

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.

LENT MISSION PROJECT

This year we are combining our efforts with our friends at Christ Church Norris Green and The Good Shepherd to raise funds for New Life Ghana. To help buy toys and learning materials for the under 5 year olds. More info at www.newlifeghana.co.uk and on YouTube enter Bridget at School and Home.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER Last year we decked the church out with an abundance of flowers for Easter. We hope to do the same this year, 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 18th March**

Junior Confirmation 4.30pm in Church
SPARK

Wednesday 21st March

Bible Study 7.30pm in 18 Bowen Close
LIVELENT course 7-8pm in Church

Sunday 25th March

Choir practice 10.30am
Junior Confirmation 4.30pm in Church
SPARK.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES**SUNDAY 25th March**

Palm Sunday Eucharist with procession of Palms
9am—11am—6pm

MONDAY 26th March

Stations of the cross 7.30pm

TUESDAY 27th March

Children's Stations of the Cross, 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY 28th March

LIVELENT at 7pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY:

Eucharist with foot washing at 7.30pm followed by the watch til midnight

GOOD FRIDAY:

Children's activities in St. Cuthbert's will run from 10-12pm

Walk of Witness from the Good Shepherd, Lower House Lane, at 11am

The Last Hour meditation on the cross at 2pm

SATURDAY:

Vigil, with the Service of Light and

First Eucharist of Easter with baptism at 8pm

EASTER SUNDAY:

10am Easter Morning Eucharist with renewal of Baptism VOWS

Welcome to St Cuthbert's



Sunday 18th March 2018 Fifth Sunday of Lent

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, Christopher Browne, Hilda and Stan

Years Mind:

Sylvia Renilson, Ronnie Edwards

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 Fifth Sunday of Lent)

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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

Jeremiah 31. 31-34

(A reading from the book of Jeremiah)

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more

Psalms 51. 1-13

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgement.

Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Psalms 51. 1-13 continued

Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5. 5-10

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

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

GOSPEL

John 12. 20-33

(The Gospel according to John)

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

