

Parish Church of Saint Cuthbert Lytham



October 2020

Dear friends

We are anticipating a financial deficit of £72,000 this year. Although we have savings which will carry us through we will not be able to sustain this level for much longer.

The running costs for St Cuthbert's last year were in the order of £183,000. The costs include our contribution to the diocese which basically goes to cover the stipend, housing, pension and other costs of the clergy. The PCC are rightly committed to this payment as it is our basic cost, paying for ministry in our parish and supporting ministry in deprived areas of the diocese too.



On Saturday 17th October we are therefore having a Gift Day, something I have not overseen for over 20 years. I and one or two others will be in church from 10am until 3pm to receive donations towards the annual costs of the church. Envelopes will be available to ensure your gift is tax efficient and our bank card reader will also be available.

The Gift of Giving is foundational for us as Christians alongside prayer, service and worship. The idea of tithing is strong throughout the bible. Apparently in the year 2000, if all the Anglicans in Essex had been made redundant and then agreed to tithe (give 1/10th) of the income to the church the increase there would have been 65%.

Giving is instructed in the Mosaic Law (Lev 27:30) and in Genesis 14 we read of Abraham giving a tenth of everything to God. The theme of our giving continues in the New Testament too including the need to support financially those who work for the gospel (1 Tim 5:18).

St Paul clearly teaches that those who give willingly are made rich in every way (2 Cor 9:11). So there is an instruction to give and the promise of blessing on those who do give.

Of course another side to this is that by our generous giving we maintain and help build the whole church, not just the building we worship in.

At present the plea is for each member of St Cuthbert's to be generous in your giving simply to ensure the church survives. Plans for repairs to the tower and the re-ordering of St Aidan's Chapel are on the backburner for the time being.

Please do make a note of the 17th October and come down to church with your gift if you feel able. Of course gifts can be made direct into our bank account or posted to the Parish Office or the Vicarage.

Yours in Christ

Nick

Bank Details:

Account Name:	Lytham Parish Church Free Will Offering
Name of Bank:	Yorkshire Bank plc, 2-4 Abingdon Street, Blackpool, FY1 2DR
Sort Code:	05-07-42
Account No:	26319653
Reference	Offertory

We value your contributions, if you have any items you think may be of interest please send any articles for next months magazine to the Parish Office by Friday 23rd October

Cleaning

In the present circumstances we are rightly having to be very diligent in cleaning the church building to reduce the risk of spreading the Covid-19 virus. A small team cleaned pews last Sunday immediately after the 10am service to enable us to host a Baptism at 12noon.

We are so grateful to Beryl, Debbie, Chris and a few others for their commitment to clean regularly, but we desperately need others to assist. We have PPE for all our cleaners to ensure their safety, but without others assisting the burden grows. Without regular cleaning we would have to limit opening the church further.

Please ask yourself if you could assist, the team usually clean on a Wednesday morning at 9:15am before our 11am Communion service.

Harvest Festival

We are celebrating our Harvest Festival on Sunday 4th October. We will be welcoming the Archdeacon of Lancaster to preach. The children from both our Sunday School and Lytham Church of England School will also be taking part through items which they will have pre-recorded.

Harvest gifts can be brought to church on the previous Saturday between 11am and 12noon and of course to one of the Sunday services. The gifts will then be given to Harbour House and Fylde Foodbank.

If you are unable to attend church the 10am service will be available on the internet as usual.

Annual Parochial Church Meetings

We are aiming to have our Annual General Church Meetings on Sunday 25th October at 11:00 in church. The meeting will be immediately following our Communion Service and will be as brief as possible. The Annual Report is complete and signed off by the PCC and other reports will be available prior to the meeting so they can simply be received and not read out. Any questions can be submitted in advance of the meeting.

All the paperwork will be available on the website www.stcuthbertslytham.org and hard copies will be available in church on Sunday 18th October.

The meeting will include the election of Churchwardens and PCC members, and details will be available on the 18th. We understand you may be hesitant to attend in person, but hope you are able to read the reports and support the meeting in prayer that morning.

