

**The Posada** is an Advent celebration, symbolising the journey of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem. We are asking that members of the congregation host the figures of the Posada (Mary and Joseph) for two nights to enable them to make a journey round our parish as we prepare for Christmas. They will be given to the first hosts during the 10:00am service next Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> December. Having received them and given them accommodation, the holders are then asked to take them on to the house of those who are next on the list (it is advisable to telephone in advance). If you wish to participate, please enter your name and details on the list which is now available at the back of church. The Posada will return to church on Christmas Eve.

**Kirkham Deanery's Book Club** - You are invited to join the Kirkham Deanery Book Club which meets every other month, reading a range of fiction and non-fiction Christian books to help us in our journey of faith.



To book your place, find out the dates of the next meeting and which book we are reading, contact Rev Anne Beverley [anne.beverley@btinternet.com](mailto:anne.beverley@btinternet.com) 07841 742 022

Following our very interesting visting to the Synagogue, I have put a book of Hebrew/English scripture at the back of Church for you to have a look at. You do read it from right to left, many thanks Angela (Lee).

What's on This Coming Week			
Mon	19:00	Choir Practice	Vestry
Tues	09:00	Daily Prayer	Church
	19:00	Study Group	Vicarage
Wed	09:00	Daily Prayer	Church
	09:45	Bertie Bears	Hall
	18:30	Alpha Course	Curate's House
	19:00	Bell Ringers	Belfry
Thurs	09:00	Daily Prayer	Church
	10:30	Community Craft Group	Church
Fri	11:00	Holy Communion	Church
Sat	09:30	Daily Prayer	Church
	10:00	Open Church	Church
Sunday	08:30	Holy Communion	Church
	10:00	Holy Communion	Church
	19:00	Contemporary Worship	Church

**Your prayers are asked for:**

**those who are sick:** Barbara Pomfret.

**In memory of:** Norman Hall.

**and for those who have requested our ongoing prayer support:** Thelma Abbotson, George Rochester, Sarah Welch, Elizabeth Frater, Dennis Quinlan, Catherine Stacey, Margaret Wiggans, Carine Rawnsley, Patricia Morris, Peter and Mary Willis, Reg and Val Turvill, Sally Whalley, Ann Turner, Irene Shawcross, Beryl Wilkinson, Edna Berry, Viv Poulton, Joyce Sumner and Muriel Newall.

**Sunday, 24th November 2019**  
**Christ The King**

[The Sunday Next Before Advent]



A warm welcome to St Cuthbert's today

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

President: The Revd Nick Wells

Preacher: The Revd Nick Wells

Readings: Colossians 1. 11-20; Luke 23. 33-43

**10:00am Holy Communion**

President: The Revd Helen Houston

Preacher: The Revd Nick Wells

Psalm 46

Readings: as above

**10:00am Sunday School**

meet in church and move over to the Church Hall

**12 noon Baptism**

The Revd Adam Thomas

**6:00pm Evening Prayer**

Officiant: Mr David Matthews

Psalm 72 vv 1-7 [p. 505]

Readings: 1 Samuel 8. 4-20; John 18. 33-37

### 'The New Community'

We intend to run a 10 week course entitled 'The New Community' from 7:00pm to 9:00pm each Wednesday commencing on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020. This will be led by David and Paula Chapman. It is a discipleship course for small groups where we can learn and build our faith together and ask the questions which we are not able to on a Sunday by time and other restraints. One user says "The course provides a setting for significant growth in discipleship..... and to see Jesus deeply impact lives". If you would like to attend, will you please let David or Paula know either on a Sunday or by email ([happiechappie@sky.com](mailto:happiechappie@sky.com)).

**The Real Advent Calendar** is the UK's only Fairtrade Advent Calendar. It is on sale now at St Cuthbert's for family and friends. If you think that people around you are too grown up for a calendar (never too old for a chocolate Advent calendar !!), then you may wish to donate a calendar to a local child. A donation of £5.00 will donate a calendar and also go towards buying extra calendars. For several years, Fylde Fairtrade Steering Group, through the churches of the Fylde, have been supporting children in need with a calendar at Brian House, Fylde Coast Women's Refuges, Homestar and Fylde Family Support and Wellbeing service. Last year, all the churches donated 101 calendars (not a dalmatian in sight !!). The calendars include a 24-page Christmas story; behind each of the windows is a line from the Christmas story and a fairly-traded chocolate; palm tree; charitable donation to a children's hospital and recyclable box and tray ! Please give generously. The calendar is designed to be shared and to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas, so that Christ is not written out of Christmas.

**Fairtrade Coffee Morning** - A huge thank you to everyone who came and supported the Fairtrade Coffee morning and helped with the setting up and putting away, also the homemade cakes with Fairtrade

ingredients felt even more delicious! Lovely fellowship together which is always so beneficial. £100 was raised for Traidcraft Exchange and £150 in Fairtrade sales of cards and gifts for Christmas.

Traidcraft Exchange is the partner charity of Traidcraft, the Fairtrade company. Their mission is to use the power of trade to create lasting solutions to poverty. Trade in its simplest form should benefit everyone. Goods and money are exchanged and everyone should be better off. But global trade does not work this way – instead it feeds the rich and exploits the poor. It traps people in poverty. Chasing the cheapest product will have a cost to the planet and people. Think Fairtrade global and local when buying for what you need. READ MORE – [traidcraftexchange.org](http://traidcraftexchange.org)

**Kirkham Deanery** – St Thomas' Church in St Annes will hosting a deanery Advent Service this evening, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 7:00pm. Singers from across the deanery are invited join the choir, and everyone is invited to join the to 'Prepare for the Coming of the King'.

**Blackburn Cathedral** - ADVENT CAROL SERVICE: 'LIGHT AND HOPE' – SUNDAY, 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER AT 6:30pm. The Cathedral Advent Carol Service, as in previous years, will include music sung in procession by the Cathedral Choir, Cathedral Girls' Choir and *Schola Cantorum*. There will also be the opportunity for all to join in singing the traditional Advent hymns.

### **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 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.

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 envelope.



### **ANSWERS: quiz: NOVEMBER NUMERALS**

1. Thirty-six, 2. Twenty-one, 3. Mount Sinai, 4. Thirteen [A baker's dozen], 5. Three, 6. Balthazar, Melchior and Caspar, 7. Two, 8. They are a different kind of number ! 9. Twelve and twenty respectively, 10. God created the sun, the moon and stars, 11. Nine, 12. Four, 13. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, 14. Nine, 15. XVII is an anagram of VIXI, the strict Latin translation of which is *to live*, but can be interpreted as *I have lived*, implying a meaning of *I am dead*.

**Mothers' Union** - Our Christmas lunch is on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> December at Lytham Hall. Please put your names down ASAP if you would like to join us.