

# THE SIGN

MARCH 2026



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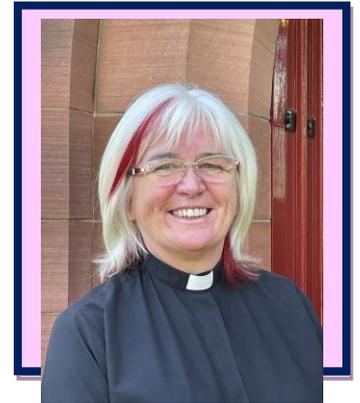
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***Front Page Photo –***

The Lady Chapel is dedicated to Mary, the mother of Jesus.

***Photograph: Louise Stobie***

**MARCH 2026**



Dear Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to begin by welcoming our Bishop-Elect to the Diocese. You will find further information about Bishop Dagmar following this letter. It was a privilege for Andrew Daye and me to take part in the election, alongside the rest of the Electoral Synod, and we look forward to welcoming her to St Cuthbert's after her consecration.

How fitting that we moved from that mountaintop experience into the wilderness of Lent. It seemed to arrive so quickly, and now we begin the long journey towards Golgotha. I do not know whether you chose to give something up for Lent this year, but my thoughts were drawn to those of Pope Leo XIV, which you will find later in the magazine.

March is a busy month for me. I will be attending my annual retreat with those I studied alongside at Cranmer Hall, Durham. We make a practice of gathering in a cathedral city each year, and this time we will be meeting in Norwich. Later in the month, I will travel to the Diocese of Espoo to present at both a Leadership Training Seminar and a Students' Seminar, together with the Revd Pip Blackledge from Melrose. We will also both be preaching on the Sunday before flying home that same evening.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to strengthen the friendship and connection between our dioceses. I am especially looking forward to seeing Jaakko Niilles again, who preached with us at All Souls' last year. I am very grateful to the Revd Margaret and the Revd Cletus for covering the Sundays while I am away.

Just as quickly as Lent arrived, Easter will soon be upon us. On Easter Day there will be three services, beginning at 6.30am. I do hope you will be able to join us for at least one of them.

Finally, for your information, Marie will now be working mainly from home. She is contracted for 12 hours per week, usually Monday to Wednesday, and will be in the office when required. We have been trialling this arrangement over recent months, and it has worked well for both Marie and the Vestry. We will continue to review it as we move forward.

Wishing you a Holy Lent.

*Every blessing*

*Nicki*



## **New Bishop Elected for our Diocese**



**The Right Reverend Dr Dagmar Winter was elected, 14 February 2026, as the new Bishop of Edinburgh. She will take up her new post later in the year.**

Bishop Dagmar becomes the Bishop-Elect of Edinburgh following the retirement in August 2025 of the Rt Rev Dr John Armes who served as Bishop of Edinburgh for 13 years.

The Bishop-Elect accepted the post following a meeting of the Electoral Synod in St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, where she received over half of the votes in each house, with clergy and lay representatives from congregations across the diocese voting.

Bishop Dagmar currently serves as the Bishop of Huntingdon, a suffragan bishop in the Diocese of Ely. Since 2023 she is also Acting Bishop of Ely.

She is Vice-President of the Conference of European Churches which runs a number of projects, especially *Pathways to Peace*, a coordinated response of the European church fellowship to the Russian invasion of Ukraine. With a particular interest in New Testament scholarship, she has contributed to a number of English and German books and journals.

