

THE SIGN

JUNE 2026



**ST. CUTHBERT'S
SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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**St Cuthbert's
Scottish Episcopal Church
Westgarth Avenue
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St Cuthbert's is a welcoming, loving community, sharing God's love through joyful worship and compassionate service.

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Front Page Photo – Beautiful Blue Sky Day in June

Photograph: Louise Stobie

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This month our diocesan family looks forward with joy and thanksgiving to the installation of our new Bishop, the Rt Rev'd Dagmar Winter. As we prepare to welcome her into this new ministry among us, we pray that the Holy Spirit will guide and strengthen her in the years ahead, and that together we may continue to grow in faith, hope, and love as the people of God in this diocese.

If you would like to join the service online, the Installation will take place on Saturday 30th May at 11am and may be viewed here:

[YouTube livestream of the Installation Service](#)

In the week following the Installation, I will be hosting Bishop Victor of Cape Coast. His visit is a reminder of the wider fellowship of the Anglican Communion and of the bonds of prayer, friendship, and shared mission that unite the Church across nations and cultures. As a result, I will not be around Colinton very much during that week. I am pleased to say that our partner dioceses of Espoo and Dunedin will also have representation at the installation.

We also look ahead to Bishop Dagmar's first visit to St Cuthbert's on 27th September, when we will celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving together, followed by lunch and fellowship. Harvest reminds us not only to give thanks for the abundance of creation, but also to reflect prayerfully on our stewardship of the gifts God has entrusted to us.

In May we said farewell to Cletus as he moved to his new post in Falkirk. While we are sad to lose him from among us, we rejoice that he now has the opportunity to continue his ministry and studies without the burden of seeking additional work. We pray that God will bless and sustain him in this next chapter of his vocation. His licensing at Christ Church, Falkirk, will take place on 8th July at 7pm. If you would like to attend, please let me know, as numbers will be limited by the church's capacity.

This month we said goodbye to dear John Gooding. John was a quiet and humble man whose life was filled with remarkable experiences and deep faithfulness. We give thanks for his life, and commend him into the loving mercy of God, trusting in the promise of resurrection and eternal life in Christ. A few years ago, Will Dick interviewed John and produced a fascinating document about his life. If you would like to read it, please let me know and I will happily send you a copy. (Since writing this, we have also sadly lost Michael Kerr and Chris Barnes.)

The great feast of Easter has now passed, and we enter into the long green season after Pentecost — a season of growth, discipleship, and faithful service. During these months there will be activities and gatherings at St Cuthbert's, and I give heartfelt thanks to the Events Committee for all their hard work and dedication. I encourage everyone to support these events, not only for the good of our church community, but as part of our shared calling to serve Christ in this place.

The Vestry has recently been reviewing the Constitution and believes that a number of small amendments are needed. You can see the process for amending a constitution after this. As part of the required process, I would like to invite you to the first Extraordinary General Meeting on 28th June, immediately

after the service. Before then, copies of the proposed amendments will be distributed by email. Printed copies will also be available on request. Please keep this process in your prayers, that all our discussions and decisions may be guided by wisdom, charity, and a desire to build up the life of the Church.

As we move into the summer months, I hope and pray that we may enjoy some warmer weather here in Scotland. At the same time, the challenges facing our world remind us of our responsibility to care for God's creation. Having watched the National Emergency Briefing video, I was reminded again that climate change affects us all, especially the most vulnerable. As Christians, we are called to be faithful stewards of the earth, acting with compassion and responsibility as God's hands in this place.

