



A warm welcome to all

Tickets from the churchwardens, Anne or Val. Please come and support this worthy cause.

Services for June			
Date	Time	Place	Service
Sunday 4 th June Trinity Sunday	8.00am	St Thomas' Lydiate	Said BCP Holy Communion
	9.30am	St Cuthbert's Halsall	BCP Holy Communion & Church Without Walls
	11am	St Thomas' Lydiate	Common Worship Holy Communion
Wednesday 7 th June	11am	St Thomas'	Said CW Holy Communion
Thursday 8 th June	9.15am	St Cuthbert's Halsall	Morning Prayer
	1.30pm	St Cuthbert's Halsall	Said Holy Communion with prayers for healing
Sunday 11 th June	8.00am	St Thomas' Lydiate	Said BCP Holy Communion
	9.30am	St Cuthbert's Halsall	Common Worship Holy Communion
	11.00am	St Thomas' Lydiate	Parade Service with refreshments from 10am "having fun with bubbles"
Wednesday 14 th June	11.00am	St Thomas' Lydiate	Said CW Holy Communion
Thursday 15 th June	9.15am	St Cuthbert's Halsall	Morning Prayer
	1.30pm	St Cuthbert's Halsall	Said Holy Communion with prayers for healing
Sunday 18 th June	8.00am	St Thomas Lydiate	Said BCP Holy Communion
	9.30am	St Cuthberts, Halsall	BCP Holy Communion with Messy Church
	11am	St Thomas' Lydiate	Common Worship Holy Communion
Wednesday 21 st June	11am	St Thomas' Lydiate	Said CW Holy Communion
Thursday 22 nd June	9.15am	St Cuthbert's Halsall	Morning Prayer
	1.30pm	St Cuthbert's Halsall	Said Holy Communion with prayers for healing
Sunday 25 th June	8.00am	St Thomas' Lydiate	Said BCP Holy Communion
	9.30am	St Cuthbert's Halsall	Common Worship Holy Communion
	11.00am	St Thomas' Lydiate	Family Service come at 10.30 for refreshments and crafts
Wednesday 28 th June	11am	St Thomas' Lydiate	Said CW holy Communion
	7.30pm	St Thomas' Lydiate	Licensing of Glen Gardner as Associate Priest ALL WELCOME TO COME AND CELEBRATE
Thursday 29 th June	9.15am	St Cuthbert's Halsall St Cuthbert's Halsall	Morning Prayer Said Holy Communion with prayers for healing
Do come and join us and meet old friends and make some new ones			
Generous Giving			

We need you! We need your prayers, your time, your talents, and your generosity.

If we are to serve our community and share God's love all of us have a part to play.

Young and old, retired or working, those with a role and those without.

Together we are the body of Christ in this place.

Please pray about what God is calling you to do....be open – because God is a God of surprises!

Pause	Ponder	Pray
Thank God for trees. 	You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. Isaiah 52 verse 12	Thank you God for the beauty of trees. Thank you for the shelter of their branches that give so many animals, birds and insects places to call home. Help me to rest in the shelter of your arms when I am tired and need to rest. AMEN

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June 2023

Letter of the month

It's that time of the year when change is in the air. Crops are rapidly growing and there is new life everywhere. With the lengthening days there seems to be so much to explore and discover. For some summer marks the beginning of exam season. For others it is the time to go for a well-earned break. Whilst for many young adults, they will be looking beyond their exams to new horizons as they think about college, university, an apprenticeship, or embarking on the first steps of a career.

As sung in 'Miss Littlewood' - a recent musical about the life of the actor Joan Littlewood: 'change is not an option, it's the nature of life.' We cannot stop or avoid change, even if there are times when we earnestly wish to. Babies change at a breath-taking rate into toddlers; adolescents change almost as fast as they grow into adulthood. The rate of change seems equally rapid when we get older.

Change, even when brought about for good reasons, is unsettling. Facing change is even more difficult when forced on us through losing a job, ill-health or the death of someone important to us. It can feel like the world is against us and that no one cares. For many, the sense of overwhelming despair and isolation is hard to bear.

The Bible recognises that change is unavoidable and does not shy away from acknowledging how hard it can be. The Psalms in particular often speak of the astonishing highs and profound lows experienced by their authors as they cling to faith through turbulent times, reflecting a determination to trust in God's promise that He is always with them, even when all seems lost.

We seem to be living through a time of huge change and upheaval right now. Maybe we need to hold on to God's promises, placing our hope in Him who stands by us amid all the uncertainty. Susan



**Fit for Mission afternoon Saturday June 10th 1.30-4.30pm Haskayne Village Hall
with Steve Pierce and Jenny Taylor**

Come and join in a conversation about what Fit for Mission is and its implication for our united benefice and each of our churches. Open to all who want to know more. All PCC members are urged to attend if they can.

Fit for mission prayer for Ormskirk Deanery

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.

The display of baptism gowns at St Cuthbert's is going to be put back for a while. Thank you to all those who volunteered to "lend" gowns. Hang on to them as we will aim to have the display. Probably in 2024.



Support our schools this summer and have some fun....

St Thomas' School Summer Fair **Saturday 10th June 1-4pm**

St Cuthbert's Summer Carnival **Saturday 4th July** from around 12midday with the parade

Haskayne Downholland **Friday 14th July 2-4pm**



Support our churches too...

"Songs and Scones" on June 24th 2.30-4.30pm at **St Thomas'** in aid of the organ fund. Come and sing some favourite hymns and then enjoy afternoon tea together. Tickets £5 (under 16's free).

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