Bishop Dagmar, who is of British and Swiss-German descent, studied at the Universities of Erlangen, Aberdeen and Heidelberg. She was ordained as deacon in 1996 and as priest in 1997 in the Diocese of Rochester. From 1995 to 1999 she served as curate at St Mark's, Bromley, Kent, and was Assistant Chaplain at Bromley Hospitals NHS Trust. From 1999 to 2006 she was Associate Vicar at Hexham Abbey and Deanery Training Officer in the Diocese of Newcastle. From 2006 to 2015 she was Priest-in-Charge of Kirkwhelpington with Kirkharle & Kirkheaton, and Cambo in Northumberland, and the Officer for Rural Affairs for the Diocese of Newcastle. In 2010 she became Area Dean of Morpeth and in 2011 Honorary Canon of Newcastle Cathedral. From 2012 to 2019 she was Bishop's Adviser for Women's Ministry, returning

in 2015 to Hexham Abbey as Rector and Lecturer. She was consecrated as a bishop in 2019.

Following the election, the Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church, the Most Rev Mark Strange, said:

“I am delighted to welcome Bishop Dagmar as Bishop-Elect into this new season of ministry in the Scottish Episcopal Church, and I am looking forward to welcoming her to the College of Bishops. The gifts she brings will enhance the life and mission of the Church.

“I would also like to thank everyone who took part in the process – those who offered themselves and tested their discernment, as well as members of the Electoral Synod, Diocesan Officers, Preparatory Committee, diocesan staff and Bishop Andrew, Convener of the Electoral Process, for their prayerful work.

“Please keep Bishop Dagmar in your prayers as we plan her installation and new beginnings in Scotland.”

The Bishop-Elect said:

“I am hugely honoured to have been elected as the next Bishop of Edinburgh and would like to thank most warmly all those involved in the thorough process, indeed, in electing me.

“I rejoice in the diversity and inclusivity of the Diocese of Edinburgh and can’t wait to get to know all the clergy and people in the charges from the Tweed to the Firth of Forth – your joys, your challenges, your opportunities. I firmly believe that the Scottish Episcopal Church has a unique voice to share in today’s world, and I am committed to supporting and encouraging all who contribute to its mission and ministry and to raising its profile further. I also look forward to joining the College of Bishops of the Scottish Episcopal Church.

“As I pray for you, please pray for me as I prepare to leave Ely and join you in Edinburgh.

“Only last night I confirmed some young people, preaching on John 20:19–end, and told them ‘as Jesus was sent, so he sends us’. It will be exciting to discover with you where God will lead us. The one who calls us is faithful – this is our joy, our hope and our strength.”

# Bishop's Lent Appeal 2026



**Aberlour Children's Charity  
helps Scotland's struggling  
children and families**

“At Aberlour Children's Charity we know that not all children are born with an equal chance. Together, we will be brave for children and families to over-come poverty, disadvantage and discrimination.”

Please bring any donations to church before the end of March in a separate envelope, marked ‘BLA’.



*Thank you!*

# VESTRY REPORT –

January 2026



- A short report from Heather was distributed by E-Mail prior to the meeting. Free will offering and standing orders are down as expected but overall donations from the congregation have been good. Income from hall rental is down this month but should improve during the New year. Fundraising did very well as we raised £1000 at the Christmas Fayre and £300 at the Christmas tea. Vestry thanks all those involved. Expenditure is within expected budget levels.
- This is the final above inflation catch up increase set by the General Synod for Rectors and is to be 6%. The Finance committee believe that a 4% increase is a fair rate for other staff, this being in line with the increase in the minimum wage announced in the last National Budget. After discussion with Philip Rossiter, organist rates will remain as they currently stand. Vestry approved the salary increases.
- Thank you emails and verbal thanks have been received by Vestry from the staff and volunteers that received Christmas gift cards.
- Megan raised the leaving of unaccompanied vulnerable people at Forget me Notes sessions. This will be discussed with Joan.
- All of Vestry now has their folders. From now on updates from the Province/OSCR will be sent out/provided by Julia.
- Vestry was encouraged to arrange meetings with Nicki as soon as possible to plan for their new roles.
- The Mission plan generally had approval and was thought thorough in the topics it covered. There was a short discussion on affording a new rector when Nicki retires.
- The Choir Vestry skylight has been repaired, and the cost was covered under the guarantee of previous work done. It is being monitored to ensure it no longer leaks in very wet, windy weather.
- The Rectory boilers are still not fully functional as the engineer is waiting for parts to arrive. Nicki is monitoring the moisture content of her bedroom wall where it adjoins the bathroom.
- Nicki said all the Christmas services went well and she has written to thank Philip for his support with the music and choir. The Carols at the