You can view more information on this website:

[National Emergency Briefing](#)

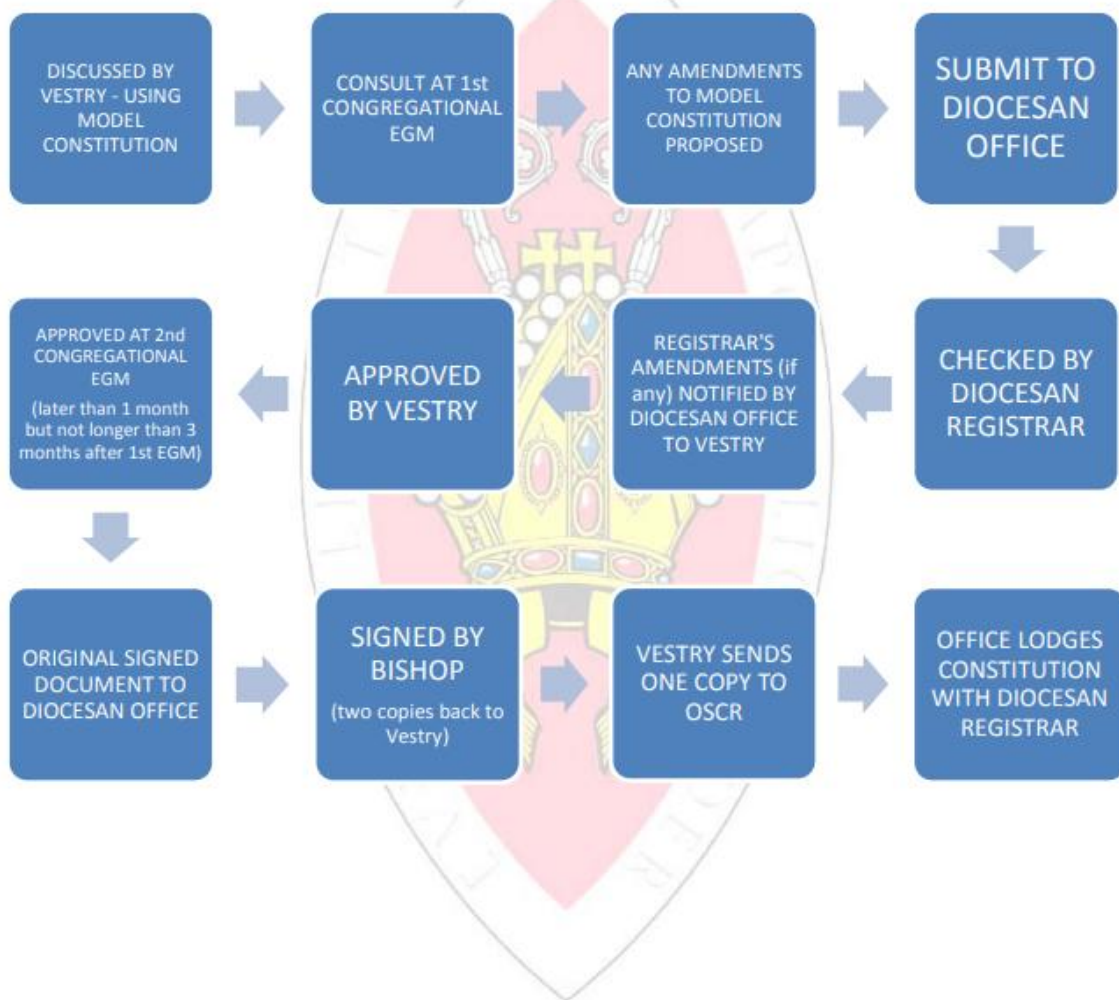
If there is sufficient interest, I would also be happy to arrange another viewing here at church, so please do get in touch if you would like to attend.

