

**Church Refurbishment** – At the Annual Meetings in April, the PCC laid out plans for reordering the St Aidan’s Chapel and the west end of the church. The plans can be viewed in church or on our website. This is still at a consultation stage, so please do take time to view and reflect on the ideas laid out. Nick and others will be in church on Saturday mornings from 10:00am to 11:30am for the next couple of weeks if you wish to talk the ideas over. There is also a feedback box in church for reflections on the plans, (n.b. any notes which are anonymous will not be considered).

**Thy Kingdom Come – 30<sup>th</sup> May - 9<sup>th</sup> June** is a global movement that invites us all as Christians around the world to focus and pray for more people to come to know Jesus Christ, to deepen our relationship with him, to pray for the Holy Spirit to work in the lives of 5 people we know, and that they may respond 'Yes' to his call. Church will be open at various times over the 11 days. Come and pray, come and 'Church Sit', come Holy Spirit. Please sign up on the rota at the west end notice board or speak to a churchwarden to enable church to be open for this special time. On Saturday The Churches in Lytham are hosting events in Clifton Square – please pop in and encourage to come along too.

**Mothers Union** - We meet on Thurs.13th June at 2.30pm when our speaker will be Ms Ann Greenland. Her talk is entitled 'Setting up a College of Nursing in South Africa'. The Deanery Festival is on Wed. 12th June at 7.30pm at Warton Parish Church. We have booked for Afternoon Tea at Lytham Hall on Thurs.11th July at 2.30pm. Names as soon as possible if you would like to join us.

**Save the date** – On Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2019, Lytham Community Choir will be performing a Christmas Concert here at St Cuthbert’s. As soon as tickets are available, I shall let you know.

What's on This Coming Week			
Mon	17:00	Choir Practice	Vestry
Tues	09:00	Daily Prayer	Church
	19:00	Study Group	Vicarage
Wed	09:00	Daily Prayer	Church
	19:00	Bell Ringers	Belfry
Thurs	09:00	Daily Prayer	Church
	10:00	Open Church	Church
	10:30	Community Craft Group	Church
	12:30	Volunteers Thank you	Church
Fri	10:00	Open Church	Church
	11:00	Holy Communion	Church
Sat	From 10:00	Thy Kingdom Come; Churches in Lytham	Clifton Square
	From 10:00	Open Church	Church
	13:00	Wedding	Church
Sunday	08:30	Holy Communion	Church
	10:00	Holy Communion	Church
	12:00	Baptism	Church
	18:00	Evening Prayer	Church

**Your prayers are asked for:**  
**those in special need at present:** Irene Shawcross, Katrina Heppenstall and Sarah Welch.  
**the recently departed:** Beryl Wadsworth.  
**in memory of:**  
**and for those who have requested our ongoing prayer support:** Hilda Holding, Thelma Abbotson, Brenda Davey, George Rochester, Elizabeth Frater, Dennis Quinlan, Catherine Stacey, Margaret Wiggans, Carine Rawnsley, Patricia Morris and Peter & Mary Willis.

## Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019 The Seventh Sunday of Easter



**A warm welcome to St Cuthbert’s today**

### 8:30am Holy Communion [BCP]

President: The Revd Nick Wells

Preacher: Mr David Chapman

Readings: Acts 16. 16-34; John 17. 20-26.

### 10:00am Holy Communion

President: The Revd Nick Wells

Preacher: Mr David Chapman

Psalm 97 vv 1-6

Readings: as above.

### 4:00pm Messy Church

for adults accompanied by children  
 and children accompanied by adults

### 7:00pm Contemporary Worship

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**Messy Church** 4pm-6pm today in church. Crafts, worship, puppets and food. All welcome, adults must come with a child, children must bring a responsible adult.

This evening we have our monthly **Contemporary Worship** in church at 7pm. All welcome, as we join in the international wave of prayer - Pledge2Pray - Thy Kingdom Come.