Colinton Inn went well but it would be good to know in future that either some members of the choir or congregation will be there for some support. Nine Lessons worked especially well as all the readers were from the community and some have asked if they can come again. More people than usual socialised afterwards and Porteous gave £100 towards refreshments.

- The Manor Care Home near Meggetland has offered to give Dementia training in church on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb at 11.30am, also providing refreshments as it will be over lunch time.
  - Nicki is away presenting at a leadership conference in Finland from 17 –23 March with Pip Blackledge from Melrose.
  - Nicki asked Vestry if they wanted a service of Light this year. The consensus was that they did and it will be at 6.30am.
  - Services for Holy Week and Easter will be: Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Palm Sunday, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April – usual Wednesday service, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Maundy Thursday 6pm, Sung Eucharist and washing of hands, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Good Friday (Church open from 12 for personal reflection), 2pm Liturgy of the Good Friday Sacrament, Easter Day – 6.30am, 8.30am & 10.30am Eucharists
- Nicki asked Vestry to make a list of things to cover at the Vestry training in March.

## **February 2026**

- An update of the accounts to December 2025 had been distributed by E-Mail. Heather explained that the income until the end of December 2025 just about covered the salary outgoings for that period but no other expenditure. Expenditure -the fixing of the rectory boilers is now completed and paid for. 3 months gift aid is about to be paid and £2500 from hall rental invoices is expected. An endowment income payment is due. All these will show as income in next month's report.
- The Energy Toolkit submission for 2025 has been done. We do have one of the highest CO2 outputs in the Diocese as we are dependent on Gas for our heating. We aim to try to reduce this over the coming year.
- We have received forms to complete our PVG audit.
- All of Vestry now have folders complete with updated documents.

- Nicki thanked Jayne for her work on the constitution and said that this will be sent to Vestry before the next meeting.
- Vestry approved the Mission Action Plan as a basis to begin to make plans at the Vestry Training afternoon in March. Nicki will send it to Jane McLaren so that she can read it ahead of the training session.
- Kay gave a short report from the new property group. The main issue is to get expert advice on repairs to the putty around the stained-glass windows. It is missing in places and water can get in. We will try to get three quotes. Nicki confirmed that all the roof work from the Quinquennial has been completed.
- There are two paving slabs that are wobbling and could be a hazard and one of the inner entrance hall doors is hard to open and probably needs shortening. Kay is to ask Ross to have a look at these.
- Nicki requested Vestry to think of items for the Vestry Training Day on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March (in the church approximately 1-3pm). This will be followed by a short Vestry meeting.
- Nicki confirmed that Marie now works mostly from home, coming into the office as needed.
- Steven McLeish has confirmed that he will come and talk on behalf of the Leprosy Charity in July.

*The full minutes are available from the Vestry Secretary. An electronic version can be requested by email, contact: [julia.roberts01@btinternet.com](mailto:julia.roberts01@btinternet.com)*

## **Weekly Pew Notices are YOUR notices!**

If you would like a note to be printed in the weekly pew notices, please send to Marie, Church Administrator by email – [stcuthbertscolinton@gmail.com](mailto:stcuthbertscolinton@gmail.com)

# St. Cuthbert's Gift Month



As we did last year, we are pleased to celebrate St. Cuthbert's Feast Day throughout March as a Gift Month. Your generous offerings during this time are most welcome and deeply appreciated.

If you would like to make a cash or cheque donation, please put it in an envelope, mark it '**St. Cuthbert's Gift**', and drop it into the office or in the collection plate on a Sunday.