With every blessing

Nicki



PROCESS FOR AMENDING A CONSTITUTION



St Cuthbert's, Colinton

Evensong Service

28th June 2026

@ 5pm

All Welcome

VESTRY REPORT

Vestry April 2026

- Constitution changes- Vestry agreed the changes and they will now be put to the congregation at a special meeting, to be arranged.
- Ross has fixed the wobbling paving slab and sticking hall door. Vestry is very grateful to him.
- Vestry have agreed to potentially give £10,000 to Cletus for a church to be built in his hometown in Ghana as part of our world mission. A letter has been drafted by our treasurer to confirm and have in writing the exact details (plans and estimates) and ways in which we can monitor the costs and progress of the project.
- Clarification was asked for on the church's Reserved Funds. Nicki answered that we only have one at present which is a Children's Fund. The Heather Cottage Fund is itemised but not reserved and it is this fund that Vestry aims to use for this project.
- Vestry approved the spending of £2000 to fund a public BBQ on the 27th of June to which the community and our Ukrainian Friends and other refugees will be invited.
- Vestry has received an email from Hilary, to notify us that she is standing down from being the Fresh Start representative and organising the annual Fresh Start collection. A notice will go into the pew sheets to ask if anybody would like to take this over. Vestry agreed we should aim to continue to support this initiative in some way.
- There have been a number of changes within the PVG system (including the requirement for PVG checks for all playgroup volunteers) and Christine Nimmo is on top of the administration for these.
- Rose window repair- we are waiting for the contractor to get back to us so will chase this up. We need to arrange for quotes for the west end hall window and any others needing repair.
- Nicki and Ian are in the process of gaining advice and quotes for eco-friendly possibilities for heating the Rectory in a move towards net zero by 2030. Nicki hopes to present a report at the next meeting and requested that work be deferred until she retires in July 2029.

- Vestry appreciated the time spent together at the Vestry training day and the stimulating positive leadership from Revd. Jane McLaren. Vestry hope to implement some of the ideas raised in the Autumn. The first is the trial of an art/ crafts session once a month for a trial period of 4 months. Kay and Megan are going to approach potential leaders. This would be open to all and to the local community.
- The idea of monthly House groups with Bible study was also raised. The congregation will be asked if anybody would like to host these/ be interested in attending these and get some names as a starting point.
- Vestry plans to repeat the invitation of all newer members of the congregation to an afternoon tea (possibly in June) as this was a positive experience in the past.
- Cletus has been offered the role of part-time Locum Priest at Christ Church Falkirk and is awaiting authorisation by the Primus and Bishop Dagmar before a date can be set to take up this role and for us to organise a final service and party at St Cuthbert's. As a Locum Priest, Cletus is unable to make legal decisions and so Nicki is to remain as Interim Pastor for Falkirk for the next 30 months which means as well as supervising Cletus she will have to attend monthly Vestry Meetings at Falkirk.
- Holy Week and Easter- There were low numbers attending the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services which is disappointing when Philip and the choir worked hard to enhance the Thursday service. The Easter Day services were very well attended with 150 people over the three services. Nicki thanked Megan and Kate for the fire and singing at the dawn service.
- Following us having a Service for Peace in April as requested by the Primus, Nicki will continue with a 30-minute monthly Service for Peace at 12 noon on the last Tuesday of the month. Only a small number attend but it is important to pray for peace.
- About seven churches in our Diocese have Peace Poles in their gardens and Nicki proposed ordering one for St. Cuthbert's. (cost around £300). It is about six feet high with 'may peace prevail on earth' printed in four languages around the pole – English, Gaelic, Ukrainian & Arabic, along with braille. Hopefully this will arrive in

time to install during the BBQ in June. It won't need a Canon 35 as it is moveable. Vestry approved the purchase of this.

- Nicki has asked the Pentland Men's Shed if they can prepare another peace pole to go inside church and people will be asked to write / paint the same words in their own language on it if different than English. We have a number of different languages within our congregation. The Ukrainian's will be asked to write on it.
- Nicki will arrange to meet with the events group to arrange the BBQ. We are paying for food for 110 people, so will need to keep an eye on attendees.
- Speaker for organ- Nicki is investigating whether the old speaker for the organ that serves the back of the church can be disconnected or adjusted as it is very loud and overpowers the new system which means the choir cannot be heard over the organ at the back part of the church.

VESTRY REPORT

Vestry May 2026

- Constitution changes- Vestry agreed the changes and they will now be put to the congregation at a special meeting, to be arranged. It was confirmed that our constitution is based on the Diocesan Model.
- Fresh Start- George and June are considering taking this on but given the overwhelming amount that was collected last time, it was agreed that we will only collect from the church congregation. Julia to send on the Fresh Start information.
- Newcomer's afternoon tea - this is still to be organized
- Cletus's move- this was not straightforward as the removal people were not particularly helpful.
- BBQ arrangements- Nicki will meet with Joan and Judith initially.
- The organ speaker at the back of the church-still needs to be investigated.
- Heather reported that there was no official report for April as the Vestry meeting was too close to the end of the month. The donation for the Children's choir has been paid (£5000) and everything is as expected from the budget. Bryan commented that investments in the SEC Trust Pool have dropped by 10% recently.