Fairtrade

The Fairtrade stall at the west end of church is open for honey, marmalade, beautiful biscuits in packs of two, tea, coffee, cocoa, and a selection of lovely cards. Please take a brochure to see the wider range of foodstuffs and gifts, orders take a week. If you make a purchase from the stall, please pop monies in the envelopes provided and hand to a churchwarden, steward or open church volunteer.



Coronavirus has changed the world. Rural farmers in developing countries, were left unable to harvest their crops as markets closed. Traidcraft are supporting people to rebuild their livelihoods,

improve their harvests and empower the local people to demand fairer working conditions. Please support Fairtrade where possible, you can make a difference.

From the Archbishops of Canterbury and York

The following letter was recently sent to all the Bishops in the Church of England with encouragement for it to be circulated wider.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ



It is clear that we now have to gear up for a second wave of the coronavirus. This is hard. Many people were starting to believe things could return to normal. They can't. But neither are we in the same place as before. We have learned a great deal. In our leadership of the Church and in the witness we show to our nation we need to be determined, resilient and hopeful. We will need to be more critical in our response to restrictions that are above and beyond government regulations, helping the church at the local level, in parish and diocese, steer a course that is marked by responsible action towards each other, care for the most vulnerable, and witness for the poor and disadvantaged who are suffering disproportionately. All this is the nature of love.

Our national situation is much more complicated than it was in March. The divisions are deeper. There is public and reasonable concern about hunger – especially amongst children – and homelessness, with an expected rapid rise in evictions. Domestic violence remains a major issue which is concealed. We are also in a situation which threatens the recovery from the huge decline in the economy in the second quarter. The most vulnerable to this second wave are the small companies who

employ the most people, and especially those in the hospitality industry. It will be for us and others to encourage the banks, who received such help in 2009, to be equally merciful to others as the nation was to them. St Matthew 18:23-35 seems highly relevant. The poor, the elderly and isolated are especially vulnerable.

There will be growing nervousness about Christmas, about mental health and many other issues that cannot be considered in this very short letter. We are called to be responsible, but we are also called to resilience and prophetic speech. We have the networks, long since mobilised, and the partnerships to serve especially the hungry and homeless. Our schools are a particular treasure. However, there will also be a sense of tiredness; the weariness which comes with dealing with yet another threat and difficulty.

To face this, we must continue to encourage one another and bear one another's burdens. We must in our meetings be transparent with each other, able to say difficult things in a way that avoids mistakes being made through unwilling acquiescence to the perceived view of the majority. Most of all we need to draw close to Christ and continue to offer the hope and stability of the gospel.

It is this gospel joy, even in the darkest times, that alone can help us through this crisis, bringing hope and an eternal perspective to the very pressing trials of the moment.

We are so grateful for our partnership with you in this work.

***HEARTS ON FIRE WITH LOVE FOR YOU* – Home Grown Diocesan Conference**

The Blackburn Diocese has arranged a free Home-Grown Online Conference which starts at 7pm on Tuesday 13 October and continues

on Wednesday 14 October until 9pm. This is a great opportunity to join Christians across Lancashire for time together with God.

All are welcome, lay and ordained and the Conference will be a combination of worship, key-note speakers, discussion, and webinars. It will be an opportunity to 'meet' people virtually from across the Diocese and find encouragement in each other.

The programme for the conference is:

Tuesday 13th October

7pm *God and Fire* (1 Kings 18) keynote message from Bishop Julian:

Wednesday 14th October

8.30am Morning Prayer

10am *Jesus and Fire* (Matthew 5) keynote message from Bishop Jill

11am Coffee break

11.15am Seminar options: Headliner - Archdeacon Mark Ireland

12.30pm Midday Prayer

2.30pm Seminar options: Headliner - Archdeacon David Picken

5pm Kids Pick Me Up - Children's 30-minute session.

