



A warm welcome to all

July 2026

Letter from the Rector

The Rector writes:

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your love and support as we, as a family, navigated the death of my father-in-law Alan last month. With the help and support of the District Nursing service and local GP along with your prayers, we were able to grant his wish to die at home. Thank you.

I have been reflecting on how powerful kindness is. Kind and gentle questions can encourage, heal, and strengthen, while careless ones sometimes unintentionally cause pain and doubt. Jesus was the master of compassionate conversations. Think of the woman healed by touching the hem of his cloak, or Jairus the leader of synagogue whose daughter he healed. Compassionate conversations can still be challenging but when done with care and empathy can help us reflect and grow. Think of the Samaritan woman Jesus met at the well, or Zaccheus in his tree.

One key element of Jesus' interactions was his gift of compassionate listening. He intuitively knew the needs of those he encountered. He gave those he met space and the chance to feel safe enough to be honest. If you explore the gospels you see Jesus holding individuals to account for their actions, but never in a way that undermines or shames.

When we truly listen, we show others that they are valued, understood, and loved. Listening with patience and empathy allows us to bear one another's burdens and grow together in unity and grace.

May we seek to speak with kindness, listen with compassion, and build one another up in all that we do. In this way, we become a living witness to the love of Christ among us. This is part of our journey as an inclusive church. Every blessing, Susan



Every Tuesday 10am to 11.30am (approx.)

Memorial Hall, Halsall (whilst work on path is ongoing) and then in the choir vestry.

(keep an eye on social media for news about location)

Come and chat, have a brew, ponder life. Meet old friends and make some new ones



St Thomas's Parent and Toddlers takes a break after Tuesday July 14th, restarting 15th September



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.



Saturday July 11th 7.30pm – Liverpool Renaissance Singers are coming to St Cuthbert's

Come and experience music that would have been sung when St Cuthbert's was first built.

Tickets £10 with refreshments post-concert. Pay on the door. Proceeds to the choir and St Cuthbert's Church



Sunday 12th July 11am Church Parade Outdoor Service followed by a family fun day on the Parish Field

Come along and celebrate our world in all its amazing diversity and then stay and have some family fun.



Saturday 18th July 2-4pm in the Woodland area of St Cuthbert's Graveyard

Strawberry tea and family fun. All welcome.



Sunday July 19th St Thomas' Talent Show and cream tea 3pm (suggestion donation £5)

To support Mary as she raises funds to go on the Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Ghana

Come along and support our youngsters, sing some favourite hymns and enjoy a scone or two!

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St Cuthbert's

In St Cuthbert's School during the path work

9.30am. Holy Communion

(1st & 3rd Sundays, Book of Common Prayer)

5th July Outdoor service for all, with Church without walls (indoors if poor weather)

19th July Messy Church in the choir vestry – last one until September

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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
	1.30 pm	St Cuthbert's, Said Holy Communion with prayers for healing



'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 July 14th We pray for the world and our community

Tuesday July 21st Rev Canon Mal Rogers - Triangle of Hope and the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Ghana

Tuesday June 23rd We finish our exploration of Paul's Letter to the Colossians



Eco Church

On June 15th the Butterflies and Bees Brigade showed the film *People's Emergency Briefing*. It presented the latest evidence on the climate crisis in an accessible format and featured interviews by leading experts with reactions from members of the public and celebrities. If you want to know more, please speak to Susan or Clare Edwards.

As churches we continue to think how we can make changes to support our planet and reduce our carbon footprint.

Leaving St Cuthbert's Church building open for the community

With the completion of the path, we are planning to leave the church open during the day as a

Pilgrim Place from around 9am to around 4pm on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Can you help us keep the building open on other days? See Sue Goldstraw.



We are grateful to **St Cuthbert's school** who have kindly allowed church to use the school car park on Sundays to relieve some of the pressure on Sundays around car parking. If you are able to walk from school to Church then please leave the road for those who need to be closer to church. Thank you.

At St Thomas' Church please park responsibly and please use the church car park if you can.

Please do not double park on Church Lane as it stops farm vehicles getting through.



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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