- An anonymous donor has offered to fund the £10,000 for the construction of a church in Cletus's hometown in Ghana.
- Vestry approved to making up existing moneys for Cletus (about £3000) to £5000 as a donation to Cletus as a leaving present.
- Heather reported that our energy supplier contract is due for renewal. Comparing quotes from different providers it seems that EON Next is the cheapest for gas with Corona being slightly cheaper for electricity but an unknown prospect, so Vestry agreed that we would opt for EON for both supplies.
- Heather had investigated ways to receive donations via different card devices, all of which require a significant outlay or a leasing cost and also often a monthly rental and a % of money donated. It is not likely that donations would exceed the cost and so Vestry decided that instead we will initially investigate the production of a QR code to be displayed in church that is linked to the church bank account.
- Jayne had received an invite from Mary's Meals to pray for their users and had been sent a QR code for collecting donations. This will be put on the charity noticeboard.
- Marie had sent an email asking Vestry to consider a request from Joe (whose daughter attends playgroup) to rent the hall once a month to hold a Colinton Community Market. The suggestion is that this would be the first Saturday of the month 1-4pm. To run a regular market, he will need a licence from the council to do this and to get a licence he needs an Electrical Installation Condition Report for the building, which he is willing to pay for if needed (cost £200). Our commercial rental rate would be applied. Vestry agreed that we would like to progress with the enquiry.
- The Rose window repair is completed. Heather reminded vestry that all quotes should be forwarded to her in advance. We are awaiting further quotes from Griggs for other window repairs that have been identified.
- Nicki has had no responses about house group volunteers as yet.
- A meeting has been arranged for the 14th of May with interested people about the trial of monthly Art sessions.
- There are again problems with the Rectory heating controls, coming on when not set to do so and not controlling the temperature that is set. The heating engineer has been called. Iain is preparing a report on the Rectory heating options for the future.

- The children's choir will sing at morning service on the 14th of June. The choir leader has organized an outreach day on Saturday the 9th of May in the church hall to try to encourage more boys to join the choir.

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

Would You Like To Join A House Group?



Join with like-minded people
to discuss the Bible.

Please let Nicki know
if you are interested.

ST. CUTHBERT'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Westgarth Avenue



PRAYERS FOR PEACE □

Join us as we come together in prayer
for peace in our hearts, our communities,
and our world.

“Blessed are the peacemakers”

Let us pray for:

- Peace among nations
- Comfort for those suffering
- Unity in our community
- Hope for the future

All are welcome

Last Tuesday of each month at Noon

Church BBQ

Join us with invited refugees to celebrate refugee week in June.