If you would prefer to use the contactless card machine, please speak to Nicki.

All gifts help care for the church and support its mission and ministries serving our local community.



## Message for March from Revd Margaret.

As I write this article, despite patches of snow dotted about outside and a chill that prompts the wearing of layers of warm clothes indoors, the sun is shining, offering thoughts of spring. As the nineteenth century poet Gerard Manley Hopkins wrote, 'Nothing is so beautiful as Spring.' But why would he make this assertive observation?

A twenty first poet, Ann Lewin, offers an answer in her poem entitled 'Spring.' 'Underneath winter's struggle for survival Life waits to be born. After long periods of apparent desolation Shoots appear, and colour warms the earth, Gladdening the heart with hope.' The key she offers lies in the word 'hope,' a hope that for Christians builds up during this parallel season of Lent, when our reflections, our prayers, our desire to throw off the darkness of sin, lead us to the realisation of that hope, Easter Sunday and the Resurrection.

As we journey through Lent in pursuit of that hope, fasting from selfishness and reaching out to the distressed, giving to the afflicted in any way we can and praying in an intentional way for our own flawed souls and those suffering near and far, we cannot fail to see a corresponding burst of hope, of light appearing out of darkness, in the natural world around us. We see the increase of variegated colours and types of flowers, leaves bursting forth in the trees, and birds thronging garden feeders as they build their nests.

The nineteenth century poet Robert Browning started his poem 'Pippa Passes' with the words 'The year's at the spring' continuing further on with the often-quoted expression: 'God's in his heaven – All's right with the world.' Although

that may be merely naïve optimism as some people think, I believe that for those of us with faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, it conveys a deep belief that all that happens in the world is part of God's plan, that he is with us in the distresses, the disasters, the violence, willing all his children to accept the unlimited and undeserved generosity of the Resurrection and to work towards truth, love and justice for everyone.

To underscore our Lenten values, please join us on 5<sup>th</sup> March for our Thursday afternoon service, led by Caroline and entitled 'March 5<sup>th</sup> and Lenten Values,' placing these values within the framework of twentieth century world events. After the service you are warmly invited to share fellowship and refreshments in the church hall.

In the meantime, my love and blessings to you all as you journey in hope through Lent, encouraged by the blossoming of Spring.

*Margaret NSM.*



## March 2026 Music Notes

*Ave verum corpus* is a short Eucharistic chant that has been set to music by many composers, and dates back to the 13<sup>th</sup> century. It is a meditation on Christ's real presence in the sacrament, and makes particular reference to his suffering, making it well suited to use in the season of Lent.



Our choir at St Cuthbert's has four settings of the *Ave verum corpus* text in contrasting musical styles in its regular repertoire, including the most familiar ones by Mozart and Elgar. Sitting in the peace and quiet of a Majorcan church last September, with a recording of the setting by French operatic composer Charles Gounod playing quietly in the background, the idea came of having a month of contrasting settings of the text as the communion anthem on Sundays in Lent. To cover the five Sundays in March, we have therefore learnt a setting new to us by RL Pearsall, most famous for his setting of the Christmas words *In dulci jubilo*, who was born in Bristol, but spent much of his life working in Germany and Switzerland.

*Hail, true Body born of the Virgin Mary  
Which truly suffered and was sacrificed  
On the cross for the human race;  
From whose pierced side flowed water and blood,  
Be to us a foretaste in the trial of death.  
O dear Jesus, O holy Jesus,  
Jesus, son of Mary, have mercy on us.*

1 MARCH:	Ave verum corpus	-	Charles Gounod (1818-1893)
8 MARCH:	Ave verum corpus	-	Geoff Weaver (b.1943)
15 MARCH:	Ave verum corpus	-	Edward Elgar (1957-1934)
22 MARCH:	Ave verum corpus	-	WA Mozart (1756-1791)
29 MARCH (Palm Sunday):	Ave verum corpus	-	RL Pearsall (1796-1856)

