

ONLINE RESOURCES FOR DAILY PRAYER:

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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 10th December**

SPARK 7.30pm, Last one til 14th January

Wednesday 13th December

Bible Study 7.30pm at 18 Bowden Close

Saturday 16th December

Meditation and Quite time 6-7pm in church

SUNDAY 17th December

Choir Practice 10.30am in church.

Community Christmas Carol Service 6pm

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

Welcome to St Cuthbert's



Sunday 10th December 2017
The Second 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. Elaine.

RIP—**Years Mind:**

Hazel Lee, Harold Brooks,
 Donna Lee, Kitty Kenny
 Geoff Roberts, Lily Morton

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 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. Amen

FIRST READING**Isaiah 40.1-11****(A reading from the book of Isaiah)**

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

PSALM 85.8-end

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

**Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

**Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and
righteousness will look down from the sky.**

The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

**Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path
for his steps.**

SECOND READING**2 Peter 3. 8-15****(A reading from Peter's second letter)**

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him,

GOSPEL**Mark 1. 1-8**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" ', John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

Christmas Services and Activities.**SATURDAY EVENING FROM 9th 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