

Diocese of Liverpool RULE OF LIFE



Pray & Read: Help us Lord to communicate your love to the world

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>

Learn: 13th March 7.15pm Together for Good - a community approach to Wellbeing. Looking at 5 Key topics: Abundant life, Keys to Success, Richer Relationships Creating Community and finding meaning.



Sent to Tell: Confirmation/Missional communities. See below for more details.

Serve: God, Community School. Church and wider world.

Give: Please consider your giving to St Cuthbert's and the missional work of the church.



If you have any **old mobile phones** please place in box at the back we are collecting for Ghana.

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

ST CUTHBERTS QUIZ NIGHT.

6.30pm Saturday 30th March. All Welcome, tickets £5 per team See the wardens or Natalie for tickets.



AN INTRODUCTION TO MINDFULNESS, course is beginning here at St Cuthberts Tuesday April 2nd, 9th, 16th and 14th and 21st May 2019 12:30-3pm. This is being run via Comuniversity and is free to sign up or ask for a yellow form from Rev Laura.

Weekly Activities as normal on sheet

Meetings and Events**Monday 18th March**

APLACE2B: Cafe & Mental Health Hub, 11.30am - 2.30pm.

Tuesday 19th March

Children's confirmation course in School 3.30pm

Wednesday 20th March

LENT course—Together for Good. 7.15pm in church

Sunday 30th March Mothers Day 10am service

Welcome to St Cuthbert's



Second Sunday of Lent
Sunday 17th March 2019

INTERCESSIONS**Please pray for**

Ollie Holmes, Amy Blacklock and family, Louis Marshall, 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, Roseline Wagner, Naomi and family, Alun, Graham, John & Sheila Doyle. Carole Read.

Rest in Peace**Years Mind**

Sylvia Renilson
Ronnie Edwards

Welcome to St Cuthbert's 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.

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

COLLECT

(for The Second Sunday of Lent)

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

FIRST READING

Genesis. 15. 1-12, 17-18

(A reading from the book of Genesis)

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

Psalms 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—my adversaries and foes—they shall stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

Come,' my heart says, 'seek his face!' Your face, Lord, do I seek.

Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up.

Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

SECOND READING

Acts 6:1-7

(A reading from the Acts of the Apostles)

Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, 'It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait at tables. Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word.' What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

GOSPEL

Luke 13. 31-end

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." '