

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 25th 2024**



### **OUR NEW VENTURE HAS BEGUN**

Our **SEND cafe** for parents is now underway in church on Mondays at **9:30 am**. This is to help parents of neurodiverse children with support and is a place to discuss lived experiences and difficulties families may be having. Please pass on this information to anyone you think may be interested.

**LENT COURSE** It is lovely to see this back again. It continues on Tuesdays in church at **4:30 pm**. It lasts for one hour and will be based each week on the previous Sunday's sermon as we seek to search for answers to questions each one will raise. If you miss a week at St Cuthbert's you may well be able to catch up at a different venue across Christ our Hope. Laura looks forward to seeing many of you as we take just one hour to seek to deepen our faith.



**SPRING CLEAN** We have planned a great spring clean on **Saturday 9th March**. The time has now changed so please note it will now start at **9 am** until **1pm**. Bacon and sausage butties will be provided. Any help is welcome. We especially need some DIY type people to clear the gutters on the community room, remove ivy from the church gutters and see if they can do something with tiles on the roof.



**CONFIRMATION** will take place on **Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup>** at **7pm**, here in St Cuthbert's with Bishop John. Those families whose children are keen to be confirmed plus any adults wishing to continue their journey, need to collect a letter from June which will contain important details.



### EASTER EGGS

You showed just how generous you were when you donated pancakes. Can we please ask for the same generosity now in connection with Easter eggs. We have two events coming up which need eggs – the Easter Party on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and then the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday. We need the small ones, not great big ones. See the examples on the back table.

**DONATION WALL** Thank you to those who have already taken an envelope from our donation walls. As you know, we are always in need of funds. There are just 12 envelopes left so if you have not yet got involved, please do think about what you can do. We do not want you to stress out over this so you can pair up to fill an envelope or just add a small amount to your envelope each week up to Easter Sunday.

**PLACE2BE** Place2Be continues in its regular Thursday slot, preceded by morning prayer at 11 for those who wish to attend. The chef is working his way through his new recipe book!

**FOODBANK** Please, please keep up the good work. The numbers began to creep up again this week. Remember that you can include pet food, baby food, cleaning products, toiletries and sanitary products in your donations. Steve has also put on our parish WhatsApp a handy app which shows what our local foodbank really needs.

### PUT THESE EVENTS IN YOUR DIARY

We have planned the following events for March.

**March 2nd** 4-7pm film night with pizza £3 per child, adults allowed in free!!

**March 23rd** 3-7pm Easter party with the Easter bunny £5 entry

Natalie has the tickets at 10 am and Janet has them at 6pm.

**GOOD FRIDAY** We are planning a free children's craft morning on Good Friday in church from **10 am to 12 noon**. The date is **Friday March 29<sup>th</sup>**.



**TEA AND COFFEE** We so want you to stay after the service and have some refreshment. Please make use of the table and chairs provided so you can chat in comfort.

**FINALLY** Thank you so much to the people who help with putting the chairs away. Can we respectfully remind everyone that we do not stack the chairs with arms.