

ONLINE RESOURCES FOR DAILY PRAYER:

Praying with the church: [https://](https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-worship/join-us-in-daily-prayer)

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

FOODBANK Thank you for your ongoing

donations If you can, please donate an item or two.

UHT milk, UHT juice, tinned cold meat and fish, rice pudding, tinned potatoes, instant mash, tinned carrots, soup.

DECEMBER CHALLENGE . Items for Hampers are being collected. Please see sheets at the back of church.

Aplace2B. The Community Lunch club has re-launched as Aplace2B. It re-opened on Monday 3rd December. Please spread the word near and far. Open to all in the community.

ADVENT PHOTO CHALLENGE

Can you take a photo each day from Monday 3rd Advent to help us wait together for Christ's Birth? Use the word or reading to prompt you to take your photo post at #stcuthberts #photoadvent to Facebook/twitter/Instagram. Pick up a sheet at the back of church.

**Santa's Christmas Float**

1st Croxeth Park Scout Group will once again be cheering us up with their wonderful Christmas float, transporting Father Christmas around the estate, between **Saturday 8th - Friday 14th December** from **7pm - 9pm**.

So listen out for Santa's music and bells, come out to say hello and help scouts raise much needed funds for vital camping and outdoor equipment!

* On **Saturday 15th December 9am - 6pm** the Christmas Float will be at the Tesco Daysbrook Store so come along and say hello to Santa and his elves!

**Meetings and Events****Sunday 9th December**

SPARK 7.30pm

Monday 10th December

Aplace2B 11.30am

Tuesday 11th December

A meeting about APlace2B in church at 18.30.

Sunday 16th December

Choir Practice 10.30am

Welcome to St Cuthbert's



Sunday 9th December 2018
Second Sunday of Advent

Please pray for

Ollie Holmes, Amy Blacklock and family, Louis Marshall, Julie Carroll, Stephen Wearing, Francis Davidson, John Ellis, James O'Keefe, Juan Buch-Turon, Neville & Patricia Jones, Carlo Regadas, Dot, Audrey and Annabel, Christopher Browne, Darli, Hilda and Stan, Mike and Liz, Peter Jones, Steve Le Guen, Steven Ratcliffe, Phil and Thomas, Roseline Wagner, Alun, Thomas

Rest in Peace**Years Mind**

Jean Glencross, Hazel Lee, Donna Lee
Kitty Kenny, Geoff Roberts

Welcome to St Cuthbert's Church

Greetings!

The word Advent means 'coming' and so the emphasis in Advent is on waiting for the coming of God. It is a season of hope and of seeing light come in the darkness.

We pray that you would encounter this God of hope and new beginnings as you share with us today.

COLLECT**(The Second Sunday of Advent)**

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

FIRST READING**Malachi 3.1-4****(A reading from the book of Malachi)**

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

CANTICLE BENEDICTUS

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel! He has visited his people and redeemed them.
He has raised up for us a mighty saviour
In the house of David his servant,
As he promised by the lips of holy men,
Those who were his prophets from of old.
A saviour who would free us from our foes,
From the hands of all who hate us.
So his love for our fathers is fulfilled
And his holy covenant remembered.
He swore to Abraham our father to grant us,
that free from fear, and saved from the hands of our foes,
we might serve him in holiness and justice
all the days of our life in his presence.
As for you, little child,
you shall be called a prophet of God, the Most High.
You shall go ahead of the Lord
To prepare his ways before him.
To make known to his people their salvation
Through forgiveness of all their sins,
The loving-kindness of the heart of our God
Who visits us like the dawn from on high.
He will give light to those in darkness,
Those who dwell in the shadow of death,
And guide us into the way of peace.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and
ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

SECOND READING**Philippians 1:3-11****(A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians)**

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

GOSPEL**Luke 3.1-****6**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."' '

**Advent 2018 Events and Services****Wednesday 12th December**

Advent Course 7pm in Church

Wednesday 19th December

Advent Course 7pm in Church

Saturday 22nd December

Christingle making in church. Time to be confirmed

Sunday 23rd December

9 Lessons and Carols 6pm Service with Emmaus School Choir

Christmas Eve

Christingle and Crib Service 3pm

Midnight Mass 11.30pm

Christmas Day

10am Service

Sunday 30th December

10am Service