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## Our Pattern of Services of Worship.

	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday
8:30am BCP Communion	St Cuthbert	St John	St Cuthbert	St John	St Cuthbert
10:15am Morning Service	Parish Communion	Holy Communion St John	Holy Communion Both churches	Holy Communion St Cuthbert	Holy Communion Both churches
		All Age Service St Cuthbert		Service of the Word St John	
12noon Baptisms	St John	St Cuthbert	St John	St Cuthbert	-
11am Communion	Each Wednesday at St Cuthbert				

Dear Friends

After a quieter summer the life of the church begins to pick up again as we enter the autumn and, whisper it, quietly begin to plan for Christmas. As you will see from other articles in the Magazine Alpha, our Home Study Group, Mothers Union and Bertie Bear Club are recommencing.



To add to the mix the PCC will be working on the Diocesan Parish Renewal Programme, the clergy and churchwardens have already attended the introductory evening which has whetted our appetite. On that evening at Whalley Abbey, as well as having the timetable of the programme laid out, we heard from a couple of parishes which have previously followed the programme and the effect on confidence and signs of growth are really encouraging.

In September there are two further meetings for the clergy and a couple of church leaders to attend and then in October the churchwardens and clergy join others from churches around the country at The Hayes Conference Centre in Swanwick, near Derby, for the Leading Your Church in to Growth (LYiG) Conference. The Diocesan Parish Renewal Programme will then support us to look thoroughly at each aspect of the LYiG and how this can impact on our parish.

The key principles we have already been introduced to are:

- Creating a prayerful culture of growth;
- Implementing the 5 Ps – prayer, presence, proclamation, persuasion and prayer. Bishop Philip is very clear that the

programme has to have prayer as its beginning and as its ending, in other words be wrapped in prayer;  
 Practicing fruitful evangelism;  
 Becoming an inviting and welcoming church;  
 Making a pathway for seekers to become disciples;  
 Begin a planned journey of growth.

The PCC are committed and excited to begin the programme and we believe this is the next step in helping our new parish flourish having laid strong foundations over the past three years.

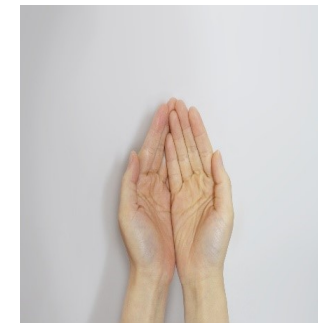
We will be announcing a new weekly time of prayer focused on and praying for the growth of our church and a new parish prayer will also be written and widely shared. These prayers will be in addition to our regular pattern of worship, our prayer walks and the daily emailed prayer diary.

In the meantime please continue to regularly pray our Parish Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we bring to you our parish of JC Lytham and ask that you will guide us to truly serve you in our town. May our congregations draw closer together becoming one family. Be with us in our worship, our mission, our discipleship, our giving and our pastoral care that we may give glimpses of your kingdom to our neighbours. Amen

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thousands of visitors flocked to the yearly event.

In our Remembrance Tent, we had scores of conversations with visitors, welcomed many more in to light candles and to add names to our prayer tree, and prayed as a team for all those listed by name as well as praying for the armed forces, and for peace in areas of conflict across all spheres of life. In all, we had an excellent weekend, providing a place of peace and reflection and being a visible and tangible presence of God in the town. Thanks to all who supported this venture.

### Parish Communion

Our September Parish Communion is at St Cuthbert's on Sunday 1st September at 10:15am

## The Alpha Course

We will be hosting Alpha again this autumn. Alpha is an opportunity for all to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed and conversational setting. This time we will be holding Alpha during the daytime, so are particularly looking for those who are not normally able to go out in the evenings, for example parents of young children and the older generations.



Come and join us, and invite your friends and neighbours!

Mondays 12:30-2pm, St John's Church, beginning 9th September

## Discipleship Groups

Our Bible study groups are starting up again this autumn. We will be reading Bishop Jill's book, "Lighting The Beacons", encouraging us to think about what it looks like to have a faith that transforms society.

Tuesdays at 7:00pm, 111 Shepherd Road, beginning 10th September.