7pm *The Holy Spirit and Fire* (Acts 2) keynote message from Bishop Philip

More details on the seminars and other content can be found on the diocesan website:

<https://www.blackburn.anglican.org/events/589/home-grown-diocesan-conference>

Please try to tune in to some or all of the conference, it is a unique opportunity for each one of us.

From the Registers

Baptisms

August 22nd Tristan Waters
23rd Ralph Hall

Wedding

September 12th
Eleanor Rostron & Kristian
Olloman

Funerals

Terry Hudson
Jean McNamara
Martin Bradshaw
Sharon Baker (St John's)
Ethel Featherstone (St John's)
Margaret Wignall (St John's)
Hilary Johns
Trevor Jackson

Finance

The PCC has received an updated Financial statement from our Treasurer, and it continues to make sobering reading. Nick has already written about our need to give and to be generous. The struggle we are having shows the urgency and need at St Cuthbert's.

Although our expenditure is below budget so far this year at £106,000, mainly as a result of the reduction in day to day costs resulting from the pandemic. We still are having to use reserves to balance the books as our income has been only £61,000 to the end of August. We expect to receive our Tax Reclaim shortly and we thank Peter and Andrea for getting the return in recently. This will be a welcome boost but will still fail to cover the deficit.

Besides our Parish Share, which is the number one cost for a Church of England church, our other major costs are on the wages of our staff; heat and light; repairs; and council and water tax for the clergy housing. As a PCC we do not wish to have to impact on these costs because we recognise their importance to the ministry of St Cuthbert's, but to avoid doing so we need, together as a congregation, to increase the income of the church which is best achievable if we can each give more and encourage others to give.

The accounts also reveal that we have not had any legacy income since 2018, approaching 2 years and this explains some of the shortfall. May we encourage you consider leaving a gift to the church in your will. Legacy income has been so significant in building the church in the past and can sometimes provide the impetus for further growth.

Quiz Questions: Year on Year

During the last six months there has been an upsurge of interest in quizzers and quizzing. Ingenuity has never been far away: team names such as Don Quizote, Les Quizerables, Quentin Quarantino and Not So Great Expectations have appeared online as thousands have scratched their heads and [when that failed] turned to their mobile phones. The year 2020 has been dominated by one item, but that's not to say other things haven't been happening. This month's forty questions cover two centuries; the two groups of five to begin are just to get you warmed up.

1820

1. Which period in British history ended with the ascension to the throne of George IV?
2. Name the famous ship which was launched at Woolwich Dockyard. [Think Darwin]
3. Who was re-elected as US President, virtually unopposed?
4. Name the conspiracy to murder the Cabinet of the UK.
5. Who discovered the relationship between electricity and magnetism?

1920

6. The taking effect of which Treaty officially ended World War I?
7. Which country rejoined the League of Nations?
8. Where were the Summer Olympics held?
9. Who sang two arias on the radio from a factory in Chelmsford?
10. Which football club was founded at a meeting in the West View Hotel on the town's promenade?

2020

11. Dominic Cummings tested his eyesight by driving to which

Durham town?

