**July 2025**

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| ***Letter from the Rector*** | | | | | |
| *The Rector writes.*  In Charlie Mackesy’s beautiful story, “The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse,” we are invited into a world shaped not by answers, but by presence: by kindness, by love, by the gentle work of being with one another. It’s a simple tale, filled with simple truths, but something about it lingers in the heart. Each character brings something different: the boy with his wondering, the mole with his sweet simplicity, the fox with his silence and trust, and the horse with his strength and wisdom. Together, they create a space where no one has to perform, fix, or impress; a space where just being together is enough.  There’s a moment in the story where they sit quietly beneath the stars. No one speaks, yet everything is being said. And in that moment of shared stillness, truth doesn’t need to be taught - it is simply known. Not imposed. Not explained. Just received.  The Church offers a similar invitation: “Will you continue to search and be open to the possibility of faith?” “Will you stay with the silence, and allow the Spirit to speak in ways words can’t?” “Will you stay with the mystery, rather than rushing to explain it away?” For when we dare to do that, amazing things can and do happen. Strangers become friends, and we find that love is always enough.  Just like “The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse,” we too can sit under the stars and become aware of being loved. As Christians we are asked to live, however imperfectly, lives shaped by that love given and received. We are asked to listen. To trust. To dwell.  Whatever your plans this summer, I hope you will be able to find some time to discover the power simply of being. Every blessing, Susan  and  **Every Tuesday 10am to 11.30am, St Cuthbert’s Church, choir vestry**  Come and learn how to knit or crochet or bring your own craft. Meet old friends and make some new ones; take the opportunity to have a quiet moment in church. Entrance by the back door of the church.    **Every Wednesday 12.30 – 2.30pm (approximately), St Thomas’ warm welcome in Lydiate Guide Centre**  A simple warm lunch followed by time to chat or simply be. See Glen Gardner for more details.    **Tuesday 8th July 7.30-8.30pm** - **Prayer meeting for the United Benefice**  led by Rev Glen Gardner at 26 Mayfayre Ave, Lydiate L31 4EA. All welcome    **Sunday July 20th 10.30am Joint outdoor service** atHollin House Green Farm, Back Lane, Aughton, L39 6SX  Come and bless the crops, watch the tractors drive themselves, enjoy some homemade crisps..  Wear sensible shoes and appropriate clothing.    **Tuesday 22nd July 7.30pm – 8.30pm St Cuthbert’s School, Christian Chatter**  *I wonder what it would feel like if…*    **St Thomas’ Parent and Toddler, restarts Tuesday 9th September10.30am -12 midday,**  **Venue to be confirmed**  You will be assured of a warm welcome. | | | | | |
| **Services for July 2025** | | | | | |
| *Date* | *Time* | *Place* | | *Service* | |
| Wednesday 2nd July | 11.00am | St Thomas’ Lydiate | | Said CW Holy Communion | |
| Thursday 3rd July | 9.15am  1.30pm | St Cuthbert’s Halsall St Cuthbert’s Halsall | | Morning Prayer  Said Holy Communion with prayers for healing | |
| **Sunday 6th July**  **Third Sunday after Trinity** | 8.00am | St Thomas’ Lydiate | | Said BCP Holy Communion | |
| 9.30am | St Cuthbert’s Halsall | | **OUTDOOR COMMUNION SERVICE** | |
| 11.00am | St Thomas’ Lydiate | | Common Worship Holy Communion | |
| Wednesday 9th July | 11.00am | St Thomas’ Lydiate | | Said CW Holy Communion | |
| Thurs 10th July | **Sorry NO midweek services at St Cuthbert’s** | | | | |
| **Sunday 13th July**  **Fourth 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 | | **Outdoor Church parade on Parish field** | |
| Weds 16th July | 11.00am | St Thomas’ Lydiate | | Said CW Holy Communion | |
| Thurs 17th July | 9.15am  1.30pm | St Cuthbert’s Halsall  St Cuthbert’s Halsall | | Morning Prayer in choir vestry  Said Holy Communion with prayers for healing in choir vestry | |
| **Sunday 20th July**  **Fifth Sunday after Trinity** | 8.00am | St Thomas Lydiate | | Said BCP Holy Communion | |
| **10.30am** | **Joint Service along with St Mark’s Scarisbrick**  **Hollin House Green Farm, Back Lane, Aughton, L31 4EA** | | | |
| Weds 23rd July | 11.00am | St Thomas’ Lydiate | | Said CW Holy Communion | |
| Thursday 24th July | 9.15am  1.30pm | St Cuthbert’s Halsall  St Cuthbert’s Halsall | | Morning Prayer  Said Holy Communion with prayers for healing | |
| **Sunday 27th July**  **Sixth 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 Eucharist | |
| Wednesday 30th July | 11.00am | St Thomas’ Lydiate | | Said CW Holy Communion | |
| Thursday 31st July | 9.15am  1.30pm | St Cuthbert’s Halsall  St Cuthbert’s Halsall | | Morning Prayer  Said Holy Communion with prayers for healing | |
| **Sunday 3rd August**  **Seventh Sunday after Trinity** | 8.00am | | St Thomas’ Lydiate | | Said BCP Holy Communion |
| 9.30am | | St Cuthbert’s Halsall | | BCP Holy communion |
| 11.00am | | St Thomas’ Lydiate | | CW Holy communion |
| **Saturday July 26th Rector Susan is abseiling off Liverpool Cathedral**  to raise funds for disabled access project for St Cuthbert’s  A large building with a tall tower with Liverpool Cathedral in the background  AI-generated content may be incorrect.  She would welcome your prayers as well as your sponsorship, as she hates heights!  [**https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/susan-salt**](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/susan-salt)    *Looking Further ahead*  **Duck Race at the Saracens Head, Halsall**  Bank Holiday Monday 25th August 2-5pm. Fun for all the family.    *A thought to ponder*  Where you can, use your LOAF to make a difference*: Go* ***L****ocal, Go* ***o****rganic, go* ***a****nimal friendly, go* ***f****airly traded*  *Please do pick up one of the leaflets in church about how we can live more gently on our beautiful planet*. | | | | | |
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