***Philip Rossiter***



*St Cuthbert's, Colinton*  
*Evensong Services*  
*2026*

**at 5pm**

**19<sup>th</sup> April**

**24<sup>th</sup> May**

**28<sup>th</sup> June**

**All Welcome**





## Bible Teaching

Bishop Donald Allister (Bishop of Peterborough, 2010–2023), who has kindly covered some Sundays when I've been away, has a YouTube channel where he offers Bible teaching and preaching on most of the New Testament. If you would like to take a look,

you can find it here: <http://www.youtube.com/@feedmysheep2023>

Bishop Donald will also be joining us this summer to give a series of talks on the Gospels on four Tuesdays in July. More information to follow.

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## Lord's Prayer in Finnish

[edinburgh.anglican.org/the-porvoo-communion](http://edinburgh.anglican.org/the-porvoo-communion)

Isä meidän, joka olet taivaissa.

Pyhitetty olkoon sinun nimesi.

Tulkoon sinun valtakuntasi.

Tapahtukoon sinun tahtosi,

myös maan päällä niin kuin taivaassa.

Anna meille tänä päivänä

meidän jokapäiväinen leipämme.

Ja anna meille meidän syntimme anteeksi,

niin kuin mekin anteeksi annamme niille,

jotka ovat meitä vastaan rikkoneet.

Äläkä saata meitä kiusaukseen,

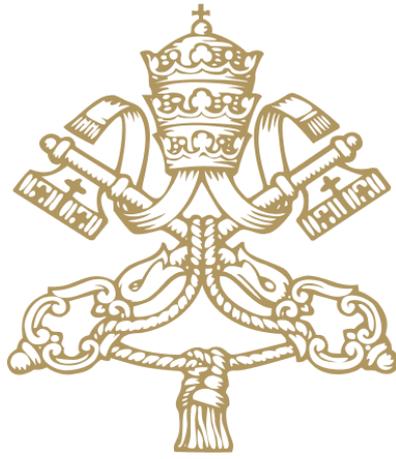
vaan päästä meidät pahasta.

Sillä sinun on valtakunta

ja voima ja kunnia iankaikkisesti.

Aamen.

(If you would like to join in this challenge, we can say the Lord's Prayer in Finnish at Pentecost. Nicki)



*Pope Leo XIV on Lent -*

*"I would like to invite you to a very practical and frequently unappreciated form of abstinence: that of refraining from words that offend and hurt our neighbor. Let us begin by disarming our language, avoiding harsh words and rash judgement, refraining from slander and speaking ill of those who are not present and cannot defend themselves. Instead, let us strive to measure our words and cultivate kindness and respect in our families, among our friends, at work, on social media, in political debates, in the media and in Christian communities. In this way, words of hatred will give way to words of hope and peace."*

*From the Vatican, 5 February 2026, Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr,  
LEO PP. XIV*



**MARCH 2026  
ROTAS**

# MARCH 2026 READINGS

## 1<sup>st</sup> March – Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12. 1-4a  
Romans 4. 1-5, 13-17  
John 3. 1-17

## 8<sup>th</sup> March – Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17. 1-7  
Romans 5. 1-11  
John 4. 5-26

## 15<sup>th</sup> March – Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)

1 Samuel 16. 1-13  
Ephesians 5. 8-14  
John 9. 13-41

## 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37. 1-14  
Romans 8. 6-11  
John 11. 17-45

## 29<sup>th</sup> March – Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50. 4-9a  
Philippians 2. 5-11  
Matthew 27. 11-54

## 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12. 1-4, 11-14  
1 Corinthians 11. 23-26  
John 13. 1-17, 31b-35

## 5<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Day

Jeremiah 31. 1-6  
Acts 10. 34-43  
Matthew 28. 1-10



# **THE SIGN MAGAZINE**

**Please note –**

**The deadline**

**for information and articles  
for the**

**APRIL 2026 issue**

**is**

**Sunday 15 March 2026**

**Please send to**

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**Thank you!**



**At St. Cuthbert's,  
Westgarth Avenue, Colinton**

**March Dates:**

**Monday 2nd**

**Monday 16th**

**2pm – 4pm**

Join us for an hour of music and memories.  
Bring a friend or come and meet new ones.

