

Thy Kingdom Come, 30th May – 9th June

This year we are planning a Narnia Event to encourage people to Pledge2Pray Thy Kingdom Come. June seems like a long way off, but planning takes time and it takes people. The Vision Champions are inviting people to come along to a planning meeting on Wednesday, 6th February, 7:00pm at the Vicarage to begin the planning process. The event itself will be for all ages and we will be looking to produce thought-provoking activities and experiences from C S Lewis's book *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*. There will be costumes to make, a woodland to build and so much more. If you are interested in helping or planning, come to the Vicarage on the 6th February to find out more.

What's on This Coming Week			
Mon	19.00	Choir Practice	Vestry
Tues	10.45	Funeral of Doreen Wainwright	Church
	19.00	Cell Groups	Church
Wed	9.45	Bertie Bears	Hall
	19.00	Bell Ringers	Belfry
Thurs	10.30	Community Craft Group	Church
	19.00	PCC Meeting	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

Your prayers are asked for:

those in special need at present: Sally Ward, Brenda Davey and Sue Nicholson.

the recently departed: Sheila Addison, Doreen Wainwright, Angela Morgan and Michael Peto.

in memory of: Gay Kitchener, Tom Dugdale and John Boardman.

and for those who have requested our ongoing prayer support: *Thelma Abbotson*, Adrian Fisher, Catherine Stacey, Patricia Morris, 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.

Sunday, 27th January 2019 The Fourth 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 Nick Wells

Preacher: The Revd David Hirst

Readings: 1 Corinthians 12. 12-31a; Luke 4. 14-21.

10:00am Holy Communion

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Psalm 19 vv 1-6

Readings: Nehemiah 8. 1-3, 5-6, 8-10 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.

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The Old Violin - Helen included this poem in her sermon last week and it seems worthy of sharing on the weekly sheet:

'Twas battered and scarred,
And the auctioneer thought it hardly worth his while
To waste his time on the old violin,
but he held it up with a smile.

"What am I bid, good people", he cried,
"Who starts the bidding for me?"
"One dollar, one dollar, Do I hear two?"
"Two dollars, who makes it three?"
"Three dollars once, three dollars twice, going for three,"

But, No,
From the room far back a gray bearded man
Came forward and picked up the bow,
Then wiping the dust from the old violin

And tightening up the strings,
He played a melody, pure and sweet
As sweet as the angel sings.

The music ceased and the auctioneer
With a voice that was quiet and low,
Said "What now am I bid for this old violin?"
As he held it aloft with its' bow.

"One thousand, one thousand, Do I hear two?"
"Two thousand, Who makes it three?"
"Three thousand once, three thousand twice,
Going and gone", said he.

The audience cheered, But some of them cried,
"We just don't understand."
"What changed its' worth?"
Swift came the reply.
"The Touch of the Masters Hand."

"And many a man with life out of tune
All battered and bruised with hardship
Is auctioned cheap to a thoughtless crowd
Much like that old violin

A mess of pottage, a glass of wine,
A game and he travels on.
He is going once, he is going twice,
He is going and almost gone.

But the Master comes,
And the foolish crowd never can quite understand,
The worth of a soul and the change that is wrought
By the Touch of the Masters' Hand.

-Myra Brooks Welch

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 - Our Annual Covenant Service is this afternoon 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.

Quiz questions: Thinking points for January: Answers

1. A sudden revelation, 2. Austria, Mexico, Cyprus, and numerous others, 3. They were warned in a dream, 4. H W Longfellow, W B Yeats, O Henry [W S Porter], 5. Leonardo da Vinci, the Uffizi Gallery in Florence, 6. 30, 7. Julius Caesar, 8. Doors and gates, 9. Two faces, 10. Garnet, 11. Carnation or snowdrop, 12. William Shakespeare, The Winter's Tale.

My thanks to all those who submitted entries.

Quizmaster.