27th June 2026

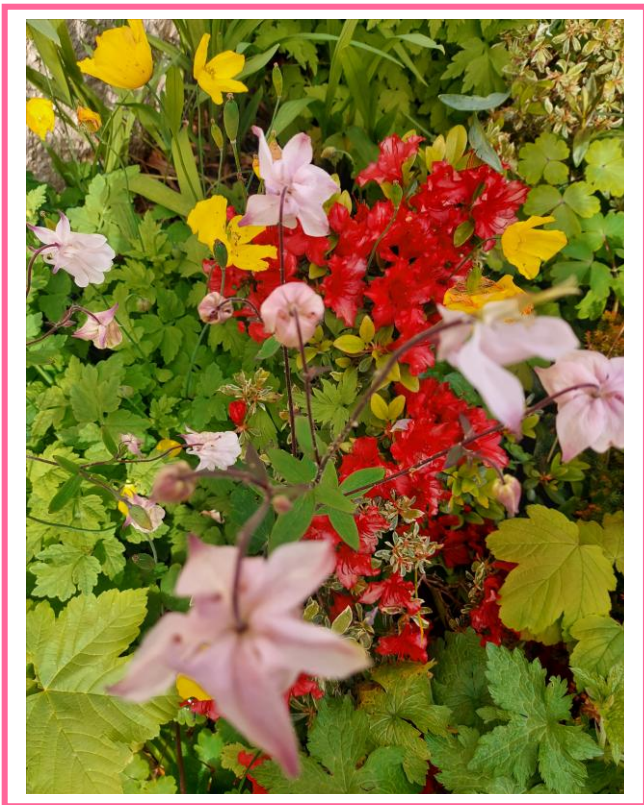
2pm – 4pm

Please let Joan or Judith know if you would like to join us and they will give you tickets.



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May you all know the treasure that is God, God being there for you at all times, rooted firmly in the depths of your souls.



*My love and blessings,
Margaret.*





June 2026 Music Notes

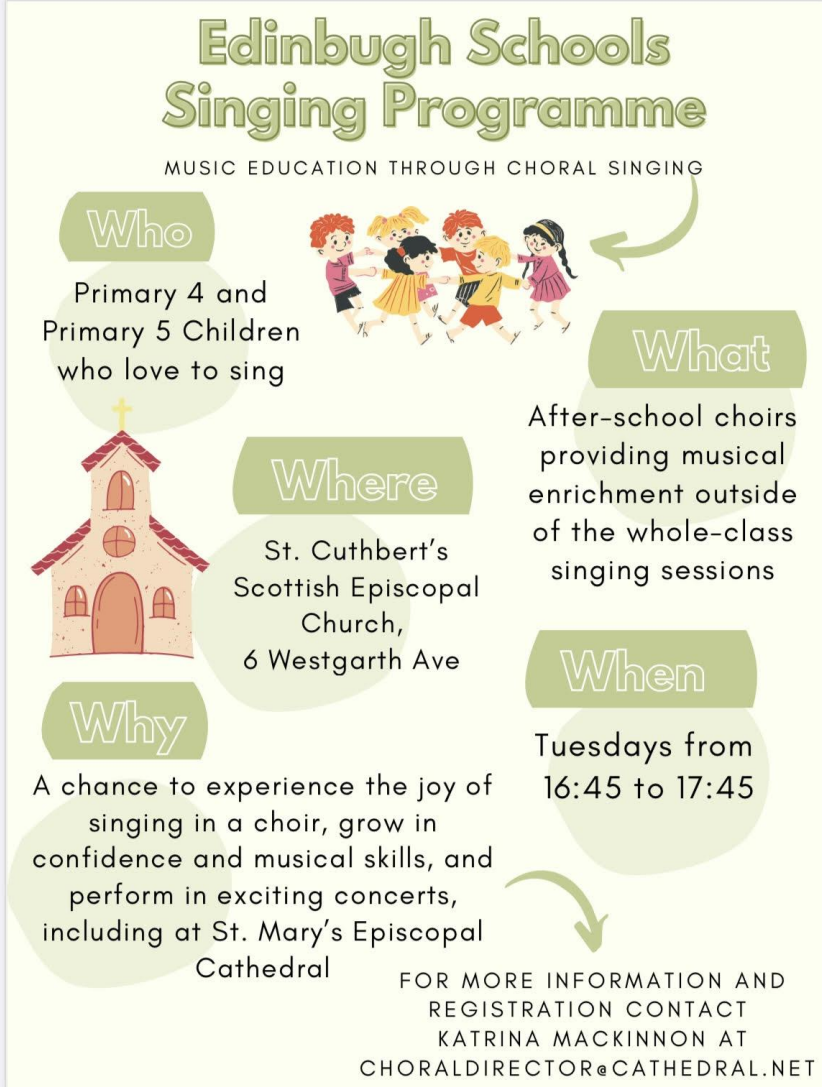
Members of St Cuthbert's will be aware that one of our annual charitable donations this year has been to the *Edinburgh Schools Singing Programme*, which is organised by the music staff of St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, and inspirationally led by Katrina Mackinnon, who has been appointed to lead this project in Edinburgh. Similar ventures have been undertaken by Anglican cathedrals across the UK, at a time when singing is disappearing from schools because of a lack of suitably qualified of experienced music teachers. Katrina has taken weekly rehearsals of just under twenty children from local schools in our church every Tuesday in termtime since last September, during which time the standard and confidence of their singing has increased markedly. An early performance was given in St Cuthbert's prior to the Christmas Fayre last December, and last term they joined with other children from other parts of Edinburgh, who are also led by Katrina, for a performance in St Mary's Cathedral.

