

**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** Thank you for your ongoing donations. If you can, please donate an item or two.

**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. If you are on rota please attend as normal.**

**VOLUNTEERS** needed for the **sides people, cleaning rota (urgently) & altar servers** for 1 week in 4. **Gardening** duties-anytime!

**MISSION WEEK 2018** : 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 [liverpool.anglican.org](http://liverpool.anglican.org) and search 'Diocesan Rule of Life'.

**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 holding a cake sale for the next few weeks, working towards his fundraising badge with the Boys' Brigade.

**Meetings and Events****Sunday 9th September**

Spark 7.30pm

**Monday 10th September**

PCC meeting 7.30pm in the Community Room

**Tuesday 11th September**

Arts and Hospitality group meeting in church at 7:30pm.

**Wednesday 12th September**

Bible Study 7.30pm in 18 Bowden Close

**Thursday 13th September**

Spirituality, Worship and Vocation Group meeting 7.30pm.

**Sunday 16th September**

Choir practice 10.30am

# Welcome to St Cuthbert's



## ***Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity Sunday 9th September 2018***

**Please pray for**

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

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

Keith Webster, Ada Norbury  
Vida Boggis

**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 fifteenth Sunday after Trinity)

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people maybe fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you they maybe found steadfast in faith and active in service; though 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** Prov. 22. 1-2, 8-9, 22-23  
(A reading from the book of Proverbs)

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

**PSALM 125**

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides for ever.

**As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people, from this time on and for evermore.**

For the sceptre of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, so that the righteous may not stretch out their hands to do wrong.

**Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts.**

But those who turn aside to their own crooked ways the Lord will lead away with evildoers. Peace be upon Israel!

**SECOND READING** James 2. 1-10, 14-17  
(A reading from James' second letter)

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet',

have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

**GOSPEL**

**Mark 7. 24-37**

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'