Followed by refreshments.

[forgetmenotes.org.uk](http://forgetmenotes.org.uk)

[stcuthbertscolinton.org.uk](http://stcuthbertscolinton.org.uk)

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*All Welcome*

# ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH DOOR



Brian and Ann Thornton



Gillian and Paul  
Brewer



Katie and Alex



Helena and Gus



Sarah and Luke

**How wonderful to have three generations of the same family married at St. Cuthbert's, all with photos at "The Door".**

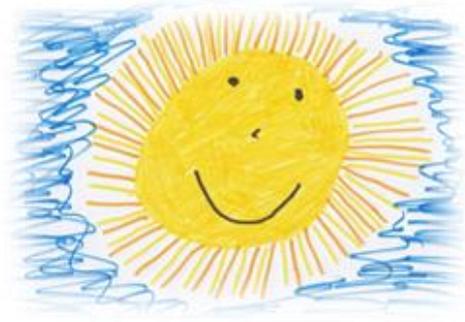
**If you have any photos you would like to share at the door of St. Cuthbert's please send them to Marie.**



Jennie and Ian  
Dickie



Hannah and Chris

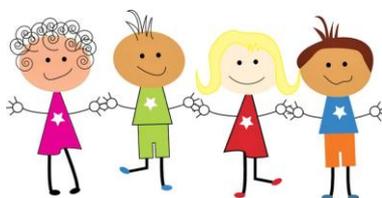


# St Cuthbert's Playgroup in the Church Hall

**Monday**                    **2<sup>nd</sup> March**  
**Monday**                    **9<sup>th</sup> March**  
Monday                    16<sup>th</sup> March –  
                                      (No playgroup this week)  
**Monday**                    **23<sup>rd</sup> March**  
**Monday**                    **30<sup>th</sup> March –**  
                                      (Last playgroup before Easter Holiday)

**10am - 11.30am - Every Monday**  
**(during school term time)**

**Only £2 per family**





## Gardening help needed at St. Cuthbert's

Would you like to be part of a friendly team helping to keep our gardens — and Colinton — looking beautiful?

We'd love to hear from you!

There's no need to be a member; everyone is welcome.

Revd Nicki McNelly  
0131 4417580



[stcuthbertsrector@gmail.com](mailto:stcuthbertsrector@gmail.com)



## *St Cuthbert's Bake Sale*

*On*

*Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March*

*Following the 10.30am service*

*All money raised will go to  
church funds*

*Donations of baked goods most welcome.  
Please speak to Joan for more information*



