

Darwen, Saint Cuthbert's with Tockholes, Saint Stephen's

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

19th April 2026

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

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| Today | ✕ THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 8.00am Eucharist (SC) 9.15am Eucharist (SS) 10.30am Sung Eucharist (SC) 6.00pm Choral Evensong (BCP) (SC) |
| Monday | <i>Readings: Acts 6:8-15; Psalm 119:17-24; John 6:22-29</i> |
| Tuesday | <i>Readings: Acts 7:51-8:1a; Psalm 31:1-5,16; John 6:30-35</i> |
| Wednesday | <i>Readings: Acts 8:1b-8; Psalm 66:1-6; John 6:35-40</i> 10.00am Eucharist (BCP) (SC) |
| Thursday | SAINT GEORGE <i>Readings: Revelation 12:7-12; Psalm 126; 2 Timothy 2:3-13; John 15:18-21</i> 7.00pm Eucharist (SC) |
| Friday | <i>Readings: Acts 9:1-20; Psalm 117; John 6:52-59</i> |
| Saturday | SAINT MARK <i>Readings: 1 Peter 5:5-14; Psalm 89; Mark 16:15-20</i> 9.30am Eucharist (SC) |
| Next Sunday | ✕ THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Readings: Acts 2:14a,36-41; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10</i> 8.00am Eucharist (SC) 10.30am Sung Eucharist (SC) |

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

The Sick:

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

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

Recently Departed: Bryan Wiggans, Owen Battye, Alan Entwistle, Father Russell Ashworth.

Years Mind: Sarah Annie Neale, Phaedra Jenkins (19th), Rachel Sutton, Albert Gregson (20th), Eric Whittaker (21st), Susan Adlum (22nd), John Leonard Garratt (23rd), Geoffrey Lord (24th), John Banks (25th).

NOTICES

PANTO AUDITIONS - TODAY, Sunday 19th April at 2pm in Saint Cuthbert's school. If you are even just a little bit interested please get to school for 2pm and have a look through the parts.

CHORAL EVENSONG - TONIGHT at 6pm. Please come along and join in the most beautiful service of Choral evensong, sung by our wonderful church choir.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - ***posties required!*** we are dropping a postcard through every door in the Saint Cuthbert's part of the parish asking the residents to complete a questionnaire regarding their thoughts and ideas for the church building. These are available TODAY, Sunday 19th April and we hope that people will take a pile to deliver, in the same way as we deliver all the Christmas cards. In a follow up to this we will be holding COFFEE MORNINGS on Saturday 16th Saturday 30th May from 10am until 12noon, inviting the people of the parish to join us and offering help with the questionnaire if needed. Please try to get to these coffee mornings to welcome everyone.

MOTHERS' UNION - Thank you to everyone who continue to supply items for the Hospital and WISH centre. Three bags of goodies went off to the WISH centre recently. They really do appreciate these donations. We have a good supply of most items apart from shampoo, shower gel and the draw string bags that can be found on supermarket fruit and veg stalls. They are also glad to have children's items-books in good condition, drawing pads, colouring

books, crayons and soft toys. Our contact for the WISH centre is Mrs. Pauline Gerraghty, who is a trustee for the WISH Center and Lancashire Women. Pauline lives locally and will be speaking about both charities at our next MU meeting on THIS TUESDAY, APRIL 21st at 2pm. NB Non members are very welcome.

JIGSAW NIGHT - Saturday 25th April, 7pm start. Tickets are free however donations will be accepted. Bar, refreshments and nibbles. Looking for teams of 4-8 and each team will compete over the night to complete their jigsaw (500 piece) first. Or we stop at a selected time if nobody has completed theirs and the closest to completion wins. There is a list in the North aisle to sign up. We need names so that we have an idea of the number of people we are accommodating. Thank you.

BIG DAY OUT - On Saturday 16 May 2026 the whole Diocese are invited to have a 'Big Day Out' together in the centre of Blackpool; They will be hosting activities for children of all ages with games, crafts and stories. They are running sessions for teenagers and grown-ups from sport workshops to live music and more. In the afternoon, they will have a giant picnic before all coming together for a celebration service on St John's Square outside the Winter Gardens. If you are interested in joining in please go the Blackburn Diocesan website and follow the links or speak to Father Nicholas.

POP-UP CAFÉ - Saturday 2nd May from 11am until 2pm at Saint Stephen's. Please join us for lovely food, excellent cakes and great company.

WHALLEY MOTHERS UNION DEANERY FESTIVAL - is being held in Saint Cuthbert's church on Wednesday May 6th at 7pm. Everyone is welcome.

MURDER MYSTERY - SCADS will be putting on their next production on Friday 8th and Saturday 9th May starting at 7pm in Saint Cuthbert's church. There are two versions of the Murder Mystery so please feel free to attend both nights if you wish.

ASCENSION DAY - Thursday 14th May - there will be a Sung Eucharist service at 7pm. If you need a lift to this service please speak to the Wardens or the Vicar.

SCADS WORK DAY - the next work day will be on Saturday 16th May from 10am until 4pm. Please bob into school and lend a helping hand. There is plenty to do.

APCM - the annual parish meetings will take place on Sunday 17th May after the 10.30am service.

WALKING TREASURE HUNT - our May social / fundraising event will be a walking treasure hunt led by Jane on Saturday 23rd May starting at 1.30pm. Please get the date in your diary.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:-

POP UP CAFÉ - Saturday 6th June

TRILLS CONCERT - Sunday 14th June at 3pm

PLAY - Comedy called "In a Hole" - Friday 19th and Saturday 20th June

POP UP CAFÉ - Saturday 4th July

BARBECUE - Sunday 12th July

SCADS WORK DAY - Saturday 18th July

NOTICES - if you wish to add items to this sheet please email Tracey by the end of Thursday

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.

[Useful information](#)

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