



A warm welcome to all

May 2023

Letter of the month

A Servant King

The Coronation of King Charles 111 is a historic occasion in the life of our nation and indeed our churches. The Coronation will take place on 6th May at Westminster Abbey and the Archbishop of Canterbury has asked all the churches to pray for The King, The Queen Consort and the Royal Family and for their calling to a life of public service. Following in his mother's footsteps, King Charles' leadership is rooted in a desire and a commitment to serve following the ways of Christ in joy-filled servant-heartedness. A commitment and a desire to follow the teachings of our Lord Jesus who tells us in Matthew 20. 26-28:

"Whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; Just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

This commitment to serve already shown in the Kings' service to the Commonwealth and Nation will become even more intense as his reign continues and so we pray for The King as he strives to model his Kingship by taking as his example, The Servant King our Saviour Jesus Christ. The one who calls not only King Charles but each of us to serve him and each other in the spirit of love.

A prayer for the King and for each of us, as we are all called to serve our God.

Sovereign God, who called King Charles to be a ruler among his people: give him grace to be their servant; and help us, following our Saviour Christ in the path of humble service, to see God's Kingdom set forth on earth and to enjoy its fullness in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Enjoy the Coronation and with every blessing for a happy and joyful May. Glen.

Rev. Glen Gardner. Associate Priest of Halsall, Lydiate and Downholland.



NEW REGULAR SERVICES

Starting on **10th May 2023**, at St Thomas' Lydiate
every **Wednesday** a said Holy Communion Service at 11am followed by refreshments.

Starting on **11th May 2023**, at St Cuthbert's Halsall
every **Thursday** Morning Prayer at 9.15am
and a said Holy Communion service with prayers for healing at 1.30pm

All are welcome to either or both services. For more information please contact
the Rector Susan Salt 07730197656 rectorhalsallandlydiate@gmail.com

Ascension Day Thursday 18th May

Services of Holy Communion at 1.30pm St Cuthbert's and at 7.30pm at St Thomas'

The fortieth day after Easter marks Christ's ascension, leaving his followers to continue His work. Come and spend time reflecting on what that means for us today.

Thy Kingdom Come 2023

From *Ascension Day* (18th May) to *Pentecost Sunday* (28th May) we are invited to join with tens of millions of Christians around the world, and across all denominations in praying for the church.

Embracing Father, You give grace to each of us with equal measure. Let us learn to love our neighbours more deeply, so that we can create peaceful and just communities. Inspire us to use our creative energies to build the structures we need to overcome the obstacles of intolerance and indifference. May Jesus provide us the example needed and send the Spirit to warm our hearts for the journey. **Amen**

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Sunday Services for May			
Date	Time	Place	Service
Sunday 7 th May Coronation Sunday	8.00am	St Thomas' Lydiate	Said BCP Holy Communion
	9.30am	St Cuthbert's Halsall	BCP Holy Communion & Church Without Walls With afternoon tea in the church
	11am	St Thomas' Lydiate	Common Worship Holy Communion with Baptism followed by Picnic on the Parish Hall field
Sunday 14 th May Rogation Sunday	8.00am	St Thomas' Lydiate	Said BCP Holy Communion
	9.30am	St Cuthbert's Halsall	Common Worship Holy Communion with a twist
	11.00am	St Thomas' Lydiate	Parade Service "Why make promises?"
Sunday 21 st May	8.00am	St Thomas Lydiate	Said BCP Holy Communion
	9.30am	St Cuthberts, Halsall	BCP Holy Communion
	11am	St Thomas' Lydiate	Common Worship Holy Communion followed by the Annual Meetings of the Parish
Sunday 28 th May Pentecost Come and celebrate and bring a friend	8.00am	St Thomas' Lydiate	Said BCP Holy Communion
	9.30am	St Cuthbert's Halsall	Common Worship Holy Communion with birthday cake and refreshments
	11.00am	St Thomas' Lydiate	Common Worship Holy Communion – Family Service with birthday cake and refreshments.

Looking ahead

We are hoping to have a display of baptism gowns in *St Cuthbert's* church possibly on Saturday in June in Halsall, as long as we can find enough baptism gowns and volunteers to church sit, so we can keep the church building open. Let the churchwardens know if you have a baptism outfit, old or modern you would be prepared to loan and or time to come and be part of the afternoon.

We are setting up a fundraising campaign at *St Thomas'* to repair the organ. We need to raise around £15,000 in order to do this. Our first event will be a "songs and scones" on June 24th 2.30-4.30pm in Church and the Millennium Centre. We sing some favourite hymns and then enjoy afternoon tea together.

Pause	Ponder	Pray
Thank God for birds . 	Matthew 6:25-27 Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?	Thank you, Lord for the birds that fly and sing so beautifully and remind of us of the freedom we have in you. Help us to sing your praises every day. AMEN

Deanery Fit for Mission Prayer

Loving Lord, as we seek to live out the vision you have set before us. May we see a bigger church making a bigger difference. As we explore together what it means to be fit for mission, may we be devoted to prayer and watchful for the signs of your coming kingdom. Give us thankful hearts and open doors to make known the Gospel. May our words and actions point people to Jesus, Who is our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

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