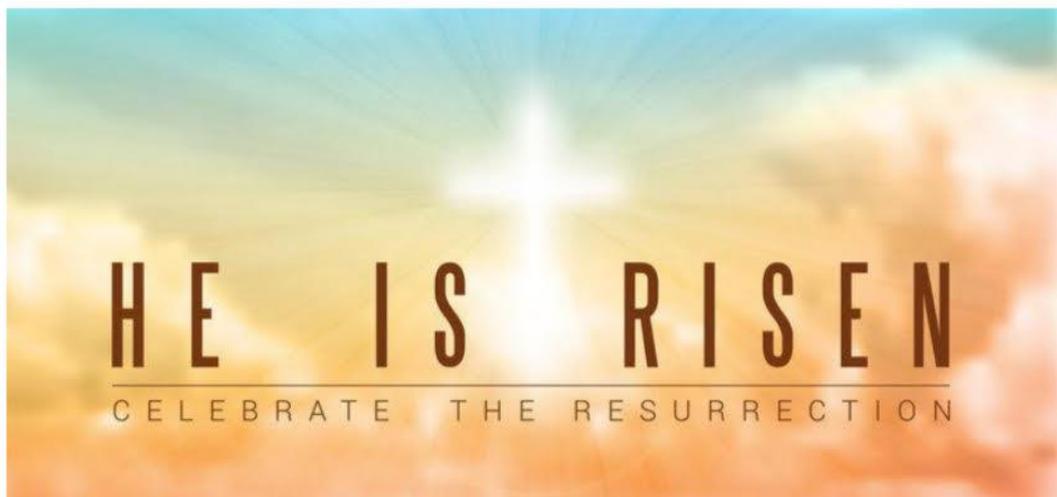
# Easter Day

## 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026

6.30am – Service of Light  
(Followed by croissants and coffee/tea –  
please inform Nicki if you are planning to  
attend)

8.30am – Said Eucharist

10.30am – Sung Eucharist  
(Followed by Prosecco)



## THE LEPROSY MISSION GREAT BRITAIN



I have paid in £83.54 following World Leprosy Day and subsequent collections in February. I will be collecting tubs again on Sunday 8 March.

The visit to the morning service from Steven McLeish, Scotland Country Head, will be on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July.

Prayers in the February prayer diary included a prayer from Champa Hospital, India where a young girl Nisha was treated, whose story is part of the present appeal for children with leprosy. Finding cases and providing treatment early is vital to prevent children's futures being overshadowed by disease, disability and discrimination.

Dr Ruby who leads Champa Hospital asks:

Please pray for the wellbeing of all our patients, and the staff that so faithfully serve them. Ask that the Lord will continue to bless our hospital with funding, so we can give people affected by leprosy the best possible care. We particularly pray that He will provide for the work to renovate old hospital wards and the hospital chapel.

The appeal has a special section of the website - [leprosymission.org.uk/IAMNisha](http://leprosymission.org.uk/IAMNisha) with stories and background to the appeal.

With thanks for your support of TLM's ongoing work in many countries.

*Kay Dalley*

Fruit and cheese.... Cheese and fruit....  
Partners in crime? Made in Heaven?

A simple supper all in one ready in minutes to munch  
Honestly - prep whilst oven heats up, pop it in, cut up the bread, lay out the  
plates and cutlery - sorted!

Hint:

Trim the top of the onion, then peel down to root and pull off the dry layer.  
Then trim the top.

When trimming the root end, be very gentle, leaving the knob of the root  
still there. Pop it on the chopping board, root up, and cut through the root  
(sharp knife!) to make the 12 wedges, each with a tad of root, so the layers  
stay together!

### **Fruity Baked Feta**

#### Ingredients

200 g block feta  
1 small red onion, cut into 12 wedges  
2 peaches or nectarines, stoned and cut into 8 wedges  
4 figs, halved  
2 sprigs tarragon, leaves picked  
25 g blanched hazelnuts, roughly chopped  
Pinch of chilli flakes  
2 tbsp. balsamic vinegar  
2 tbsp. extra virgin olive oil, plus extra to drizzle  
Crusty bread, and salad to serve

#### **Method**

Preheat oven to 200°C (180°C fan) mark 6.  
Lightly oil a medium ovenproof dish.  
Place feta in the centre and arrange onions, peaches and figs around it.  
Scatter over the tarragon, hazelnuts and chilli flakes  
then drizzle with the balsamic vinegar and oil.  
Season the fruit lightly with salt and pepper.  
Cook in oven for 20min, until fruit is tender and the feta has softened  
slightly to the touch.  
Drizzle with a little more olive oil and serve with crusty bread and a salad  
on the side.

