

**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 Stoneycroft, 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.

**Zack Al-Hadithi** is doing a cake sale for the next few weeks, working towards his fundraising badge with the Boys Brigade

**MISSION WEEK 2019** : Monday 24th to Sunday 30th September. Theme is our Diocesan Rule of Life : **Called to pray, read and learn. Sent to tell, serve and give.** Find out more at <http://www.liverpool.anglican.org/RuleOfLife>.

**Meetings and Events****Sunday 2nd September**

No Spark

**Wednesday 5th September**

Bible Study 7.30pm in 18 Bowden Close

**Sunday 9th September**

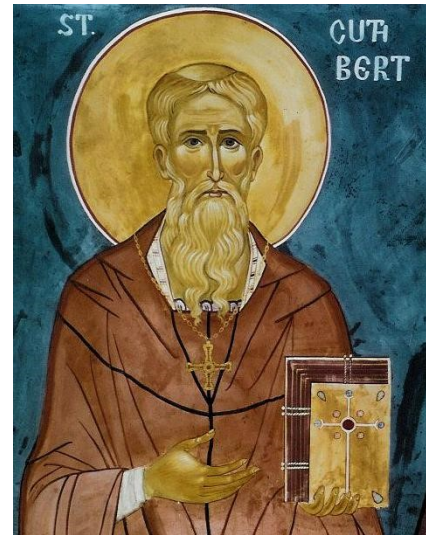
Choir practice 10.30am

Spark 7.30pm

**Monday 10th September**

PCC meeting 7.30pm in the Community room. Reports to Pamela Ambrose asap please.

# Welcome to St Cuthbert's



## **St Cuthbert's Day Sunday 2nd September 2018**

**Please pray for**

Ollie Holmes, Amy Blacklock and family,  
Louis Marshall, Julie Carroll, Stephen Wearing,  
Francis Davidson, John Ellis, James O'Keefe, Elaine,  
Dot, Juan Buch-Turon, Neville & Patricia Jones,  
Carlo Regadas, Audrey, Christopher Browne, Darli,  
Hilda and Stan, Mike and Liz.

**Rest in Peace****Years Mind**

Joyce Evans, Ken Stuart  
Ellen 'Nell' King, Albert Smith  
Alfred Hagan, Philip Paul Foley

**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 Saint Cuthbert's Day)

Almighty God, who called your servant Cuthbert from following the flock to follow your Son and to be a shepherd of your people: in your mercy grant that we, following his example, may bring those who are lost home to your fold; 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

**Ezekiel 34. 11-16**

**(A reading from the book of Ezekiel)**

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

## PSALM 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**

Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.**

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures for ever, and his faithfulness to all generations.



## SECOND READING

**2 Corinthians 5. 11-6.2**

**(A reading from Paul's letter to the Corinthians)**

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, 'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.' See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!

## GOSPEL

**Matthew 18. 12-14**

What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost.

