

What's on at St Cuthbert's

DAY	TIME	GROUP
MONDAY	11.30 - 14.00	'APlace2B' FREE Community Lunch and Drop-in —ALL welcome
	17.00 - 18.00 18.30 - 19.30	Rainbows Brownies & Guides https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/
	19.45 - 20.45	Pilates - Contact Lyndsey on 07912 603322
TUESDAY	09.15 - 11.15	Baby Ballet - Contact Kerry on 07743 012272
	18.30 - 19.30	Anthony Lavelle - Labour Councillor's Surgery (First & Second Tuesdays 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
	18.45 - 19.45	Pilates - Contact Lyndsey on 07912 603322
	20.00 - 21.00	YOGA with Paula - Contact on 07804 897043
THURSDAY	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 Scouts } Contact Dave on 07931 528879
	FRIDAY	09.15 - 10.15
SUNDAY	09.00 11.00 18.00	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICES ALL ARE WELCOME! 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 call 0151 549 2202 or email stcuthbertscroxtethpark@gmail.com and we will get back to you.

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In Touch



St Cuthbert's Magazine Christmas 2019

~ Keeping In Touch with the Community ~

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



St Cuthbert's invites everyone to join us at the following services:

Sunday 22nd December - 6pm
9 Lessons & Carols

Christmas Eve - 5pm
Christingle Service

Midnight Eucharist - 11.30pm
Eucharistic service

Christmas Day - 10am
Eucharistic service

29th December 2017 - 10am
Eucharistic service

ALL are welcome - please come along!

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Hope is delivered into uncertainty



People were anxious; living under the rules of a foreign government with corruption rife. A nervous nation with a rebellious population unsure of what the future may hold. Uncertain people. Uncertain times. Looking for a way out – looking for hope. This could be many points in history. There are elements that ring true today. But it was the world that greeted Jesus on the day he came into the world. The prettified Christmas card version of the Christmas story hides the harsh reality. Jesus was born into poverty in

bleak surroundings in dangerous times. This is the aspect which makes the story massively compelling. The events surrounding Jesus' birth would not seem massively out of place in the Game of Thrones. A despotic king ordering the slaughter of hundreds of innocent children. Magi travelling miles to be caught up in the political intrigue of the royal court. Mary and Joseph smuggling the new born away on a dangerous flight to Egypt. You almost couldn't make it up. It needed to be this way! For the story of Jesus to make any sense to us today and indeed at any time, his birth and life had to be a realistic tale of human experience and struggle - not a fairy tale. A story we can relate to and find our place within it; a story to speak to our generation as it spoke to the generations before us and will continue to speak to the world long after we are gone.

Because at Christmas hope is delivered into uncertainty. And that's what people are looking for. Hope! Hope for meaning, for a better, kinder and more compassionate world, a world where there is no more war, and hope for the what next – is death the light going out, or is there more?

From the very beginning, God promised Jesus would come and herald in a whole new world. This is why the angels accompanied his birth – Jesus IS the 'glory of God'. When Mary kisses the cheek of her baby son, she's kissing the face of God. The child will grow and teach us how to be fully human, fully who we are. He will teach us how our slate can be wiped clean, how to start again and how we can lay down the things that weigh us down. He will show us what it is to have freedom, peace and joy in our hearts. This is his gift to each of us at Christmas, when we simply say, 'Jesus, I need you! Jesus I want you! Please make your home in my heart'.

In the silent place of our heart, Jesus will give us assurances and the hope that we long for. This Christmas, as you receive his gift of immeasurable love, be thankful!

Bishop Beverley Mason - Bishop of Warrington



Drawing inspiration from the well-known carol "We Three Kings", the Follow The Star app offers daily reflections for each day between Christmas Day and Sunday 5th January.

Each one includes a picture, a short Bible passage, a simple prayer and a challenge to reflect or act differently. The FollowTheStar app can help you:

- ★ Find a few minutes each day of Christmas to pause and reflect
- ★ Read a welcome from Archbishops Justin Welby and John Sentamu and a sample day's material
- ★ Read or listen to 12 days of brand-new reflections, written and read by Mina Munns
- ★ Explore daily Christmas family activities to help all ages engage with the daily themes of Follow The Star.

Wherever you are on your own journey, Follow The Star will help you see your life afresh through the light of the Christmas star, a sign of God's hope and promises. The app is available on Android or iOS here:

www.churchofengland.org/followthestar

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.

St Cuthbert's Church Mission Statement

To worship God and to share His/Her light with this community