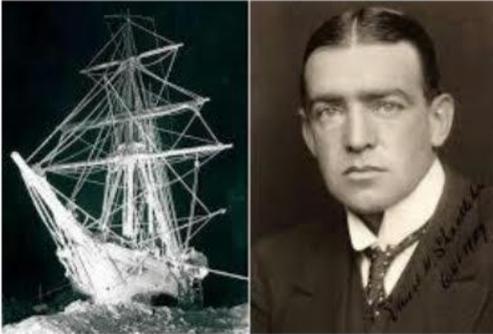
Bon appetit! Spring is coming!

**The Secret Baker**



**Thursday Afternoon Service: March 5th, 2026 at 2.30pm**

## **March 5<sup>th</sup> and Lenten Values**



**Please join us for this informal service**

**Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you there**

**Refreshments will be served after the service**

*Future services: Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>*

**The Thursday Service**  
**Maundy Thursday**  
**2 April 2026 at 2.30pm**



All are welcome

*Refreshments will be served after the service*

Future Services: Thursday 7 May & Thursday 4 June



## **THE PHOENIX GROUP**

We still plan to go to Liberton Golf Club for a buffet lunch at some point but nothing has been arranged as yet. We will liaise with Audrey Naden, a member there, and those interested to decide when to go and so, if you would like to be involved, please let one of us know.

We look forward to Caroline's Quiz on 9th March and are very grateful to her for organising and planning these fun events.

We would also welcome any suggestions for future gatherings.

*Margaret Kieran, Jean Myers and Margaret Temple*

**Heads up for the next Phoenix Group's (very light-hearted)  
Quiz**

**Monday, March 9th, 2026: 2pm to 4pm in  
the Church Hall**



**This will comprise 5 rounds of (hopefully) relatively straightforward questions, aimed at the older generation! In between rounds, tea and biscuits will be served and there will also be a free raffle. There will be plenty of opportunity to chat.**

**Please join us for a fun-filled afternoon. There is no need to get a team together, as we will sort you out on the day, as equitably as possible. Please put the date in your diaries and let Caroline know if you are coming. However, if you just turn up on the day, that's fine. Bring a friend!**

**All are welcome, men in particular! Nevertheless, there will NOT be a sports round (though there may be ONE sports question!)**

**This is a free event, but donations to church funds on the day would be very welcome.**

## **SPRING CONCERT AND SINGING IN THE SUMMER**

***PLEASE join us for our SPRING CONCERT on  
MONDAY 23rd MARCH at 8pm  
in the Memorial Hall at Merchiston Castle School.***

We are very pleased to say that we will be performing MOZART'S REQUIEM and that we will be accompanied not just by the excellent Morley Whitehead on the organ but also by a small orchestra, all under the direction of our inspiring Director of Music, Timothy Coleman.

Please note that the Concert will begin at the later time of 8 pm and that the main door of the Memorial Hall will open at 7.30 pm. Tickets £10 and £5 for under 16's will be available from choir members or at the door (cash only).

We are very grateful to MCS for the use of the Memorial Hall.

Please also SAVE the DATES for our EIGHT SINGING in the SUMMER SESSIONS here at St Cuthbert's from 7.20pm till 9pm on Monday 20 April until Monday 8 June inclusive, when we will learn and sing a wide variety of Classical, Popular and Folk Songs. There will be a break for tea, coffee and biscuits.

No previous experience of choral singing is required and you do not have to be able to read music. The cost is £47 for the 8 sessions and includes music hire. Further details on how to book will be in the April edition of the Sign.

***Margaret Kieran on behalf of the Choir***

# WHO'S WHO AT ST CUTHBERT'S

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Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

*Romans 12.12*



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### ***Services:***

#### **Wednesday:**

**10.30am            Said Eucharist**

#### **First Thursday of each month:**

**2.30pm            An informal service for all**

#### **Sunday:**

**8.30am            Said Eucharist, no sermon**

**10.30am           Sung Eucharist**

**Evensong – ‘announced’ in our pew notices and  
on our Website.**

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