



# A warm welcome to all

June 2026

## Letter from the Rector

The Rector writes:

It's that time of the year when change is in the air. Crops are rapidly growing and there is new life everywhere, including the young rabbits eating everything in the vicarage garden. With the lengthening days there seems to be so much to explore and discover. For some, early summer is the season of examinations and end of term assessments. For others it is the time for a well-earned break. For many young adults it is the time look to new horizons as they think about college, university, an apprenticeship, or embarking on the first steps of a career.

Change, even when brought about for good reasons, is unsettling. Facing change is even more difficult when forced on us through losing a job, ill-health or the death of someone important to us. It can feel like the world is against us and that no one cares. For many, the sense of overwhelming despair and isolation is hard to bear. Our faith calls us to be alongside each other in times of change. Not to offer advice or solutions, but to listen and be enriched by our shared experiences and mutual story telling.

The Bible recognises that change is unavoidable and does not shy away from acknowledging how hard it can be. *"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.*

*Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult" (Psalm 46: 1-3)*

The psalms reflect a determination to trust in God's promise that He is always with them, even in the most challenging circumstances. They inspire us to do the same, both on our own and when we gather for worship.

We are living through a time of huge change and upheaval. From the expanding role of artificial intelligence in our lives to the challenge of managing social media, from drone warfare to climate change. We are living in a time where angry voices appear to dominate public conversations in society and even in the Church. We need to hold on to God's promises and place our hope in Him who stands by us amid the uncertainty. For us that must mean continuing to be thankful, generous and hospitable; valuing everyone in our church and community, with their stories of hope and challenge. *Every blessing, Susan*



**Every Tuesday 10am to 11.30am (approx.)**

**Memorial Hall, Halsall (whilst work on path is ongoing)**

Come and chat, have a brew, ponder life and, if you want to, bring your own craft to make.

Meet old friends and make some new ones



**St Thomas's Parent and Toddlers,**

**Restarts Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June, 10.30am -12 midday Millennium Centre.**

£4 a family towards refreshments and craft



**Every Wednesday 12.30 – 2.30pm (approx), in the Millennium Centre**

**St Thomas' Warm Welcome.**

A simple lunch followed by time to chat, laugh or simply be. All welcome.



**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June, Open Garden as part of the National Garden Scheme**

173 Bescar Lane, Scarisbrick, L40 9QR, 10.30am to 4pm in aid of St Cuthbert's Church funds



**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June, Curry and Quiz night 7.30-9.30pm,**

St Thomas' Millennium Centre. £5 a ticket. Proceeds for St Thomas' Church. Families welcome.

See Val Blakemore for more information.

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## **St Cuthbert's**

**In St Cuthbert's School during the path work**

9.30am. Holy Communion

(1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays, Book of Common Prayer)

*In term time, alongside the main service:*

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, Church Without Walls

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, Messy Church

## **St. Thomas**

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### **Regular midweek services:**

Wednesdays	11am	St Thomas's, Said Holy Communion
Thursdays	9.15 am	St Cuthbert's, Said Morning Prayer <b>in The Bakehouse</b>
	1.30 pm	St Cuthbert's, Said Holy Communion with prayers for healing <b>(held at St Thomas's during the work on the path)</b>



### **'Thoughtful Tuesday Evenings' 7.30pm St Thomas' Millennium Centre.**

Have you ever wondered about prayer, how we live out our faith in the world, or what the Bible is all about..?

On the second, third and fourth Tuesday of the month we gather to do just that.

Tuesday June 9<sup>th</sup> We pray for the world and our community

Tuesday June 16<sup>th</sup> To be confirmed

Tuesday June 23<sup>rd</sup> We continue to explore Paul's Letter to the Colossians



### **Eco Church**

#### **Come and think about the climate challenges we are facing**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June, Halsall Memorial Hall 7 to 9pm

Watch a screening of the "People's emergency briefing" – a 45-minute film that explores the threat posed by our changing climate in a calm and evidence-based way.

The film is supported by the Church of England and other organisations including the Royal Meteorological Society.

You need a ticket, which is free. Book using this link <https://buytickets.at/thebeesandbutterfliesbrigade/2186880>



### **Saturday July 11<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm – Liverpool Renaissance Singers are coming to St Cuthbert's**

O Taste and See: a journey through the golden age of polyphony.

Tickets £10 with refreshments post-concert.

Proceeds to the choir and St Cuthbert's Church



### **Both PCCs have signed up to the inclusive church network**

We know there are many barriers to enabling people to come to church as well as feel part of it, from heating to sound systems, from all-age worship to the issues of steps and pews...

You will start to see the above logo being used around our churches as well as the logo for the LGBTQ+ community.

If you have any questions, please talk to Susan.

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