## Education Sunday

Once again we are marking Education Sunday this month. The Lytham CofE Primary School community will be joining us at St Cuthbert's on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 10:15am as we especially pray for all aspects of education with special reference to our church school. It seems appropriate that now a days Education Sunday is in September as it provides an opportunity to pray for the coming academic year.

*NB The 10:15am Communion service at St John's will continue as usual that morning.*

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Hilda has assured us that the account for flowers is healthy and that people are always generous in responding to requests to assist with flowers.

This means we are now looking for someone else to pick up this baton. If this ministry may be of interest to you perhaps you could have a word with Hilda to discover more about what is involved.

## **Harvest**

We are celebrating Harvest this year on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October when we have our monthly Parish Communion at St John's. The service will be a real celebration with both our school and our Sunday School taking part.

Gifts brought to the service (non perishable please) will be donated to the Fylde Foodbank and Harbour House.

The following Saturday, the 12th October, we will hold our Harvest Supper in the Parish Hall, the evening includes entertainment, Line Dancing and a Hot Pot. Tickets cost £10 and will be on sale shortly at each church and online. Look out for further details.



## From the Registers

### Baptisms

July 28<sup>th</sup> Ottokar Finlay Montague Morris  
August 11<sup>th</sup> Hayden Kyle David Joss

### Weddings

July 27<sup>th</sup> Shannah Owen and Nathan Finch

### Funerals

August 2<sup>nd</sup> Mervin Waugh  
21<sup>st</sup> Stuart Desay

## Sponsorship of the Service Sheet and Flowers at St Cuthberts

The sponsorship of the Service Sheet and Flowers at St Cuthbert's continue to be available. It may be, for example, that you wish to sponsor in memory of a loved one or a special event within the family.

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## Quiz Questions for September

### Christianity and The Bible

Christianity is the most widely practised religion in the world, one of the most successful spiritual missions in the history of humanity. Christians are monotheistic, that is, they believe that there is only one God who created the heavens and the earth. This divine Godhead comprises the Father [God himself], the Son [Jesus Christ] and the Holy Spirit.

The heart of Christianity centres upon the life, death and belief in the resurrection of Jesus. Christians believe that God sent his Son Jesus, the Messiah, to save the world. Jesus was crucified on a cross to bring to humankind salvation from sin.

So, what is a Christian philosophy of life? The traditional concept of a good life involves being in loving relationships with God and with fellow humankind. Because we are created in the image of a loving God, our time on earth will be fulfilling when our relationships mirror those among the threefold Trinity.

The Bible is the holy scripture of the Christian religion. It purports to tell the history of the Earth from its earliest creation to the spread of Christianity during the first century CE. Christians consult the Bible in order to obtain guidance as to how they should live their lives in the way that God would wish them to do.

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2. the final meal which Jesus shared with the disciples before his crucifixion. [3,4,6]
3. the Greek name for the first 5 books of the Old Testament. [10]
4. an alternative title for the Ten Commandments. [3,9]
5. the ancient Jewish manuscripts found in the Qumran Caves in the 1940s and 1950s. [3,4,3,7].
6. the act of making amends for sin or other wrongdoing. [9]
7. the biblical unit of measurement which is roughly the distance from the elbow to the tip of the middle finger. [5]
8. the mount from which Moses saw the Promised Land and lived out his final days. [4]
9. S practises divination or predicts the future. [10]
10. celestial beings, the highest rank of angels [8]
11. S, a well-known word from the Hebrew meaning *to rest*. [7]
12. the chest made of acacia wood which contained the tablets of the Ten Commandments. [3,2,3,8]
13. the food provided by God to the Israelites as they wandered in the wilderness. [5]
14. the deliverance from sin and its consequences, believed to be brought about by faith in Christ. [9]
15. the place mentioned in Revelation where the kings of the earth gather to wage war against God in the last days. [10]
16. the cultivated land from which rents are derived for the maintenance of the incumbent of a parish.
17. the theologian who wrote *Christianity, if false, is of no importance and, if true, is of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important.*
18. the definitive guide to Anglican clergy and churches in Great Britain and Ireland.
19. the founder of the Presbyterian Church of Scotland in the 16<sup>th</sup> century.
20. the proper/official title for the Quakers.
21. the first pope to visit Britain, and the year of his visit.

