

Darwen, Saint Cuthbert's with Tockholes, Saint Stephen's

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

10th December 2023

(SC) = Saint Cuthbert's, (SS) = Saint Stephen's, (BCP) = Book of Common Prayer

Today	✖ THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT 8.00am Eucharist (SC) 10.30am Sung Eucharist (SC)
Monday	<i>Readings: Isaiah 35; Psalm 85:7-end; Luke 5:17-26</i>
Tuesday	<i>Readings: Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 96:1,10-end; Matthew 18:12-14</i> 6.00pm Holy Hour (SC)
Wednesday	<i>Readings: Isaiah 40:25-end; Psalm 103:8-13; Matthew 11:28-end</i> 10.00am Eucharist (BCP) (SC)
Thursday	<i>Readings: Isaiah 41:13-20; Psalm 145:1,8-13; Matthew 11:11-15</i> 7.00pm Eucharist (SC)
Friday	<i>Readings: Isaiah 48:17-19; Psalm 1; Matthew 11:16-19</i>
Saturday	<i>Readings: Ecclesiasticus 48:1-4,9-11; Psalm 80:1-4,18,19; Matthew 17:10-13</i> 9.30am Eucharist (SC) 10.30am Big clean and decorating church ready for Christmas (SC)
Next Sunday	✖ THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT <i>Readings: Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11; Magnificat; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8,19-28</i> 8.00am Eucharist (SC) 9.15am Eucharist (SS) 10.30am Sung Eucharist (SC) 6.00pm Nine lessons and carols (SC)

Please pray for the whole world community and for those specifically:

The Sick:

Of Immediate Concern: Glenn Boyd, Cameron Ray, Margaret Young, Winnie Yates, Patricia Fox.

Long-term: Beryl Rhodes, Judith Helmn, Arminal Trueman, Peter Evans, Charlie, Elaine Pearson, Josephine Treloar, Virginia Blackwell, Marian Riley, Andrew Stackhouse, Harry Todd, Gill Prest, Ella Driver, Bill, Robin Lang, Debbie Greenwood, Petrina Thompson.

Years Mind: James William Corless, Elizabeth Gibson, Thomas Hodgson (10th), Marion Ramsbottom (11th), William Corless (12th), Janie Shorrocks, Edith Elizabeth Hewitt, David John Allin (13th), Joseph Leigh Edwards, Edna Duckworth, Edith Boardman (14th), Maggie Yates (15th), Mary Ann Leach (16th).

NOTICES

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS - are on sale now from Claire and Tracey. Just £1 a ticket. Top prize is £100. Please take some to sell to your friends, work colleagues and neighbours. All the prizes have been donated so all the money made goes straight to church funds. If you are unable to get to church and would like to purchase some tickets please send the money (£1 per ticket) using the church bank details at the end of the notices, put raffle as the purpose and send a screen shot (or photo) of the payment page to Tracey's mobile (07905 809086) or email (tracey_m_evans@yahoo.co.uk).

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS - Thank you to those who have already delivered cards. There are still some cards remaining and they need to be delivered this week. They are in the North aisle of Saint Cuthbert's church.

HOLY HOUR - There will be a Holy Hour service THIS Tuesday 12th December at 6pm. A time for prayer and reflection and a moment of quiet at this busy time of year.

BIG CLEAN - and Christmas tree decorating will take place THIS Saturday 16th December from 10.30am. Everyone is welcome and the more people who volunteer the quicker we will have Saint Cuthbert's church looking bright and sparkling. Even if you are unable to fling a duster, push a vacuum or fix a light on a tree we do still need people to brew up and keep the biscuits topped up.

NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS - will take place on Sunday 17th December at 6pm. Afterwards we will be serving the vicar's homemade mulled wine and mince pies. Everyone is welcome. If you need a lift or can supply lifts please put your name on the list in the North aisle. Hopefully we can match up cars with people who need transport.

C n S NEWSLETTER - please can you send Eleanor your winter walks, recipes, and anything festive to include in the next CnS News by next Monday 18th December. Her email is at the end of this sheet.

COMMUNITY CAROL SINGING - on Tuesday 19th December. We will be singing carols around the parish and will meet in Saint Cuthbert's church at 6pm.

BREAKFAST BUTTIES - Saturday 23rd December from 10am until 12noon in Saint Cuthbert's church - breakfast butties (egg, bacon, sausage) will be served along with tea, coffee, hot chocolate. Fill up before your last minute Christmas shopping.

CHRISTMAS EVE - Sunday 24th December - as well as the usual morning services there will be a Crib service at 3pm in Saint Cuthbert's church and a Crib service in Saint Stephen's church at 4.30pm.

At 11.30pm there will be the usual Midnight Mass service in Saint Cuthbert's church.

CHRISTMAS DAY - Monday 25th December - there will be services at Saint Cuthbert's at 8am and 10.30am and at Saint Stephen's at 9.15am.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY -

Saturday 6th January - Soup and sandwich (NOT turkey!) from 10.30am until 1pm in Saint Cuthbert's church. Bring your friends and join more friends for a catch up over a cheap meal and a brew or two. If you need a meal and cannot afford it still turn up and we will feed you.

Sunday 7th January - we will keep Epiphany.

DONATIONS TO INTERNATIONAL AID - We still need food to be donated - anything with at least a year's date on. We are also happy to accept any other donations, clothes, nappies, tents. Just place your donations on the pew by the main door.

DONATING TO CHURCH FUNDS - there is a collection plate and a card machine by the door in Saint Cuthbert's church. If you wish to join our Stewardship campaign please speak to the Churchwardens or the Treasurer. You can set up a standing order for regular donations using the bank details below.

The church bank details are:- Name: St Cuthberts With St Stephens PCC, sort code: 30-90-87 and account number: 00030405. Please state in the reference what the donation is towards or leave blank for a general donation.

GIFT AID - if you pay tax then the church can claim that back on any donations made. Please speak to the treasurer or any of the Churchwardens. All you have to do is fill out a simple form and we will do the rest. We will even lend you the pen! It is like "free" money for the church.

OPEN CHURCH - Saint Cuthbert's church is open every Saturday from 10am until 4pm for you to visit.

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