

ONLINE RESOURCES FOR 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,

**Meetings and Events**

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 30th December 2018
First Sunday of Christmas

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**

Paddy (Patrick) Devine

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

1 Samuel 2.18-20.26

(A reading from the first book of Samuel)

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord'; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

Psalm 148 7-end

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

**He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him.
Praise the Lord!**

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:12-17

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

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

GOSPEL

Luke 2:41-end

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.