anyone is very welcome to come along to either group and will be made most welcome.

Prayer Support - The number of names we include on the prayer support list seems to ever grow. The vicar has therefore decided that names will be included for a period of six months. **To assist us with this, we would really appreciate it if people could re-submit names to this list by the end of January.** We shall be very happy to extend the prayer request at the end of each six-month period.

Of course, there may also be people you are aware of who would value our prayers at a time of special need as well as our ongoing prayer support. In either case, please be encouraged to make a request for them.

The Churches in Lytham – At the recent Churches in Lytham AGM, Ian Birnie retired as chair with the thanks of all concerned. Ian has been committed to the Lytham Ecumenical Partnership since the idea was first suggested in the early 80's and has been chair most of that time. He will continue as a representative of St Cuthbert's. Rev'd Adam Thomas has succeeded Ian in the chair. Our Annual Covenant Service is next Sunday, 27th January, at 3:00pm in St Peter's Church.

Sponsorship of the Parish Communion Service sheet and flowers in church

These sponsorships continue to be available and are always most welcome. It may, for example, be considered appropriate to do this in memory of a loved one or at the time of a special event within the family. Name/s and suitable wording chosen by the donor will feature on the 10:00am service sheet.

The cost of each sponsorship is £ 25.00; for the sponsorship of both together, the cost is £ 40.00. Arrangements should be made via the Parish Office at least two weeks prior to the intended date.

For those who are taxpayers, there is a reminder that gift-aiding the money will provide even greater financial benefit to the Church. In order to do this, please complete the details on the front of the gift-aid envelope.

Your prayers are asked for:
those in special need at present: Sally Ward and Sue Nicholson.
the recently departed: Barbara Lewin, Sheila Addison and Doreen Wainwright
in memory of: Lyn Fieldhouse.
and for those who have requested our ongoing prayer support: Adrian Fisher, 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 and Nicolene Moore.

What's on This Coming Week			
Mon	19.00	Choir Practice	Vestry
Tues	19.00	Cell Groups	Church
Wed	9.45	Bertie Bears	Hall
	11.30	Thanksgiving Service for Arnold Towler	Church
	19.00	Bell Ringers	Belfry
Thurs	10.30	Community Craft Group	Church
Fri	11.00	Holy Communion	Church
Sat	From 10:00	Open Church	Church
Sun	08:30	Holy Communion	Church
	10:00	Holy Communion	Church
	15.00	Covenant Service	St Peter's, Lytham

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