We are very pleased that the invitation to sing at our service on 14 June has been accepted, and look forward to welcoming the children and their parents. In a service that will have a much greater musical element than normal, they will join with our choir in singing the two John Rutter pieces in the list of anthems below, and sing two pieces on their own during the administration of communion.

We very much hope that our regular congregation members will support this service and the children in this important musical initiative that our church is sponsoring.

- 7 June: Peace I leave with you - FW Wadely
14 June: Look at the world - John Rutter
The Lord bless you and keep you - John Rutter
21 June: Prayer of St Richard of Chichester - LJ White
28 June, 10.30am: Day by day - Norman Warren
28 June, Evensong: As now the sun's declining rays
- arr CV Stanford

Philip Rossiter



Edinburgh Schools Singing Programme
MUSIC EDUCATION THROUGH CHORAL SINGING

Who
Primary 4 and Primary 5 Children who love to sing

What
After-school choirs providing musical enrichment outside of the whole-class singing sessions

Where
St. Cuthbert's Scottish Episcopal Church, 6 Westgarth Ave

When
Tuesdays from 16:45 to 17:45

Why
A chance to experience the joy of singing in a choir, grow in confidence and musical skills, and perform in exciting concerts, including at St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION CONTACT
KATRINA MACKINNON AT
CHORALDIRECTOR@CATHEDRAL.NET

**Cletus will be licensed on
Wednesday 8th July
at 7pm,
at Christ Church Falkirk,
by Bishop Dagmar.**

**If you would like to attend,
please let me know, as
numbers are limited.**

Many thanks.

Nicki

With
Heartfelt
Gratitude

To
St. Cuthbert Episcopal Church,
Colinton

Dear beloved church family,

Thank you for your kindness, support, prayers, and generous love during my time with you. Though I have now been reposted to Christ Church, Falkirk, please know that I am still part of you in heart and prayer.

Your warmth and care have meant so much to me, and I will always cherish my time with the St. Cuthbert community.

May God richly bless you all.



*Now in
Falkirk*



Your Priest/Son
Rev'd Cletus Sullo





**JUNE 2026
ROTAS**

JUNE 2026 READINGS

Taken from NRSV

7th June – Pentecost 3

Hosea 5. 15 – 6. 6
Romans 4. 13-25
Matthew 9. 9-13, 18-26

14th June – Pentecost 4

Exodus 19. 2-8a
Romans 5. 1-8
Matthew 9. 35 – 10. 8

21st June – Pentecost 5

Jeremiah 20. 7-13
Romans 6. 1b-11
Matthew 10. 24-39

28th June – Pentecost 6

Jeremiah 28. 5-9
Romans 6. 12-23
Matthew 10. 40-42

5th July – Pentecost 7

Zechariah 9. 9-12
Romans 7. 15-25a
Matthew 11. 16-19, 25-30



St. Fillan's Walking Group Invites you

Saturday Evening June 13th 5pm

Peebles circular, 4 miles

Meal at Prince of India



June 27th

Morningside/Grange/Innocent Railway, 7.5 miles

Picnic

Saturday Evening July 11th 5pm

Craiglockhart Hill, 3 miles

Meal at Mia's

July 25th

Cramond Brig to South Queensferry, 5 miles

Picnic

Saturday Evening August 15th, 5pm

Castlelaw Hill, 4 miles

Meal at The Steading or Flotterstone Inn

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THE SIGN MAGAZINE

Please note –

The deadline

for information and articles

for the

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DOUBLE issue

is

Sunday 14 June 2026

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Thank you!



