

**ONLINE RESOURCES FOR DAILY PRAYER:**

Praying with the church: <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-worship/join-us-in-daily-prayer>

Prayer of imagination: <http://www.pray-as-you-go.org>

**FOODBANK** School holiday hunger is increasing the need at Foodbank. If you can, please donate an item or two. Particularly short of UHT milk, tinned products especially meat, fish, fruit, vegetables (tomatoes, carrots, peas and sweetcorn) shampoo, soap and toothpaste.

**SCHOOL FORMS.** Appointments can now be made for completion of school forms for admissions in September 2019. Please visit for more information <http://www.stcuthbertsschoolforms.wordpress.com> for details. Information leaflets are also available at this site.

**LICENSING SERVICE**

On 20th September 2018 at 7.30pm at St Anne Stanley both The Revd Laura Leatherbarrow as Vicar of Croxteth Park St Cuthbert & The Revd Dr Howard Leatherbarrow as Vicar of Stonecroft, All Saints will be licensed. All are welcome.

**SUNDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER at 11am.** Bishop Paul will lead the service marking our 30th anniversary and Revd Laura Leatherbarrow will be inducted and installed as Vicar of St Cuthbert's. **Please note - one service only on 30th.**

**VOLUNTEERS** needed for the **cleaning rota (urgently as week 1 only has 1 person)** & Altar Servers 1 week in 4. Gardening duties-anytime! Please speak to the church wardens for more information.

**COMMUNITY LUNCH CLUB RELAUNCH in September.** The aim is to provide a healthy simple lunch to members of the community reaching the vulnerable and lonely. We need volunteers to work as a team to provide this for our community. If you can help in any capacity, please speak to the Wardens. Cost of training and running expenses for the lunches will be met by St Cuthbert's.

**PASTORAL CARE TEAM** contact  
[StCpastoralcare@hotmail.com](mailto:StCpastoralcare@hotmail.com)

**Meetings and Events**

**Sunday 26th August**

No Spark

**Wednesday 29th August**

Bible Study 7.30pm in 18 Bowden Close

**Sunday 2nd September**

Choir practice 10.30am

No Spark

# Welcome to St Cuthbert's



**Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**  
**Sunday 26th August 2018**

**Today we welcome for baptism**  
**William, Isaac and Arlo**

**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, Elaine, Dot, Audrey, Christopher Browne, Alma, Darli, Hilda and Stan, Mike and Liz.

**Rest in Peace**

Mary Stout  
Michael David Howarth  
**Years Mind**

**Welcome to St Cuthbert's Church****GOOD NEWS**

We have a new Vicar Reverend Laura Leatherbarrow, who will hopefully be joining us in the Autumn. Please continue to hold us in your prayers as well as Reverend Laura, her family and the congregations of East Widnes Churches where she is the Acting Team Rector.

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

(For The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity)

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

## FIRST READING

1 Kings. 8. 22-30, 41-43

(A reading from the first Book of Kings)

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, 'O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, "There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me." Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. 'But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Have regard to your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, "My name shall be there", that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays towards this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive. 'Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays towards this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling-place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

## Psalm 34. 15-22

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry.

**The face of the Lord is against evildoers, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.**

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears, and rescues them from all their troubles.

**The Lord is near to the broken-hearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.**

Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord rescues them from them all.

**He keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken.**

Evil brings death to the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

**The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.**

## SECOND READING

Ephesians. 6. 10-20

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

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

## GOSPEL

John 6. 56-69

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.' Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'