12. Who resigned as Chancellor of the Exchequer?

13. Which tennis player topped the *Forbes* magazine list of highest-paid athletes?

14. Which 1974 single was voted the greatest Eurovision song of all time?

15. How did the holidaying Prime Minister enrage a Scottish farmer?

16. In which Chinese city did the coronavirus start?

17. What was the achievement of Tadej Pogacar?

18. On which date did the UK go into lockdown?

19. Which private company became the first to launch a rocket into space?

20. In February, Donald Trump became the third US President to be impeached. Who were the first two?

21. Which star basketball player died in a helicopter crash?

22. Marcus Rashford's campaign prompted the government to perform a U-turn – over what?

23. On which social media platform did Harry and Meghan announce their stepping down as senior royals?

24. Which Fylde coast attraction has been extended into the New Year?

25. Which League 2 team lost their first home fixture to Forest Green Rovers?

26. Which legend of country music, known for *Island in the Stream*, died in March?

27. In February, a new £20 bank note entered circulation. It features on it the face of which famous historical figure?

28. Which spiritual medium and television personality passed away on 3rd January?

29. In March, the 2020 Olympics were postponed. In which city were they due to take place?

30. Which newspaper announced that it will no longer accept advertising from oil and gas companies?

31. Which former Rector of the University of St Andrews died, age 96?

32. Whose 1966 painting *The Splash* sold for £23.1 million at auction in London?

33. Which former winner of *Strictly Come Dancing* died on 15th February?

34. Whose statue was toppled in Bristol on 7th June?

35. How many world championships were won by Stirling Moss?

36. Who became the new Director-General of the BBC as from 1st September?

37. Who was sacked from the Shadow Cabinet after sharing an article on *Twitter*?

38. Footballer Jack Charlton ped for just one club, making 629 appearances. Which one?

39. It has been around since 1973 but will now no longer be printed. What is it?

40. Where exactly would you find a dollop of whipped cream with a cherry, a fly, and a drone topping?

Answers in the next issue.

SEPTEMBER QUIZ QUESTIONS: Let the music play: ANSWERS

1. Bass, 2. Nine readings, 3. José Carreras, Plácido Domingo, Luciano Pavarotti, 4. Warsaw, 5. Woodwind, 6. Violin, 7. At the beginning, 8. Beethoven's Ninth Symphony [The Choral Symphony], 9. Thomas Arne, 10. One, 11. 1973, 12. Saturn, 13. Johannes Brahms, 14. It was first performed on a barge on the River Thames, 15. A 20th century musicologist who turned Albinoni's notes on a scrap of paper into a musical hoax, 16. The retreat of Napoleon Bonaparte from Moscow, 17. The conductor's baton, 18. Antonio Vivaldi, 19. The birthplace of Mozart, 20. Felix Mendelssohn, 21. Sir Malcolm Sargent, 22. Frederick Delius, 23. India, 24. The Flying Dutchman, 25. The Unfinished Symphony, 26. The Flittermouse/The Revenge of the Bat, 27. Piano, 28. The Ring Cycle, 29. Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture, 30. Cat, 31. Dmitri Shostakovich, 32. Aida, 33. As soft as possible/so soft it can hardly be heard, 34. Cello, 35. The Pastoral Symphony, 36. Trombone, 37. Richard Rodney Bennett, 38. Napoleon Bonaparte, 39. Mozart, 40. Franz Joseph Haydn; at its end, the musicians would gradually stop playing and leave the stage.

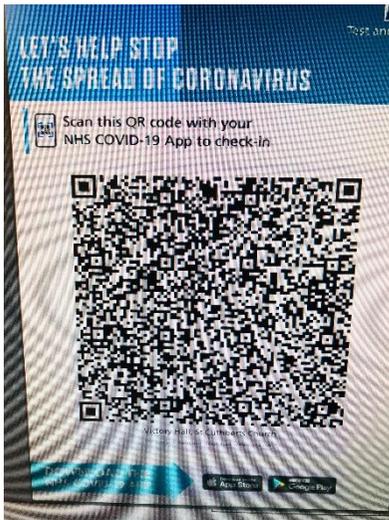
Sponsorship of the flowers and Communion service sheet

We are delighted we are beginning to arrange flowers back in church and 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, at least four weeks in advance.

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.

NHS Test and Trace



If you are able to download apps to your phone, we would be grateful if you could download the NHS Covid-19 app to your phone. We have placed our QR poster on the door as you enter church, please can you open the app on arrival and scan the QR code on the door. The QR code look like this, any concerns please ask Rev Nick, Revd Adam or one of the Church Wardens.

Services

Sunday

8:30am Holy Communion (BCP) in St Aidans Chapel

*10:00am Holy Communion (CW) in the Nave
and live streamed on our YouTube channel*

Monday to Saturday

9:00am Morning Prayer live streamed on Facebook

Wednesday

*11:00 Holy Communion in the St Aidan's Chapel
from 5th August*

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