**June 2025**

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| ***Letter from the Rector*** | | | | | |
| *The Rector writes.*  How clean is your car? It can hardly be worse than mine. Sometimes this can be a blessing. Recently I was rummaging in the boot when I spotted an errant till receipt. It was dated 24th March this year, from the Tesco filling station in Porthmadog.    Suddenly I was transported back to the short break Neil and I had in Portmeirion. The first day was a bit grey and rather chilly, but this was followed by a couple of glorious sunny days as we enjoyed the beautiful scenery of North Wales and the immense pleasure of being looked after for a few days.  Ordinary things have the power to transport us to remarkable times and places. That is one of the reasons why our churches inspires so many. It is not just the buildings, but also the objects within them, often dedicated to a long-dead relatives, that tell a story. It is the ordinary as well as the extra-ordinary that can transport us beyond ourselves.  This is at the heart of our familiar sacrament of Holy Communion. A piece of bread, that would normally pass us by as uninteresting, is transformed into something that speaks of the eternal love of God; something mundane that opens the spiritual channel between us and God, that brings to mind the whole Gospel account of the sacrificial love of Jesus Christ. Another world opens for us in a small piece of bread and the merest sip of wine.    The incredible thing is that God can also work the same way through each one of us. When we are attuned to the presence of God in our lives, we mere mortals become vessels in which the Holy Spirit finds a home and through which the light of Christ shines, to bring hope to the people we encounter. Each one of us has the potential to bring to life a world of love and hope as we go about our daily lives. That is at the heart of building community - and was at the heart of our ‘growing together’ weekend in May at St Cuthbert’s and will be during the flower festival at St Thomas’ later in June. *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.    **Every Tuesday 10.30am -12 midday, St Thomas’ Parent and Toddler Group Lydiate Guide Centre**  You will be assured of a warm welcome.    **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 10th June 7.30-8.30pm** - **Prayer meeting for the United Benefice**  led by Rev Glen Gardner at 26 Mayfayre Ave, Lydiate L31 4EA. All welcome    **Tuesday 24th June 7.30pm – 8.30pm St Cuthbert’s School, Christian Chatter**  *I wonder what it would feel like if…*    **St Thomas’s Flower Festival - Friday 27th to Sunday 29th June, exploring the theme of the family**  Come and see the displays put together by local schools, uniformed organisations and church groups.  Tea and cake, church trails and quizzes. | | | | | |
| **Services for June 2025** | | | | | |
| *Date* | *Time* | *Place* | | *Service* | |
| **Sunday 1st June**  **Seventh Sunday of Easter** | 8.00am | St Thomas’ Lydiate | | Said BCP Holy Communion | |
| 9.30am | St Cuthbert’s Halsall | | BCP Holy communion with church without walls | |
| 11.00am | St Thomas’ Lydiate | | Common Worship Holy Communion | |
| Wednesday 4th June | 11.00am | St Thomas’ Lydiate | | Said CW Holy Communion | |
| Thurs 5th June | 9.15am  1.30pm | St Cuthbert’s Halsall  St Cuthbert’s Halsal | | Morning Prayer  Said Holy Communion with prayers for healin | |
| **Sunday 8th June**  **Pentecost Sunday** | 8.00am | St Thomas’ Lydiate | | Said BCP Holy Communion | |
| 9.30am | St Cuthbert’s Halsall | | CW Holy Communion | |
| 11.00am | St Thomas’ Lydiate | | Church Parade for Pentecost | |
| 4.00pm | St Cuthbert’s Halsall | | Teddy bear praise and picnic | |
| Weds 11th June | 11.00am | St Thomas’ Lydiate | | Said CW Holy Communion | |
| Thurs 12th June | 9.15am  1.30pm | St Cuthbert’s Halsall  St Cuthbert’s Halsall | | Morning Prayer  Said Holy Communion with prayers for healing | |
| **Sunday 15th June**  **Trinity Sunday** | 8.00am | St Thomas Lydiate | | Said BCP Holy Communion | |
| 9.30am | St Cuthberts, Halsall | | BCP Holy Communion with Messy Church | |
| 11.00am | St Thomas’ Lydiate | | Common Worship Holy Communion | |
| Weds 18th June | 11.00am | St Thomas’ Lydiate | | Said CW Holy Communion | |
| Thursday 19th June | 9.15am  1.30pm | St Cuthbert’s Halsall  St Cuthbert’s Halsall | | Morning Prayer  Said Holy Communion with prayers for healing | |
| **Sunday 22nd June**  **First 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 25th June | 11.00am | St Thomas’ Lydiate | | Said CW Holy Communion | |
| Thursday 26th June | 9.15am  1.30pm | St Cuthbert’s Halsall  St Cuthbert’s Halsall | | Morning Prayer  Said Holy Communion with prayers for healing | |
| **Sunday 29th June**  **Second Sunday after Trinity**  ***Joint service*** | 8.00am | | St Thomas’ Lydiate | | Said BCP Holy Communion |
| **10.30am** | | St Thomas’ Lydiate | | CW Holy Communion, with Rev Penny Stradling  *No service at St Cuthbert’s* |
| ***Looking further ahead.***  **Sunday July 20th 10.30am Joint outdoor service** atHollin House Farm, Back Lane, Aughton, L39 6SX  Come and bless the crops, watch the tractors drive themselves, enjoy some homemade crisps..!  Please sign up so we have numbers  **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)    *A thought to ponder*  Let's take delight in creation – God’s free gift to us.  This is all that we truly need for our own fulfilment!  Say a prayer of thanks before each meal. Enjoy your own local patch of nature.  *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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