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

JUNE DATES:

**Monday 1st June
Monday 15th June**

2pm – 4pm

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

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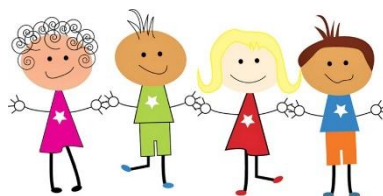
All Welcome



St Cuthbert's Playgroup in the Church Hall

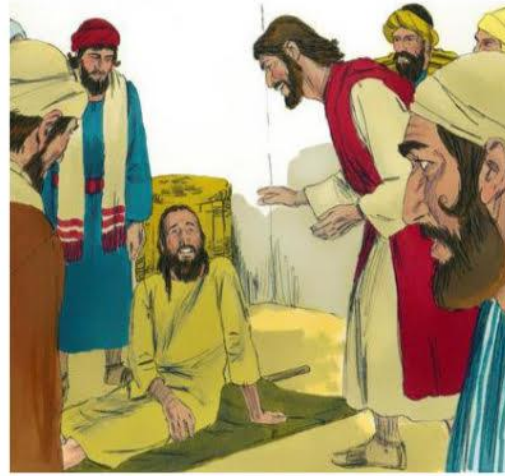
10am - 11.30am -
Every Monday
(during school term time)

Play, craft, snack and sing
Only £2 per family



Thursday Afternoon Service: June 4th, 2026 at 2.30pm

Jesus Heals the Sick



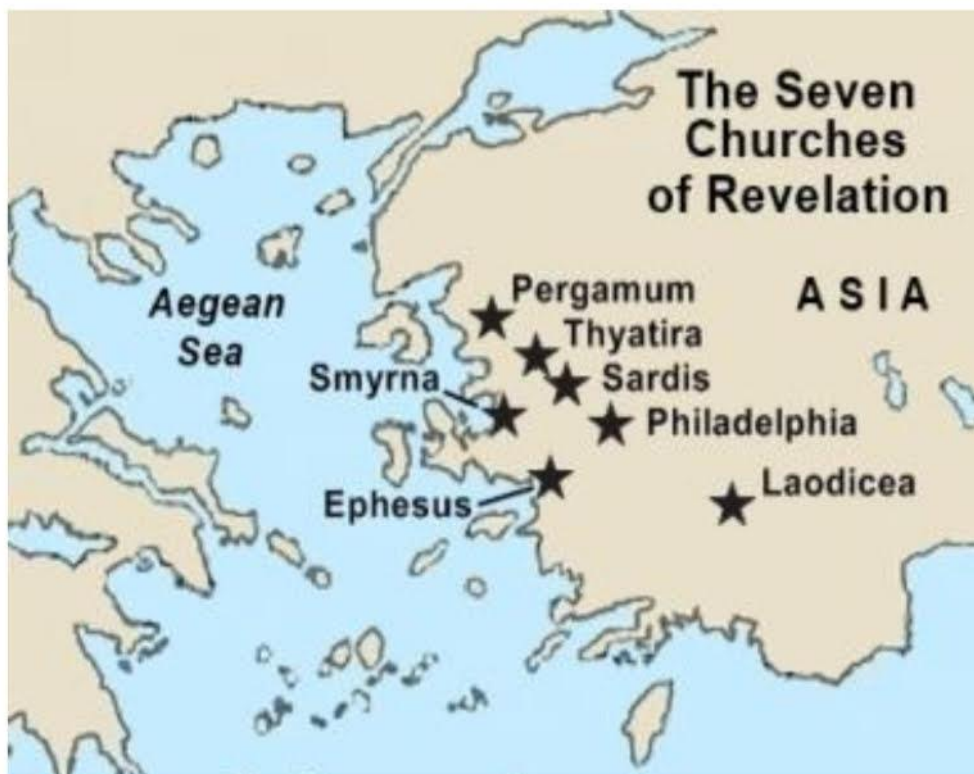
**Please join us for this informal service
Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you there
Refreshments will be served after the service**

