

Presentation of the Elements - If you wish to be involved, please pop your name on the list at the back of Church. Many thanks.

New Electoral Roll - Today, 7th April, is the final day for adding names to the new Electoral Roll. After today, no further names can be added until after the APCM on the 28th April. Tom Burton, Electoral Roll Officer.

Open Church needs You "Being open strengthens the role of the church in the community and gives opportunity for mission. The primary reasons for visiting a church building are social, spiritual and feeling a sense of welcome and of holiness. A space for reflection or prayer at the heart of a community " - from Ecclesiastical website.

Please consider adding your name to the open church rota at the west end of church to "church sit" occasionally or every week, or speak with the vicar or curate for further information. Volunteer guidelines are available. It is a joy to visit the church when it is peaceful for the "church sitters" and our hope is that the visitors also find and take away something positive from their visit to church.

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Your prayers are asked for:
those in special need at present: Thelma Abbotson, Brenda Davey, Hilda Holding, Sally Ward, baby Edie Irene Shawcross, and Sarah Welch.
the recently departed: Christine Elizabeth Akeroyd, Mary Chamberlain, Beryl Almond and Jonathan James Taylor.
and for those who have requested our ongoing prayer support: Elizabeth Frater, Dennis Quinlan, Catherine Stacey, Margaret Wiggans, Carine Rawnsley, Patricia Morris and Peter & Mary Willis.

<i>What's on This Coming Week</i>			
Mon	19.00	Choir Practice	Vestry
Tues	19:00	Lent Course	Church
Wed	19.00	Bell Ringers	Belfry
Thurs	10.30	Community Craft Group	Church
	10.30	Stepping Stones	Hall
	14.30	Mothers' Union	Hall
	19.00	PCC Meeting	Church
Fri	11.00	Holy Communion	Church
Sat	From 10:00	Open Church	Church
Palm Sun	08:30	Holy Communion	Church
	10:00	Holy Communion	Church
	15.00	Palm Sunday Reading of the Passion	Lytham Square
	18.00	Evening Prayer	Church



Sunday, 7th April 2019
The Fifth Sunday of Lent
Passiontide begins



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: Philippians 3. 4b-14; John 12. 1-8.

10:00am Holy Communion
 President: The Revd Helen Houston
 Preacher: The Revd Helen Houston
 Psalm 126
 Readings: as above.

10:00am Sunday School
 Our Sunday School meets in church and then moves over to the Church Hall for their time together.

7:00 pm Contemporary Worship
 The Revd Adam Thomas

Mellitus: First Bishop of London

In the month when Easter falls, I usually write on some aspect of Holy Week or Easter. This year I'm departing from custom in writing instead about Mellitus, the first Bishop of London, who is commemorated, as you will see from the Calendar of Common Worship, on 24th April. My particular prompt for writing about him this year was the fact that we are coming up to the anniversary of Sarah Mullaley's consecration as the first female Bishop of London, and that made me think of Mellitus as London's original 'first'. Her cathedral is, of course, St Paul's, the dedication of the London cathedral which goes back to the time of Mellitus in the early seventh century.

When Pope Gregory the Great sent a mission to convert the old Roman province of Britannia in 597, it was headed by Augustine, who established his headquarters in Canterbury, near where he first landed. Gregory intended that there should be two archbishoprics, one in London, and one in York, reflecting the importance of these two towns when Britannia was a unified Roman province — information that was still known in Rome in Gregory's day. What he did not know, however, was that sixth-century 'Britannia' (England) was no longer organised as a single entity but was made up of several small kingdoms, which of course complicated the mission enormously. An archbishopric was eventually established in York in the 730s, in the Kingdom of Northumbria (although there were bishops in the kingdom before that). But the archbishopric in the south remains to this day in Canterbury, honouring what local circumstances brought about under Augustine. Conversion of the people and the setting up of churches needed royal support. London was often contested territory between the various

kingdoms in the south-east, but Canterbury was at the heart of the Kingdom of Kent, where Augustine received the necessary support to establish his mission.

As he and the monks who came with him laboured on, Augustine maintained a close correspondence with Pope Gregory, and in 601 Gregory sent reinforcements. We know the names of several in this second wave of Roman missionaries: Mellitus was one of them. In 604, the year that Augustine died, Mellitus was consecrated as the first bishop of the East Saxons, a kingdom lying just to the north of the Kingdom of Kent. There, without a fixed see, he set about extending the conversion. Later, when good progress had been made, the King of Kent, the most powerful king in the area at the time, built a church for Mellitus in London. It was dedicated to St Paul. However, when the king died in 616, Mellitus lost his protection and he and Bishop Justus of Rochester, who had also arrived in England in 601 as a member of the second wave of missionaries, withdrew to Gaul, leaving only Laurentius — a member of Augustine's original party of monks, and his successor as Archbishop — in charge of the English church. Fortunately, Laurentius was able to win over the new king to Christianity, and so Mellitus and Justus returned. Justus went back to Rochester, but the Londoners refused to receive Mellitus, perhaps because they resented the interference of the King of Kent. However, the question of what should become of Mellitus was quickly resolved: Laurentius died, on 2nd February 619, and Mellitus became the third Archbishop of Canterbury. He died on 24th April 624. *Joyce Hill*

APCM Our Annual Church Meetings are to be held in church on Sunday, 28th April following the 10:00am

service. At the meeting, we will receive the reports for 2018, share something of the future vision for St Cuthbert's and elect Wardens and PCC members. Please try your best to attend.

Processional Cross You may have noticed that we have not used the lovely silver processional cross recently. This is because the central enamel disk has fallen out and the enamelling damaged. We have now had a quote for its repair from a reputable Church Furnisher and the PCC agreed at the last meeting to proceed with the basic repair of the enamel disk. However, the quotation also suggests further repairs and a clean of the whole cross would be worth completing at the same time.

The cost of the repair which the PCC have authorised is £470 + VAT, if there is anyone who may be interested in making a donation to the full restoration of the cross, a further £780 + VAT, please speak to one of our Wardens.

Adam's Ordination on 29th June at 2.30 in Blackburn Cathedral Adam will be ordained a priest. We need to order tickets for the service and are planning on running a coach from St Cuthbert's. If you want to go please put your name on the list at the back of church or email Adam – curate@stcuthbertslytham.org.

Easter Flowers 2019 - Any donations towards Easter flowers will be gratefully received. A collection tin is available at the back of church for any contributions.

Mothers Union - We meet on Thursday 11th April at 2.30pm. Our speaker will be Mr Stewart Hankinson and his talk is entitled 'With a song in my Heart'. All welcome.