**The Geography of Pentecost** - Because Easter Day this year fell on 21<sup>st</sup> April, which is almost as late as it can be, we celebrate Pentecost, fifty days later, on 9<sup>th</sup> June. It is the day when we hear the story from Acts chapter 2 of how, after receiving the Holy Spirit, the Apostles are able to go out into Jerusalem and speak eloquently to people from all nations. It's a foreshadowing of the spread of the gospel throughout the eastern Mediterranean – a story that the Acts of the Apostles goes on to describe. The reading makes a powerful point about the range of those who heard that first message: speakers of many different languages, coming from a rollcall of regions, tribes and places. Even if we are rather hazy about where all these places were, we respond to the list appropriately: it speaks of the cosmopolitan nature of Jerusalem at that time, and it conveys the sense that those present came from 'everywhere' as far as that part of the world was concerned.

But why pick on these names? Is there any reason for the list being as it is? Or is it just a random list to convey (as it certainly does) a general sense of 'all sorts of people'? In fact, if you look more closely it very quickly becomes clear that it's highly organised and circles tightly around the Roman frontier province of Judaea, within which Jerusalem was situated. The names listed fall into several geographically defined groups. The first of these — Parthians and Medes, Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia — refers to the peoples east of the Roman empire, often hostile

neighbours, located broadly in the region of modern Iran and Iraq. Then we have the reference to the Roman province of Judaea, roughly corresponding to modern Israel, Syria and Jordan. This moves us westwards and within the boundaries of the Roman Empire and it gives us the name of the region around which the various other names are organised. Next in the list comes Cappadocia, Pontus, Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia. The first two and last two in this group were major regions within what we call Asia Minor, with 'Asia' (the Roman name for Asia Minor) being included as a catch-all for the several smaller areas not specifically named. In the main this is an area lying to the west of Judaea, but in the east part of it lies to the north of Judaea and meets with the western extremity of the region defined in the first group of names. Next in the list is a group lying to the south: Egypt, Libya and Cyrene (in what is now eastern Libya, bordering Egypt as we know it). There is then a general reference to strangers, both Jews and proselytes. After that Cretans are named, coming from the island of Crete, often yoked by the Romans with Cyrene for administrative purposes (there was at one time a province of Creta et Cyrenaica). Finally, as a last catch-all, there is a reference to Arabians. This brings us full circle in an anti-clockwise fashion because the region known as 'Arabia' lay east of the southerly part of the province of Judaea and the south of the Parthians, Medes and Elamites, with which the list began. So, what we have is a systematic list, which works its way around Judaea, putting Jerusalem, the place of the apostles' preaching, at the centre of its world. *Joyce Hill*

**Heritage Open Days**—You will be delighted to hear that we have registered to take part in this very special event, which runs from Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> September to Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Should you wish to be available during these dates to welcome visitors into our Church, then please speak to the Vision Champions.

**Adam's Ordination** - If you have booked a seat on the coach, we would be grateful if you could pay in advance. The cost is £10 per seat and you can pay in the following ways: to the Parish Office, Beryl Matthews, Liz Willis or Margaret Fisher.

The following day Adam will celebrate Communion for the first time, a truly memorable moment in the life of anyone who is ordained. To recognise this on 30<sup>th</sup> June we will only have one morning service, Holy Communion at 10:00am to share together and support Adam that day. We have then arranged lunch at the Clifton Arms which we hope as many people as possible will come along to. The cost of lunch will be £25 and places can be booked shortly.

**Vacancy in the See of York** - *Please use this prayer as the Church seeks to appoint the 98<sup>th</sup> Archbishop of York when Dr John Sentamu retires on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2020.*

Faithful God, you guide your people and raise up leaders in every generation. We seek the person you are calling to be Archbishop of York. By your Spirit, give to all those involved in the appointment good counsel, holy insight and sound judgement. Keep the person you are calling under the shadow of your wing, and teach us all to trust in the guidance which is yours alone, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Volunteers Week** – In appreciation of all so many do within the life of St Cuthbert's, as part of Volunteers Week we are inviting as many of our volunteers as possible to join us at lunch time on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> June. The time together will include a service of thanksgiving and a light lunch. We hope as many as possible will be able to accept this invitation.

Keep up to date with us on Facebook at St Cuthbert, Lytham and by regularly visiting our website: [stcuthbertslytham.org](http://stcuthbertslytham.org)