Future services: Thursday, July 2nd and Thursday, August 6th

The Thursday Service

Thursday 2 July 2026 at 2.30pm

Messages of The Seven Churches in Revelation



Refreshments will be served after the service

All are welcome

Next services: Thursday 6 August, Thursday 3 September

THE LEPROSY MISSION

GREAT BRITAIN



I have just received a batch of the latest newsletter from TLM, 'New Day'. These will be on the shelf at the back of the church, so please do take one. It's theme is new beginnings, and in particular the news from Odisha's leprosy colonies in India, 18 months on from the launch of TLM's projects there. Clean water, safe housing and acres of vegetables growing are testament to the help and new purpose provided. For the ongoing support there however, an urgent appeal is detailed in the back of the newsletter: with temperatures already at 40 degrees, elderly people are at risk of starvation when they cannot walk the distance to beg in the extreme heat. This appeal is to provide an emergency food parcel which costs just £20 and lasts a month.

Prayer

TLM's Day of Prayer was May 6, during which time the whole of the organisation comes together before God. We can pray for the Spiritual Ministry Working Group who help guide the spiritual life of the Mission. Drawn from many different countries, and the International Office, 10 representatives meet regularly through the course of the year.

For June, the focus of prayer is Bankura Snehalaya*, a home for elderly people disabled by leprosy in rural W. Bengal, India. With care and companionship, it's a place of dignity where residents know that they are loved by Jesus. "Please pray especially for energy and encouragement for Ravi, who runs the home".

*'Home of Love'

Donations

If you would like to donate to the emergency food parcels for Odisha colonies, on the back of the Direct Debit forms with the newsletters there is a space for one-off gifts. Alternatively donations can be handed in to me or the office in a gift envelope, or a blue tub.

Thank you for your support.

Note for diaries:

Steven McLeish, representing TLM in Scotland will come at speak to us at the 10.30am service on Sunday July 19th.

Kay Dalley



THE PHOENIX GROUP

We have nothing arranged, but still hope to get a date for a buffet lunch at Liberton Golf Club, and Croquet at the Meadows Croquet Club.

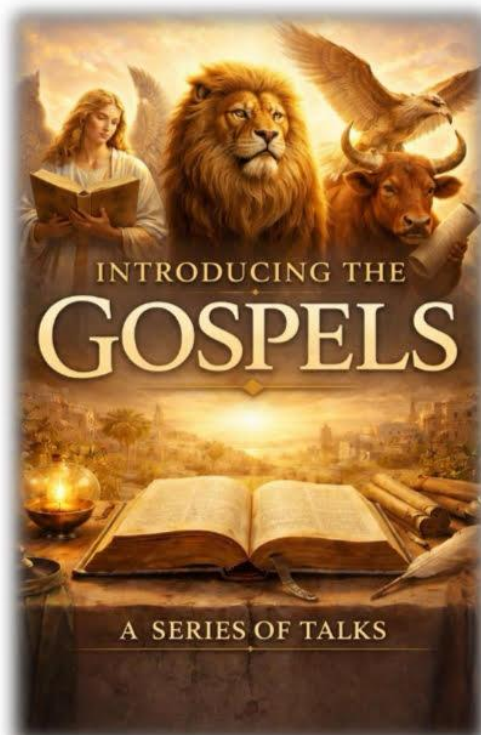


Please let us have any other ideas for future events, gatherings and outings.

Thank you.

Margaret Kieran, Jean Myers and Margaret Temple

Bishop Donald Allister



7, 14, 21 & 28 July

**2-3pm at St. Cuthbert's Church
Westgarth Avenue**

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All Welcome

WHO'S WHO AT ST CUTHBERT'S

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| Vestry Members * | George Bungay, Jayne Churchill, Bryan Dale, Kay Dalley, Andrew Daye, Megan Emmerson, Mandy Johnston, Judith Mackintosh, Ian Miller, Julia Roberts, Christine Sanderson, Esther Srinivasulu |

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.
Acts 2:1



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Services:

Wednesday:

10.30am Said Eucharist

First Thursday of each month:

2.30pm An informal service for all

Last Tuesday of each month:

12 noon Prayers for Peace

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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