

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 4th 2024

EXCITING NEWS!

We have waited a long time for this but we have a date for confirmation service. It will take place on **Tuesday May 7th** at **7pm**, here in St Cuthbert's with Bishop John. Those families whose children are keen to be confirmed need to collect a letter from June which will contain important details.

PANCAKES!



We are holding our annual **Pancake Party** this coming Friday. As you know, we need pancakes to be able to hold this event. I confess to having trouble finding ones with the right date finally got them after working through a pile of different dates!! If you are having the same problem then please feel free to drop off your pancakes in the porch at 10 Mereview Crescent. The event will run from **3-6pm**.

DONATION WALL As you know, we are always in need of funds just to keep the church afloat. This is a new way of doing things. The donation wall will have envelopes on it numbered 1-50. You take the envelope which has the number of the amount you are willing to donate. The bonus envelopes are for random amounts people may wish to donate. It is all anonymous and we ask that you return your envelope on Easter Day. There will be instructions on the wall!



ASH WEDNESDAY Easter is early this year which means so is Ash Wednesday. There will be an Ash Wednesday service in church at **10 am** on **February 14th**.

SUPPER AND SPEAKER This is the second such event, following a successful launch at Christ Church, Norris Green. The food was excellent, as was the company. This time the guest speaker is the Archdeacon of Liverpool, Venerable Dr Miranda Threlfall-Holmes. It will take place tonight at **St David's Childwall**, beginning at **6pm**. Helen assures me that they can cope if some people turn up without booking.

A NEW VENTURE

A **SEND cafe** for parents begins on **Monday 19th February** at **9:30**. This is to help parents with support and is a place to discuss lived experiences and difficulties families may be having. Laura and Andrea are both experienced parents of children with autism and ADHD. No two children are alike, and Andrea is now studying ASD at PhD level and is highly qualified to help parents find the support and help they need to navigate neurodiversity in today's world. With helpful support and guest speakers we hope it will be useful to the parents across the estate with children who are neurodiverse!

LENT COURSE It will be lovely to see this back again. It begins on February 20th 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.

PLACE2BE Place2Be has resumed in its regular Thursday slot, preceded by morning prayer at 11 for those who wish to attend. This last week it was wonderful once more to see new faces.

FOODBANK Please, please keep up the good work. The need hasn't gone just because Christmas is over. In fact, it sounds as though the need is greater than ever. Steve King tells us that this past week, **59** people were fed at the Foodbank where he volunteers and the last person had to be directed to another Foodbank because they did not have enough food. What a sad situation! There has been an increase week on week since Christmas. Remember that you can include pet food, baby food, cleaning products, toiletries and sanitary products in your donations.

PUT THESE EVENTS IN YOUR DIARY

We have planned the following events for March.

- March 2nd** 4-7pm film night with pizza
- March 23rd** 3-7pm Easter party with the Easter bunny

We are also trying to arrange a dog show - date yet to be decided. Please put these dates in your diaries and try to attend if possible. Thank you



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.