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Prayer of imagination: <http://www.pray-as-you-go.org/home/>

FOODBANK Please continue to donate, Thank you for your ongoing generosity. Selection boxes in by today please.

PASTORAL CARE TEAM StCpastoralcare@hotmail.com

Pastoral Team are trained volunteers available to listen to you, not counsellors or therapist, they offer confidential support whatever you are going through.

VOLUNTEERS needed for 11am Mini Cuthbert's rota, please speak with wardens or Jeanette Owens for more information.

ALNMOUTH RETREAT 2018—Advance notice

Next years retreat Monday 30th July to Friday 3rd August. Please sign up at the back of Church and pay deposits £80 by the end of November to reserve places.

JUNIOR CONFIRMATION 2018.

If you are in year 5 or above and interested in getting confirmed, please sign the sheet at the back of church Classes will begin in late December /New Year.

ROTAS please check dates in December

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS We would like to decked the church out with an abundance of flowers for the Christmas time, but we will need your help! If you would like to donate towards flowers, please place your donation in the basket at the back of church.



CHRISTMAS FLOAT

1st Croxteth Park Scout Group will be cheering us up with their Christmas Float, transporting Father Christmas around the **Croxteth Park & West Derby** areas each night between **9th - 17th December 7.30pm - 9.00pm**. The group are raising much needed funds for vital camping and outdoor equipment so please look out for them and give them your support and spread the word!



Meeting and Events

Sunday 3rd December

SPARK 7.30pm,

Wednesday 6th December

Bible Study 7.30pm at 18 Bowden Close

Saturday 9th December

Meditation and Quite time 6-7pm in church

SUNDAY 10th December

Choir Practice 10.30am in church.

SPARK 7.30pm—this is the last one before Christmas. Back on 14th January 2018

NOTICES email Amanda (a_clarke1575@yahoo.co.uk) by Thursday evening to include your notice, prayer/RIP request

Welcome to St Cuthbert's



Sunday 3rd December 2017
The First Sunday in Advent

Intercessions

Ollie Holmes, Amy Blacklock and family, Louis Marshall, Julie Carroll, Stephen Wearing, Reg Gradden, Francis Davidson, John Ellis and James O'Keefe, Juan Buch-Turon, Neville & Patricia Jones, Carlo Regadas.

RIP—

Sylvia Ashworth

Years Mind:

Anthony McVey (Tony)

Welcome to St Cuthberts Church

Welcome to you today if your heart is singing, and welcome if your heart is breaking. Welcome if you're anxious about tomorrow and welcome if you don't have a care in the world. Welcome if your conscience is troubling you and welcome if you're barely able to contain your experience of forgiveness. Welcome if you leapt out of bed this morning and welcome if you had to drag yourself out. Welcome to you if this is your first visit, and welcome if you have barely missed a single Sunday since the turn of the century. Welcome if you barely know why you're here, welcome if you are here for a specific reason (in fact, welcome whatever that reason might be). Welcome if Jesus means the world to you, and welcome if his story is a closed book to you. Welcome to you today if you are feeling your age, and welcome if you have the energy of a teenager. Welcome to you if you are skinny as a rake, and welcome if you could afford to lose a few pounds. Welcome if you are a health-freak or a junk-food eater, a keep-fit fanatic or a couch potato. Welcome parents and children, those who have come with others and those who have come alone. Whether you are here as tourist or pilgrim, seeker or doubter, saint or sinner, regular or visitor, friend or stranger: you are welcome

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COLLECT

(The First Sunday of Advent)

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the amour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING

(A reading from the book of Isaiah)

Isaiah 64. 1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence— as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Psalms 80. 1-8

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth

before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us!

Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure.

You make us the scorn of our neighbours; our enemies laugh among themselves.

Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.

Second Reading

(A reading from Paul's letter to the Corinthians)

1 Corinthians 1. 3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Reading

Mark 13. 24-37

'But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

Christmas Services and Activities.

SATURDAY EVENING FROM 10th DECEMBER

Mediation and Quiet time 6-7pm

SUNDAY 17th DECEMBER,

Community Christmas Carol Service, 6pm

SATURDAY 23rd DECEMBER

Christingle making, 5.30pm at church.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Christingle & Crib Service in Church at 3pm. Bring your money candles

Midnight Mass begins at 11.30pm—Eucharist

CHRISTMAS DAY

10am Eucharist—MERRY CHRISTMAS

SUNDAY 31st DECEMBER

10am & 6pm Eucharists—HAPPY NEW YEAR