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22. the symbol adopted by early Christians as their 'secret' sign.
23. the branch of philosophy to which questions such as *What is truth?* and *What is knowledge?* belong.
24. the man born Giovanni di Pietro di Bernadone in 1181.
25. the female who, according to Matthew 14, performed the Dance of the Seven veils.
26. the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse.
27. those who, according to the Sermon on the Mount, shall inherit the Earth.
28. the fruit cake topped with marzipan and eaten at Easter.
29. the patron saint of lost causes.
30. those who belong to the Society of Jesus, an Order founded by Ignatius of Loyola in 1540.
31. the governing body of the Church of England since 1970.
32. the longest river of southwest Asia, mentioned in Gen 2.14.
33. the Christian festival held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February.
34. the French town prominent because of Marian apparitions claimed to have been seen by Bernadette.
35. the linen cloth carrying the negative image of a man claimed by some to be the image of Jesus Christ.
36. the religious order of monks officially known as the Order of Cistercians of the Strict Observance.
37. the evangelical Christians best known for distributing free copies of the Bible.
38. the writer of the Ninety-five Theses [1517], a professor at the University of Wittenberg.
39. the saint considered to be the first-recorded British Christian martyr.
40. the home of Papyrus P52, the St John's fragment.

**Answers will appear in the next issue.**

### Quiz Questions for August: Numbers: Answers

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[iv] 2.154, [v] 1010, 14. 9, 15. K, 16. Ten, Exodus, 17. Forty-one, 18. 618. When the Greeks constructed their temples, they found the ratio 0.618:1 provided the most pleasing shape, 19.  $888 + 88 + 8 + 8 + 8$ , 20. Twelve, 21. 24 eggs, 22. Four, 23. F our, 24. XVII, 25. 7 and 17, 26. Five, 27. 21, 28. A figure of 8, 29. A decimal point, 30. 21, 31. Slovakia 0, England 1, 32. Eratosthenes, 33. X, 34. The Third Reich, 35. The Thirty-Nine Steps, 36. The Famous Five, 37. The Three Sisters, 38. A Tale of Two Cities, 39. Three-toed sloth, 40. The Four Seasons.

## Mothers' Union



We begin our Autumn session on Thursday 23rd September at 2.30pm in St Cuthberts Church, when we welcome our favourite speaker, Mrs Pat Ascroft, whose talk is entitled 'From the River Wyre to America'.

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## Saint Jerome

During 2011, when we were celebrating the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the King James Bible, biblical translations were the subject of a number of my articles, Of course I wrote about the King James Bible, and I also wrote about the Latin bible that it was setting aside: the 'Vulgate', as it is usually named. This was produced by St Jerome, whom we commemorate on 30<sup>th</sup> of this month, the date on which he died in Bethlehem in 420, aged somewhere between 73 and 78. What I said about Jerome in 2011, however, was focused entirely on his great feat of scholarship in producing the Vulgate. The entry in the *Common Worship* Calendar recognises this, describing him as 'Translator of the Scriptures'. But it also describes him, with equal justice, as 'Teacher of the Faith'. So I thought I would take the opportunity to look more broadly at the life of a man who, as translator, scholar, author and inveterate letter-writer, is one of the giants of Christianity.

He was born in the 340s in Dalmatia, and went to Rome as a young man to study philosophy and rhetoric, where it seems he led a pretty wild social life, interspersed with bouts of extreme guilt. But all that changed when, sometime in the 360s, he was baptised, travelled in Gaul, and then committed himself to a life of penance and self-denial. At first this was with friends in Aquileia (northern Italy). But c. 374 he went a step further by going to live in the Syrian desert south-east of Antioch, where many hermits were to be found. He also spent time in Antioch itself, which was one of the Empire's greatest centres of learning, and so this move east marks the beginning of his serious commitment to scholarship. During the four or five years he spent in Syria, he also learnt Hebrew, although he was to take this further in later years when working on his translation of the Old Testament. He

