

# What's on at St Cuthbert's

DAY	TIME	GROUP
MONDAY	11.30 - 13.30	'Place2B' FREE Community Lunch and Drop-in — ALL welcome
	17.00 - 18.00 18.30 - 19.30	Rainbows Brownies & Guides <a href="https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/">https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/</a>
	19.45 - 20.45	Pilates - Contact Lyndsey on 07912 603322
TUESDAY	10.15 - 11.15	Baby Ballet (Pre-school children) <a href="http://www.babyballet.co.uk">www.babyballet.co.uk</a> - 0151 722 1987
	18.30 - 19.30	Anthony Lavelle - Labour Councillor's Surgery (First Tuesday of every month) anthony.lavelle@liverpool.gov.uk - 0151 233 0420
WEDNESDAY	09.15 - 11.15	Baby & Toddler Group - Contact Rose on 07925 383151
	13.00 - 15.00	Friendship Group (50+) - Contact Jean on 07526 534619
	20.00 - 21.00	YOGA with Paula - Contact on 07804 897043
THURSDAY	10.00 - 11.00 11.15 - 12.15	Blissful Babies Baby Yoga } Contact Kerry on Blissful Babies Baby Massage } 07972 772600
	17.00 - 19.00	Slimming World - Contact Dawn on 07808 773676
	18.00 - 19.00 19.00 - 20.00 20.00 - 21.00	Beavers } Cubs } Contact Dave on 07931 528879 Scouts }
	09.15 - 10.15	Pilates - Contact Lyndsey on 07912 603322
SUNDAY	09.00	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICES
	11.00	ALL ARE WELCOME!
	18.00	Crèche & Sunday School available at 9am & 11am Services
	19.30 - 21.00	YOUTH GROUP 'SPARK' (School years 6 - 11) 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month

## CHURCH HIRE

St Cuthbert's is available to hire for children's parties on Saturday afternoons. For this, and for all other Church hire information, please contact Janet on **07805 694796** or [jalhadithi@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jalhadithi@yahoo.co.uk)

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# In Touch

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ALL are welcome to join us at all Christmas services & events and any Sunday throughout the year - we look forward to seeing you!

## 1st SUNDAY IN ADVENT 2nd DECEMBER

9am & 11am services at St Cuthbert's

'Darkness to Light' service at Liverpool Cathedral 5.30pm

## WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

Lanterns of Peace & Blessing

(\*See inside for more information)

### Advent Course

Each Wednesday 5th, 12th, 19th December from 7pm in Church - Journey with us through Advent.

## SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER 6pm

9 Lessons & Carols

## CHRISTMAS EVE

Christingle Service 3pm

## MIDNIGHT MASS

Join us in celebrating the first Eucharist of Christmas at 11.30pm

## CHRISTMAS DAY

Celebrate Jesus' birth with us at 10am  
- Bring your favourite toy!

## WEEKLY EVENTS

Mondays  
11.30am - 2pm  
'Place2B'  
Community Café

Wednesdays  
1pm - 3pm  
Friendship  
Group (50+)

## EVERY Sunday:

Services at 9am ~ 11am ~ 6pm

EVERYONE WELCOME!

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# *St Cuthbert's Church wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

## **CHRISTMAS IS COMING!**



Hello! I am delighted to meet you all.

I am Rev Laura Leatherbarrow and I hope to see many of you in the coming months and years now that I have become the Vicar for St Cuthbert's Church. Its fantastic to know how much the community and Church work together for the common good, and I hope you will enjoy the events, such as Lanterns of Peace and Blessing—with Carol singing galore, early in Advent, and of course our

social media activity #photoadvent, where you will find prompts for each day as we travel towards Christmas. There is also Nine lessons and Carols (think Kings on BBC2) - A bit of peace perhaps in all the busyness, and Christingle which lights up children's and adults faces alike. As always, there is midnight service and of course Christmas morning to come and celebrate as a community that Christmas has 'arrived'.

Christmas is nearly on us and I wonder does that fill you with joy, or with dread, or is it a mixture of the two? Christmas is supposed to be a time when we celebrate Christ being born and sentiments of peace, love, and goodwill should predominate. It can be a time of family reunions, fun, laughter, generosity and of present exchanging; and above all, it should be a time of joyful celebration of the birth of Jesus. However, for many, it is a time of great loneliness and sadness; it can also be a time of tension, anger, illness - and above all, debt. The expectations are replaced by anti-climax and the good intentions by recriminations and rows. Yet it doesn't have to be like this. Throughout most of the western world, we appear to have forgotten one basic thing: 'The Magi' in the story, were presenting gifts to Jesus, not to each other. There is no scriptural justification, for the frenetic commercialisation in which we indulge, in the run up to Christmas.

Yet we all get caught up trying to make a perfect Christmas and if this is you, you're not alone. I bought into it for a long time too. Although I love Christmas, (for obvious reasons), I too make a stand, and I agree with Martin Lewis from moneysupermarket.com ('reduce unnecessary gift giving, reduce the burden of spending, give to charities instead'). My Husband and I buy virtual presents for each member of the family, and the stress to get the exact present or one that seemed 'worthy' enough for them, has gone.

