**October 2024**

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| ***From the Rector*** | | | |
| The Rector Writes…  If you want to build a house the first thing to do is dig the foundations. Without good, solid and secure foundations the rest of the structure will not be stable and there will be a danger of subsidence or worse.  As Christians the foundation of our faith is gift. We only exist because of God’s generous outpouring of his very self in the creative process. The most remarkable thing about life, the universe and everything is that love is at the heart of it. The more we explore the complexity and wonder of God’s incredible creation, the more amazing and astounding it is - something we are reminded about each harvest. All that we see and enjoy at this time of year comes from the love and heart of God.  God’s love is the foundation on which we are built and on which we build. This is the secure ground of who we are and who we hope to be. Everything is rooted and grounded in God’s gracious giving of himself, for the universe he loved into being. Think, for example, about the amazing complexity of a leaf and the changes it goes through in the space of a few months.  We have faith because God first loved us. We are part of the Church in response to God’s love for the whole of his creation. All we are and all we have comes from God. So we are called to be generous with our time, our talents and our money. If we let God’s generous love loose in our lives then so much follows, not just for us, but for our broken and hurting world.  As we celebrate God’s generosity in the harvest, we are called to reflect on our response. If God gives us so much, what do we give back to Him and each other? *Susan*    **Coffee Morning – Tuesday 1st October, 10am to 11.30am, St Cuthbert’s Church, choir vestry**  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.    **Wednesday midweek communion 11am at St Thomas’**  Followed by a light lunch and time to chat. Enjoy meeting old friends and make some new ones.  Swap some books, try out a jigsaw or simply chat. See Glen Gardner for more details.    **Parent and Toddler Group at St Thomas’ -**  **Changes to TUESDAY from October 8th, 10.30-12 midday during term time.**  £4 a family to cover costs - includes a drink and biscuit and craft activity.  You will find a warm welcome, worship and laughter.    **Harvest weekend 12th / 13th October (see separate flyer)**  Both churches will be open on Saturday for you to enjoy the decorations  7.30pm Harvest Supper St Cuthbert’s School (ticket only)  8am BCP Holy Communion at both St Cuthbert’s and St Thomas’  9.30am Harvest Celebration with St Cuthbert’s School and 11am Church Parade at St Thomas’  4pm Harvest Songs of Praise at St Cuthbert’s for Ormskirk Deanery.    **Gilbert and Sullivan Evening** with The Hoghton Players performing HMS Pinafore & The Zoo  Friday 18th October, St Cuthbert’s Church at 7.30pm  Tickets £8.00 from Pam Carr, [edward.pamela176@gmail.com](mailto:edward.pamela176@gmail.com) | | | |
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| **Services for October** | | | |
| *Date* | *Time* | *Place* | *Service* |
| Wednesday 2nd Oct | 11.00am | St Thomas’ Lydiate | Said CW Holy Communion |
| Thursday 3rd Oct | 9.15am  1.30pm | St Cuthbert’s Halsall  St Cuthbert’s Halsall | Said Morning Prayer  Said Holy Communion with prayers for healing |
| **Sunday 6th October**  **Generosity** | 8.00am | St Thomas’ Lydiate | Said BCP Holy Communion |
| 9.30am | St Cuthbert’s Halsall | BCP Holy Communion and Church without walls |
| 11.00am | St Thomas’ Lydiate | Common Worship Holy Communion |
| Wednesday 9th October | 11.00am | St Thomas’ Lydiate | Said CW Holy Communion |
| Thursday 10th October | 9.15am  1.30pm | St Cuthbert’s Halsall  St Cuthbert’s Halsall | Said Morning Prayer  Said Holy Communion with prayers for healing |
| **Sunday 13th October**  **Harvest** | **8.00am** | **St Thomas’ Lydiate** | **Said BCP Holy Communion** |
| **8.00am** | **St Cuthbert’s Halsall** | **Said BCP Holy Communion** |
| 9.30am | St Cuthbert’s Halsall | Harvest celebration with school |
| 11.00am | St Thomas’ Lydiate | Harvest Church Parade and welly walk |
|  | 4.00pm | St Cuthbert’s Halsall | Joint Harvest songs of praise |
| Wednesday 16th October | 11.00am | St Thomas’ Lydiate | Said CW Holy Communion |
| Thursday 17th October | 9.15am  1.30pm | St Cuthbert’s Halsall  St Cuthbert’s Halsall | Said Morning Prayer  Said Holy Communion with prayers for healing |
| **Sunday 20th October**  **Healthcare Sunday** | 8.00am | St Thomas’ Lydiate | Said BCP Holy Communion |
| 9.30 am | St Cuthbert’s Halsall | BCP Holy Communion with Messy Church |
| 11.00am | St Thomas’ Lydiate | All Age Communion Service |
| Wednesday 23rd October | 11.00am | St Thomas’ Lydiate | Said CW Holy Communion |
| Thursday 24th October  NO SERVICES TODAY | 9.15am  1.30pm | St Cuthbert’s Halsall  St Cuthbert’s Halsall | **CANCELLED – sorry for any inconvenience**  **CANCELLED – sorry for any inconvenience** |
| **Sunday 27th October**  **Last Sunday of Trinity** | 8.00am | St Thomas’ Lydiate | Said BCP Communion |
| 9.30am | St Cuthbert’s Halsall | CW Holy Communion |
| 11.00am | St Thomas’ Lydiate | All age Holy Communion |
| Wednesday 30th October | 11.00am | St Thomas’ Lydiate | Said CW Holy Communion  (reading of names of the departed) |
| Thursday 31st October | 9.15am  1.30pm | St Cuthbert’s Halsall  St Cuthbert’s Halsall | Said Morning Prayer  Said Holy Communion with prayers for healing  (reading of the names of the departed) |
| Friday 1st November | 7pm | St Thomas’ Lydiate | **Holy Communion for All Souls Day**  (reading of names of the departed) |
| **Sunday 3rd November**  **All Saints’ time**  **(Fourth Sunday before Advent)** | 8.00am | St Thomas’ Lydiate | Said BCP Holy Communion |
| 9.30am | St Cuthbert’s Halsall | BCP Holy Communion and Church without walls |
| 11.00am | St Thomas Lydiate | Common Worship Holy Communion |
| **4.00pm** | **St Cuthbert’s Halsall** | **Service of light for the bereaved – all welcome** |
| **All are welcome, whether you have been a life-long Christian or are just exploring faith.** | | | |
| **Christian Chatter - Tuesday October 22nd 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 “You are the salt of the earth.” All Welcome.  A logo for a company  Description automatically generated | | | |

All welcome to come and hear what is happening to come to

***Information and update evening at St John’s Burscough*** 7.15pm for 7.30pm Tuesday 12th November

**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 - rectorhalsallandlydiate@gmail.com

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