



A warm welcome to all

June 2024

From the Rector

A poem to ponder:

God of the Weeds

God of the weeds and the pigeons,
The mosquitoes and wasps, the slugs and ants.
Found in the cacophony of traffic, the growl of a plane,
In the scream of a seagull protecting its nest.

God of the imperfect and the badly mended.
The cracked plate, the silent clock, the abandoned toy.
Found in the rage and contortion of a tantrum,
In the vengeful glance of a passer-by.

God of the unlovable and rejected.
Those with hidden scars that speak of condemnation.
Found in the silence of a noisy dinner party,
In the solitary figure drinking alone.

Inhabiting each unique space, Jesus waits
A companion for each uncertain and hesitant journey.
Looking beyond, challenging assumptions
Freely sharing his love for all creation.



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

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

You will find a warm welcome, worship and laughter.



Luncheon Club – Wednesdays June 5th and 19th - 1pm to 3pm St Thomas' Millenium Centre

Come along for a simple lunch and a warm welcome. 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.



Coffee Morning - Tuesday June 4th, 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 is lonely why not bring them along? They will be assured of a warm welcome.



Scarecrow festival Halsall Open Church weekend Saturday June 15th and 16th June.

Come and visits Cuthbert's, enjoy some simple refreshments, live music and the scarecrows.

More information to follow.



Songs Of Praise 23rd June at St Thomas' at 4pm followed by a strawberry tea

with the Choirs of St Thomas' and All Saint's Rainford and the Worship band from St Paul's Skelmersdale.



Christian Chatter - Tuesday June 25th, 7.30-8.30pm.

Following on from the successful Lent course, why not come and join an informal chat as we continue to explore the Sermon on the Mount? We will be looking at "blessed are the peacemakers." All Welcome.

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Services for June

Date	Time	Place	Service
Sunday 2nd June First Sunday after Trinity	8.00am	St Thomas' Lydiate	Said BCP Holy Communion
	9.30am	St Cuthbert's Halsall	BCP Holy Communion (<i>Church without walls</i>)
	11.00am	St Thomas' Lydiate	Common Worship Holy Communion
Wednesday 5 th June	11.00am	St Thomas' Lydiate	Said CW Holy Communion
Thursday 6 th June	9.15am	St Cuthbert's Halsall	Said Morning Prayer
	1.30pm	St Cuthbert's Halsall	Said Holy Communion with prayers for healing
Sunday 9th June Second Sunday after Trinity	8.00am	St Thomas' Lydiate	Said BCP Holy Communion
	9.30am	St Cuthbert's Halsall	CW Holy Communion
	11.00am	St Thomas' Lydiate	Church Parade,
Wednesday 12 th June	11.00am	St Thomas' Lydiate	Said CW Holy Communion
Thursday 13 th June	9.15am	St Cuthbert's Halsall	Said Morning Prayer
	1.30pm	St Cuthbert's Halsall	Said Holy Communion with prayers for healing
Sunday 16th June Third Sunday after Trinity	8.00am	St Thomas' Lydiate	Said BCP Holy Communion
	9.30am	St Cuthbert's Halsall	BCP Holy Communion (Messy Church)
	11.00am	St Thomas' Lydiate	Common Worship Holy Communion
Wednesday 19 th June	11.00am	St Thomas' Lydiate	Said CW Holy Communion
Thursday 20 th June	9.15am	St Cuthbert's Halsall	Said Morning Prayer
	1.30pm	St Cuthbert's Halsall	Said Holy Communion with prayers for healing
Sunday 23rd June Fourth 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	All Age Holy Communion
Wednesday 26 th June	11.00am	St Thomas' Lydiate	Said CW Holy Communion
Thursday 27 th June	9.15am	St Cuthbert's Halsall	Said Morning Prayer
	1.30pm	St Cuthbert's Halsall	Said Holy Communion with prayers for healing
Sunday 30th June Fifth Sunday after Trinity	8.00am	St Thomas' Lydiate	Said BCP Holy Communion
	10.30 am	St Cuthbert's Halsall	Joint Benefice Service with Holy Communion

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



Join us for the SHAPE, a six week course looking at who we are as people of faith.

Tuesday 2pm – 3.15pm St Cuthbert's Choir Vestry June 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, July 2nd, 9th.

Thursday 7.30pm – 8.45pm St Thomas' Millenium Centre June 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, July 4th, 11th.



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

Please join in when you can. Use the link below:

<https://zoom.us/j/94976540051?pwd=UENadEhSM2hqOTVyR08zcGt6QUUpjUT09>

Visit the new fit for mission website:

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

Both churches urgently need your help.

Do you have a heart for children and young people?

Would you be willing to join a team to run a Sunday School at St Thomas' or a Youth group at St Cuthbert's?

Talk to Susan - if enough people are interested, we will set up a meeting to explore things further.

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

If so, please speak to one of the church wardens.

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