

**ONLINE RESOURCES FOR DAILY PRAYER:**

praying with the church: <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-worship/join-us-in-daily-prayer.aspx>  
 Prayer of imagination: <http://www.pray-as-you-go.org/home/>

**FOODBANK** Please continue to donate, tinned meats, long life juice, UHT milk, small bags of rice, curry jar sauces, pasta and jars of pasta sauce, particularly instant mash & Jam Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

**PASTORAL CARE TEAM** Our Pastoral Team are trained volunteers available to listen to you, not counsellors or therapist, they offer confidential support whatever you are going through. If you wish to contact them please email on [stcpastoralcare@hotmail.com](mailto:stcpastoralcare@hotmail.com) or speak to someone from the team or the Wardens. The team are Jeanette Owens, Gaynor Lanceley, Debbie Hale and Bryony Jones

**VOLUNTEERS** needed for 11am Mini Cuthberts rota. Please speak with Wardens or Jeanette Owens for more information. We are **really** in need of SPARK volunteers as at present there are weeks when this youth group will not run simply because we don't have enough adult volunteers. If you want more information about what this role entails please contact Jeanette Owens on [jeanette.owens@btinternet.com](mailto:jeanette.owens@btinternet.com) or speak to her or the Wardens in church.

**JUNIOR CONFIRMATION 2018.**

Junior Confirmation classes will begin on Sunday 14th January 2018 at 4:30 in church. For the first session an adult is required to accompany each child. If any other child wants to join the group then contacted June Simm on [june50.simm@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:june50.simm@hotmail.co.uk)

**Rota copies at the back of church. Please collect yours and arrange cover if you are not able to attend on your allocated dates.**

**Meetings and Events****Sunday 14th January**

Junior Confirmation 4.30pm in Church  
No SPARK

**Wednesday 17th January**

Bible Study 7.30pm 18 **Bowden Close**

**Sunday 21st January**

Choir practice 10.30am

**Monday 22nd January**

PCC meeting in Church 7.30pm

Spirituality, Worship and Vocation Group meeting  
7.30pm in the community room.

# Welcome to St Cuthbert's



## **Second Sunday in Epiphany Sunday 14th January 2018**

**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, Dot, Audrey, Stan

**RIP-****Years Mind:**

George Morton  
John Charles Arnold

**Welcome to St Cuthberts Church**

Thank you for coming today. We pray you are encouraged by the worship and teaching you hear, and by the people you meet.

We strive to be a welcoming, warm congregation, and we hope you sense that. Please let us know if you would like more information about us. We would be happy to answer any questions you might have and to get to know you better.

We hope you feel at home with us as together we worship God today. As a safe place all are welcome. Our motivation is the risen Lord Jesus whose safe and risky love took him to the cross and whom we seek to serve.

Please continue to support each other as we proceed through the Interregnum. We thank all of you who volunteer on our rotas to keep the church functioning. Encourage each other and please pray for the PCC as they continue the process to find our new minister.

We hope you have a wonderful week full of many blessings.

## COLLECT

(for the Second Sunday in Epiphany)

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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 3. 1-10

(A reading from the book of Samuel)

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." ' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

## Psalm 139. 1-5, 12-18

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

**You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.**

You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

**Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.**

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

**even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.**

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.**

My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

**Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.**

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

**I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.**

## SECOND READING

Revelations 5. 1-10

(A reading from the book of Revelations )

Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.'

Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.'

## GOSPEL

John 1. 43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'