Darwen, Saint Cuthbert's with Tockholes, Saint Stephen's
THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT - PASSION SUNDAY
22nd March 2026

(SC) = Saint Cuthbert's, (SS) = Saint Stephen's, (BCP) = Book of Common Prayer

Today	✠ **THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT - PASSION SUNDAY** 8.00am Eucharist (SC) **10.30am Sung Eucharist (SC)** 6.00pm Stainer's Crucifixion sung by our parish church choir (SC)
Monday	*Readings: Susanna 1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62; Psalm 23; John 8:1-11*
Tuesday	*Readings: Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 102:1-3,16-23; John 8:21-30*
Wednesday	*Readings: Isaiah 7:10-14;Psalm 40:5-11;Hebrews 10:4-10;Luke 1:26-38* **10.00am Eucharist (BCP) (SC)**
Thursday	*Readings: Genesis 17:3-9; Psalm 105:4-9; John 8:51-end* 6.15pm Quiet time with the Blessed Sacrament (SC) **7.00pm Eucharist (SC)** followed by the Lenten Study Group
Friday	*Readings: Jeremiah 20:10-13; Psalm 18:1-6; John 10:31-end* 6.00pm Stations of the Cross (SC)
Saturday	*Readings: Ezekiel 37:21-end; John 11:45-end* **9.30am Eucharist (SC)** *followed by PCC meeting* 12noon Big church clean – inside and out until 4pm
Next Sunday	✠ **PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION** *Readings: Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 22; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66* 8.00am Eucharist (SC) 9.15am Eucharist (SS) **10.30am Sung Eucharist (SC)** 6.00pm Chrism Mass (Rishton, Saint Peter and Saint Paul)

Please pray for the whole world community and for those specifically:

The Sick:

Of Immediate Concern: Meena's Dad, Harry Sharples, Ann Treadwell, Megan, Paul Foster, Kevin Hegarty.

Long-term: Vicky Stiles, Lucas, Emma, Margaret Young, Judith Helme, Robin Lang.

Years Mind: Jacqueline Young, Jack Boardman, Hannah Hulme (22nd), Annie Stokes (23rd), Thomas Calderbank (26th), William Bury, Rudolph Compsty, Lydia Proctor (27th), Steven Byron, Frank Barnes, Ann Reeves, Alice Owen, Jean Knowles (28th).

NOTICES

QUIZ NIGHT - was excellent. Just short of 50 people attended and had a great time. Much chatter and laughter. Well done to baby Edward's family for winning. Thank you all for attending and for those who helped set up and pack away. A grand total of £407.50 was raised for church funds.

STAINER'S CRUCIFIXION - will be performed by our own church choir TONIGHT Sunday 22nd March at 6pm in Saint Cuthbert's church. Free to attend. Please join us for a beautiful way to start Passiontide and bring a friend. If anyone needs a lift to and from please speak to Father Nick, Tracey or Matthew. It will be lovely to see you all.

PCC MEETING - next Saturday 28th March after the 9.30am service.

BIG CLEAN – our wonderful cleaning team are doing an excellent job of keeping our church clean and tidy. THIS Saturday 28th March from 12noon until 4pm we are going to do a big clean and tidy inside and outside of Saint Cuthbert's church. Please, please join us to get our church looking even more splendid in time for Easter. Even if you can only spare an hour or if your skill is brewing up – many hands make light work. Hopefully the weather will be good so we can tidy up outside as well. We are hoping to do the very high level cleaning on Friday 27th from 7pm to get the dust down to ground level.

PEBBLE PAINTING - we would like to paint some pebbles with positive thoughts, smiley faces and other things to make people smile. The idea is to do this and then leave them in various places in the woods when we walk the stations on Good Friday morning. The Sunday school will be painting some this morning. Pebbles and acrylic pens will be available after the 8am and the 10.30am services for you to paint a pebble over a brew.

PALM SUNDAY - next Sunday 29th March. We will start our 10.30am service at Saint Cuthbert's Close with the procession of palms.
EASTER VIGIL - on Holy Saturday (4th April) will be followed by a light buffet. Please can you have a look at the list in the North aisle and sign up to bring some food. If there is anything not on the list that you would like to bring then please just add it on.
QUIET TIME WITH EXPOSITION - every Thursday at 6.15pm in Saint Cuthbert's church. Time to pause in a busy world and collect our thoughts in front of the Blessed Sacrament.
LENTEN STUDY COURSE - every Thursday after the 7pm service. We are following Bishop Philip's 5 part Lenten course "Knowing Jesus". We will finish around 8:45pm with prayer. Everyone is welcome to all the course or whatever sessions you can attend. Please join us for some fabulous teaching and discussion.
STATIONS OF THE CROSS - every Friday at 6pm. We follow in the steps of Jesus on the way to the cross.
HOLY WEEK - Please attend as many of these services as you can, especially Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, as following in the way of Jesus on these days makes the resurrection so much more meaningful.
Monday 30th March - Said Eucharist at 7pm (SC)
Tuesday 31st March - Said Eucharist at 7pm (SC)
Wednesday 1st April - BCP said Eucharist at 10am(SC) AND Stations of the Cross at 7pm(SS)
Maundy Thursday - Sung Eucharist at 8pm (SC) with washing of feet and watch until midnight.
Good Friday - 10am - Stations in Sunnyhurst Woods. 2pm - Liturgy of the Passion with the veneration of the cross (SC), 9pm - Compline (SC).
Holy Saturday - vigil beginning at 8pm (SC).
EASTER DAY - Sunday 5th April. 8am and 10.30am Eucharist services at Saint Cuthbert's and 9.15am Eucharist service at Saint Stephen's.
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY –
SCADS AGM - Wednesday 8th April at 6.30pm in Saint Cuthbert's school.
SCADS INTEREST EVENING - Wednesday 8th April at 7pm in Saint Cuthbert's school. Please come along if you are interested in joining us for this year's murder/mystery, play or Panto. More details to follow.
PANTO AUDITIONS - Sunday 19th April from 2pm in Saint Cuthbert's school.
POP-UP CAFÉ - is back! Open from 11am until 2pm ish on Saturday 4th April at Saint Stephen's, Tockholes.
OPEN CHURCH – Saint Cuthbert's church will be open every Saturday from 10am until 4pm.
NOTICES - if you wish to add items to this sheet please email Tracey by the end of Thursday

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DARWEN FOOD LARDER – not just food – anything that people need in every day life. Please place donations on the pew by the North door.

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DONATIONS TO CHURCH FUNDS – Plate, card reader by the door or bank transfer.
The church bank details are:- Name: St Cuthberts with St Stephens PCC, sort code: 30-90-87 and account number: 00030405. If you pay tax the church can claim that back on any donations made. Please speak to the Churchwardens for more information.

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