The money is spent on a charity gift instead of the family member themselves, by doing this some of the poorest families in the world have benefited in the Christmas celebration instead. By taking stock of our own spending, and giving a similar amount to charity, especially those working with the lonely, homeless, and the destitute, we can make a huge difference to poverty, wherever it occurs. It will also make the festive season a lot less stressful and more enjoyable for us too. Of course, this might not be for you, but I would suggest that something that has thought put behind it instead of huge amounts of money might be more appreciated, and the less 'tat' that we get this Christmas would also be kind to the environment too. So perhaps you will give it a try. Whatever you decide to do please remember that God sent Jesus to us, because God loves each and everyone of us. That's what's important at Christmas, Love, not gifts! And, dear reader, please know that you are dearly loved this Christmastide.

Christ's light shines in the darkness and the light can never be extinguished. So I wish you a pleasant and happy Christmas and in the words of Tiny Tim - God bless us, everyone, this Christmas and in the coming year.

**Happy Christmas and see you soon!**

**Rev'd Laura Leatherbarrow**

### Rev Laura Leatherbarrow

For all church related enquiries (inc. Foodbank vouchers) please contact Rev Laura on  
**0151 549 2202**  
**revlauraleatherbarrow@gmail.com**

### BAPTISMS

For information regarding baptisms please contact Janet Spencer on  
**07788 644196**

### PASTORAL CARE TEAM

St Cuthbert's PASTORAL CARE TEAM is available to anyone. If you, or someone you know, is in need of support (or just someone to talk to) then please contact our Pastoral Team via **StCpastoralcare@hotmail.com** or **0151 549 2202** and we will be in touch. Whilst not qualified therapists or counsellors our Pastoral Care Team are trained volunteers available to listen to you and offer confidential support whatever you are going through. **You are not alone.**

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Baby Yoga & Massage Classes are designed to strengthen the bond between you and baby. Stimulating their senses and supporting transition between milestones. Classes are available at St Cuthbert's on Thursday mornings. For booking and further information contact Kerry on 07972 772600



## Santa's Christmas Float

1st Croxeth Park Scout Group will once again be cheering us up with their wonderful Christmas float, transporting Father Christmas around the estate, between Saturday 8th - Friday 14th December from 7pm - 9pm.

So listen out for Santa's music and bells, come out to say hello and help scouts raise much needed funds for vital camping and outdoor equipment!

\* On Saturday 15th December 9am - 6pm the Christmas Float will be at the Tesco Deysbrook Store so come along and say hello to Santa and his elves!



The Christingle collections, taken during the services raise millions of pounds to support the Children's society work with young people and help to bring hope and love to the hearts of children who feel ignored, sanctuary to the lives of those who feel unsafe, and peace to the minds of young people who feel like they

simply don't matter. Last year the Children's society worked with 13,000 children and young people between the ages of 10 and 18, children and young people who have had traumatic experiences, who aren't seen, aren't understood, and help them to find the strength they need to cope. Through a simple service here on the estate, the money raised helps to bring together what's needed to help children lead the life they should have and realise their potential. That's what attending a Christingle means, it means through fun and joy, as you listen to the real story of Christmas unfold, the money raised helps children in Need.

[www.childrenssociety.org.uk](http://www.childrenssociety.org.uk)



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### The Silver Line 0800 4 70 80 90

The Silver Line is the only **FREE** confidential helpline providing Information, friendship and advice to older people, open 24/7, 365 days a year.  
[www.thesilverline.org.uk](http://www.thesilverline.org.uk)

**CITIZEN'S ADVICE BUREAU**  
138 Scargreen Avenue,  
Norris Green, L11 3BE  
**0151 287 1300**

**Merseyside Welfare Rights**  
35-37 Bold St, Liverpool L1 4DN  
**0151 709 0504**

### Citizen's Support Scheme

Helps vulnerable people and people on a low income meet their needs for food and essential items, furniture or white goods.  
via Liverpool City Council on  
**0800 456 1523**  
Mon-Fri 8am - 8pm



Whatever you're going through, call **FREE** any time, from any phone on **116 123**.  
Available round the clock, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

### Place2B Community Café

Every Monday 11.30am ~ 2pm

- ♥ A place 2 meet
- ♥ A place 2 share
- ♥ A place 2 eat
- ♥ A place 2 talk
- ♥ A place 2 laugh
- ♥ A place 2 be safe
- ♥ A place 2 B.....YOU.



*EVERYONE is welcome to join us for a free, healthy lunch - and a chance to relax, talk, create, play, meet friends old and new or just 'be'.*



*We welcome you if your heart is singing, and we welcome if your heart is breaking. We welcome you if you're anxious about tomorrow and we welcome if you don't have a care in the world.*

*We look forward to meeting you!*

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### Place2B

Do you feel alone? Do you struggle to meet people? Do you want a safe space to just be yourself? Do you want to meet friends in a comfortable space? Then Place2B is for you and for many others too! Place2B is a community cafe with a difference - yes food and beverages are available but they are free. We have crafting tables, Games tables and people there who

will listen to your story. We will also be linking up with local providers of health and well-being services, and throughout the year, different courses and events will be available, with a focus on mental health and well-being, and those who are suffering from loneliness. So come along we are open Mondays 11:30 - 2 pm. You will be sure of a great welcome.