



A warm welcome to all

July 2024

From the Rector

The Rector Writes...

If I had a pound for everyone who tells me I only work on Sundays, I would be able to give a significant amount to the fundraising efforts of both churches! Being a priest is an amazingly varied role. No two days are the same. I can go from taking a school assembly to visiting someone who cannot get to church. I can spend time in one day going from sorting out the inevitable paperwork associated with running a church to the joy of a baptism visit or the sadness of a funeral visit.

Then there are the unexpected and unplanned encounters with so many amazing and interesting people. All have a story to tell and information to give me about both communities and their respective histories. I still feel like I have much to learn, as I prayerfully spend time with you all.

I have been reading about St Cuthbert and St Thomas over the last few months. We know a lot more about St Cuthbert, who lived in the seventh century, a time of great upheaval and uncertainty - not that dissimilar to today. After having a vision at around the age of 15, Cuthbert committed himself wholeheartedly to praying for the world he knew in the north of England and the South of Scotland and to bringing hope to everyone he met, both rich and poor. He was not interested in building his own legacy but rather encouraging others to grow in faith.

Whilst we know less about Thomas, other than the fact he asked challenging questions and was one of Jesus' twelve disciples, it is said his desire to spread the good news of Jesus took him to South India where he founded a church that continues to this day. Why not find out more about both our patron saints in church – there is a trail at St Cuthbert's and we will be telling the story of St Thomas in 7th July.

July is a time when many of us think about taking a break. Whatever you are doing over the next few months, make time to pause and notice what is around you and enjoy the rich history of the place where you live and the different people who have made this their home, at least for the moment. God Bless, Susan



Parent and Toddler Group at St Thomas' - Thursday mornings, 10.30-12 midday during term time.

Last session will be on Thursday 11th July. Restart Thursday 12th September

£4 a family to cover costs includes a drink and a biscuit and a craft.

You will find a warm welcome, worship and laughter.



Coffee Morning - Tuesday July 2nd, 10am to 11.30am, St Cuthbert's Church, choir vestry

Why not bring your photos of the locality both old and new and talk about what they mean to you?

Meet old friends and make some new ones and take the opportunity to have a quiet moment in church.

If you know someone who would like some company, invite them along. They will be assured of a warm welcome.



Christian Chatter - Tuesday July 23rd 7.30-8.30pm.

Come and join an informal chat as we continue to explore the Sermon on the Mount.

We will be looking at "blessed are those who are persecuted." All Welcome.



Wednesday midweek communion 11am

Followed by refreshments and time to chat. Enjoy meeting old friends and make some new ones.

Swap some books, try out a jigsaw or simply chat. No charge but donations to cover costs welcome.

See Glen Gardner for more details.

Date for the Diary

Saturday 29th September St Thomas' Lydiate Organ recital with Professor Ian Tracey.

More details to follow – but save the date – it will be right good do.

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Services for July

Date	Time	Place	Service
Wednesday 3 rd July	11.00am	St Thomas' Lydiate	Said CW Holy Communion
Thursday 4 th July	9.15am	St Cuthbert's Halsall	Said Morning Prayer
	1.30pm	St Cuthbert's Halsall	Said Holy Communion with prayers for healing
Sunday 7th July Sixth Sunday after Trinity St Thomas' Patronal festival	8.00am	St Thomas' Lydiate	Said BCP Holy Communion
	9.30am	St Cuthbert's Halsall	BCP Holy Communion (Church without walls)
	11.00am	St Thomas' Lydiate	Common Worship Patronal Festival Holy Communion
Wednesday 10 th July	11.00am	St Thomas' Lydiate	Said CW Holy Communion
Thursday 11 th July	9.15am	St Cuthbert's Halsall	Said Morning Prayer
	1.30pm	St Cuthbert's Halsall	Said Holy Communion with prayers for healing
Sunday 14th July Seventh Sunday after Trinity	8.00am	St Thomas' Lydiate	Said BCP Holy Communion
	9.30am	St Cuthbert's Halsall	Common Worship Holy Communion
	11.00am	St Thomas' Lydiate	OUT DOOR CHURCH PARADE SERVICE Parish field (Near the Scout and Guide HQ followed by family fun 12 midday until 2pm)
Wednesday 17 th July	11.00am	St Thomas' Lydiate	Said CW Holy Communion
Thursday 18 th July	9.15am	St Cuthbert's Halsall	Said Morning Prayer
	1.30pm	St Cuthbert's Halsall	Said Holy Communion with prayers for healing
Sunday 21st July Eighth Sunday after Trinity	8.00am	St Thomas' Lydiate	Said BCP Holy Communion
	9.30am	St Cuthbert's Halsall	BCP Holy Communion (NO MESSY CHURCH)
	11.00am	St Thomas' Lydiate	Common Worship Holy Communion
Wednesday 24 th July	11.00am	St Thomas' Lydiate	Said CW Holy Communion
Thursday 25 th July	9.15am	St Cuthbert's Halsall	Said Morning Prayer
	1.30pm	St Cuthbert's Halsall	Said Holy Communion with prayers for healing
Sunday 28th July Ninth Sunday after Trinity	8.00am	St Thomas' Lydiate	Said BCP Holy Communion
	9.30 am	St Cuthbert's Halsall	CW Holy Communion
	11.00am	St Thomas' Lydiate	All Age Communion Service

All are welcome, whether you have been a life-long Christian or are just exploring faith.

Other dates for your diary

Slavery and Repentance Exhibition, St Cuthbert's Halsall **Sunday 15th September to Sunday 29th September 2024**

We are hosting the exhibition that was first held in Liverpool Anglican Cathedral earlier this year, with a showing of the powerful film "After the flood" on Saturday 21st September in St Cuthbert's School Hall at 7pm.



Every Monday Morning (except Bank Holidays) at 9.15am, Morning Prayer across the Fit for Mission Parishes

All are welcome to join in. Email Susan for the Zoom link.

Visit the new Fit for Mission website:

<https://ffmormskirkdeanery.wordpress.com/>



Can you spare a couple of hours once a month to help clean our churches?

Please speak to one of the church wardens for more information and to volunteer.

Paid Cleaner Required (to start as soon as possible)

If you would like a 3 hour a week, flexible paid cleaning role working for St Thomas' Millenium Centre and the church, please speak to the Churchwardens for details and an application form.

References and a DBS will be required.

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