

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 A massive THANK YOU for your ongoing donations If you can, please donate an item or two please continue to do so.

UHT milk, UHT juice, Tinned cold meat and fish, Rice pudding, Tinned Potatoes, Instant mash, Tinned carrots, Soup,

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.

**Meetings and Events****Sunday 23rd December**

9 Lessons and Carols 6pm Service with Emmaus School Choir

Monday 24th December Christmas Eve

Christingle and Crib Service 3pm

Midnight Mass 11.30pm

Christmas Day

10am Service

Sunday 30th December

10am Service



Reverend Laura Leatherbarrow, the churchwardens and the Parochial Church Council wish you all a Happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year

Welcome to St Cuthbert's



**Sunday 23rd December 2018
Fourth 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, Naomi, Alun.

Rest in Peace**Years Mind****Welcome to St Cuthbert's Church****Greetings!**

We are glad you have joined us this Sunday. We pray that you find the time with us inspiring, meaningful and challenging. The Bible tells us to "make the most of every opportunity." Those opportunities come and go so quickly and more often than not never return.

That's one of the reasons why we are so glad you have joined us today. We hope that it will lead to many more opportunities to get to know and enjoy each other.

Welcome!

COLLECT

(The Fourth Sunday of Advent)

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

FIRST READING

Micah 5.2-5a

(A reading from the book of Micah)

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace. If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil, we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight installed as rulers.

MAGNIFICAT

'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'



SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:5-10

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

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God" (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).' When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-55

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