was ordained priest in Antioch, after which he went to Constantinople for a while — another of the leading centres of Christian learning. Back in Rome, he quickly became a protégé of Damasus, Pope 366-84, and served as his secretary. It was Damasus who set him on the track of producing a reliable translation of the bible into Latin to replace the miscellaneous and inconsistent texts and part-texts that were in circulation. After Damasus's death, Jerome moved east once again, settling in Bethlehem where, as leader of a monastery, he remained committed to the ascetic life. By then he had completed the translation of the Greek New Testament, but he still had to complete the Old Testament. Going to Palestine was part of the plan: he was able to search out the best Hebrew manuscripts to work from and improve his knowledge of Hebrew. The translation was completed by 405. Alongside this work and in the years that followed, he contributed vigorously to many of the theological debates of the day in tracts, essays and letters, wrote commentaries on the bible, translated into Latin some of the important Greek works of Christian scholarship, and was one of the earliest to investigate the relationship between the books of the Old Testament apocrypha and the fully accepted books of the Hebrew canon. His output makes him one of the most prolific of the Church Fathers. Given the nature of his life, it's hardly surprising that he is commonly represented with a book, in a study or in some harsh eremitical terrain.

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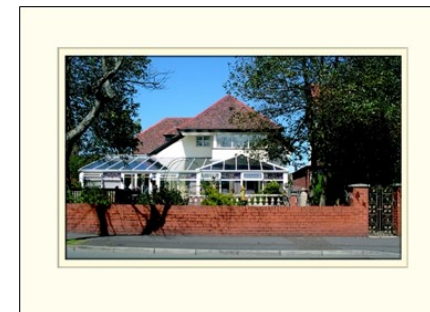
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## December

M	T	Wednesday	T	F	S	Sunday
						<b>1</b>
						8:30 HC St Cuthbert 10:15 Parish Communion St John—RNLI service 6pm Confirmation at St Cuthberts
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
		11:00 Communion St Cuthberts				8:30am HC St Johns 10:15 All Age St Cuthberts 10:15 HC St Johns 18:00 Christingle at St Johns
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
		11:00 Communion St Cuthberts				8:30 HC St Cuthberts 10:15 HC at both churches
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
		11:00 Communion St Cuthberts				8:30 HC St Johns 10:15 HC St Cuthberts 10:15 Carol Service at St Johns 18:00 Nine Lessons & Carols at St Cuthberts
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25 Christmas Day</b>		<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
	*	10:15 HC at both churches				8.30 HC St Cuthberts 10:15 HC at both churches

\* 24th Christmas Eve—4pm Crib Service at St Cuthberts and Quiet Crib Service at St Johns; 9pm Communion at St Johns; 11:30pm First Communion of Christmas at St Cuthberts

These centre pages are, hopefully, to save confusion and to help with knowing when our services are and where.

Please pull out and keep to hand.

## September

M	T	Wednesday	T	F	S	Sunday
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
		11:00 Communion St Cuthberts				8:30 HC St Cuthberts 10:15 Parish Communion St Cuthberts
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15—Education Sunday</b>
		11:00 Communion St Cuthberts				8:30am HC St John 10:15 All Age St Cuthbert 10:15 HC St John 18:00 Evening Prayer St Cuthberts
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
		11:00 Communion St Cuthberts				8:30 HC St Cuthberts 10:15 HC at both Churches
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
		11:00 Communion St Cuthberts				8:30 HC St Johns 10:15 HC St Cuthberts 10:15 Service of the Word St

## October

M	T	Wednesday	T	F	S	Sunday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6—Harvest</b>
						8:30 HC St Cuthberts 10:15 Parish Communion St Johns
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
		11:00 Communion St Cuthberts				8:30am HC St Johns 10:15 All Age St Cuthberts 10:15 HC St Johns 18:00 Evening Prayer St Cuthberts
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
		11:00 Communion St Cuthberts				8:30 HC St Cuthberts 10:15 HC at both Churches
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
		11:00 Communion St Cuthberts				8:30 HC St Johns 10:15 HC St Cuthberts 10:15 Service of the Word St
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			
		11:00 Communion St Cuthberts				

## November

M	T	Wednesday	T	F	S	Sunday
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
						8:30 HC St Cuthberts 10:15 Parish Communion St Cuthberts
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10—Remembrance Sunday</b>
		11:00 Communion St Cuthberts				9:00am HC at both churches 18:00 Memorial Service at St Cuthberts
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
		11:00 Communion St Cuthberts				8:30 HC St Cuthberts 10:15 HC at both Churches
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
		11:00 Communion St Cuthberts				8:30 HC St Johns 10:15 HC St Cuthberts 10:15 Service of the Word St
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	
		11:00 Communion St Cuthberts				