

# Parish Newsletter Supplement



Parish Website

[www.stcuthberts.org.uk](http://www.stcuthberts.org.uk)

## Leeds Liverpool Canal Challenge

As part of helping raise funds for Caritas Salford, which is the nominated charity for our funday on the 17th of June, the five days before., Fr Chris is aiming to run five marathons in five days traversing the Leeds Liverpool canal. This is also training for hopefully running the Camino in 2024 for Caritas Salford. I've set up a Just Giving page in case you'd like to sponsor me:

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/chris-gorton-1684328507239?utm\\_term=GzE9WBnjK](https://www.justgiving.com/page/chris-gorton-1684328507239?utm_term=GzE9WBnjK)

You can find the link to sponsor Fr Chris on the parish website



## 'THE THOUGHT THAT COUNTS'

The brilliant messages that Fr Chris recorded for Bolton FM

'The Thought that Counts' are planned to be aired on

**Monday 22nd May 'Saints'; Tuesday 23rd 'St Rita'; Wednesday 24th 'St Augustine'; Thursday 25th 'St Bede' and Friday 26th 'St Philip Neti':** We hope you get to hear them on John Entwistle's Breakfast Show around 7.20am and/or on 'This is Bolton' after 12 noon. We think it is planned to air them again on Tony and Sylvia Bridge's 'Spirit of Bolton' on Sunday evening at 6.00 pm.



Fr Chris recently participated in the Three Peaks Challenge to raise funds to send young people to the World Youth Day in Fatima in Portugal

*See his video on YouTube*



**Offertory Envelopes – Gift Aid / Please collect from the back of the church**

# Thornleigh Parish Family Fun Day, Saturday 17th June 2023

3.30-6.30

(Mass on the lawn at 5.30)

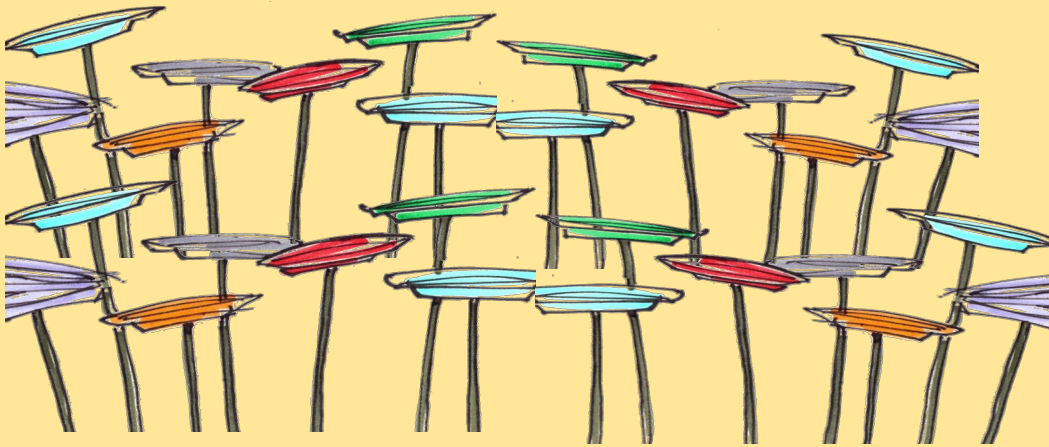
**We need your help !**

Family Fun Day 17th June in the grounds of Thornleigh  
3.30-5.30 followed by mass which will be celebrated on the  
lawn.

*Of special interest, a Circus Skills Workshop with Juggling,  
balancing and plate spinning!*

*Please bring any donations for tombola, bottle tombola,  
raffle prizes, jewellery , toiletries etc and leave in the west  
porch in SToC church in the boxes provided over the next few weeks.*

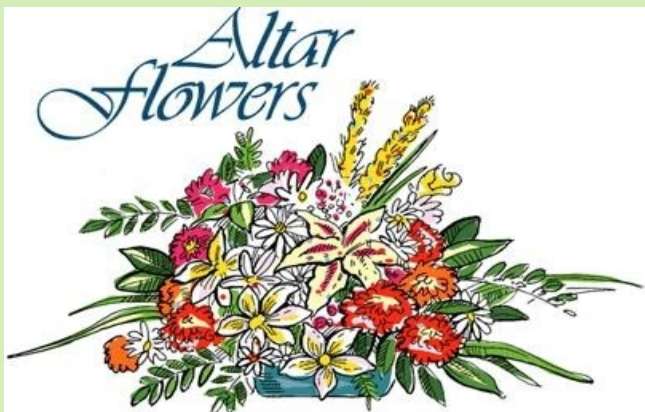
*This is a great opportunity to sort out any unwanted /preloved gifts*



## Request

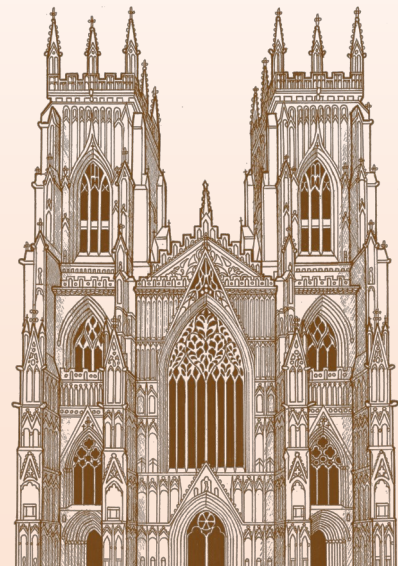
Can anyone help with the care and maintenance of  
the flowers 🌷 at St Thomas of Canterbury. You  
don't need any formal floristry skills just a  
willingness to help in watering them through the  
week.

If you can spare just a little time to help it would be  
wonderful.



## REMINDER

**FOR ALL THOSE THINKING ABOUT OR  
INTENDING TO GO ON THE  
PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO YORK.  
PLEASE BOOK EARLY AND CONFIRM  
YOUR BOOKING  
WITH A SUITABLE PAYMENT**



# SERVICE OF TESTIMONY AND PRAISE NIGHT

## IT IS OVERCOMERS' NIGHT

WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL TO GOD FOR?

Testimonies show us God's power and make us aware of how God can and does change things or lives

***“I will declare thy name to my brethren;  
in the midst of the Church I will praise thee”***

*(Hebrews 2:12)*

*We all have many questions in life; search your heart; when in your life has God helped you and how?*

We all enjoy stories in different ways, they can inspire us, change our views or we can learn from them and they can become a tool used by God in our lives.

We need to hear people's stories to let us know how God has helped you in your life.

We are asking for people to come forward to say a few words at our next Testimony and Praise Service about the reasons why you are thankful to God

This is being held on

**Wednesday 7th June 2023 - 7.00 to 8.30 p.m.**

### **ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY CHURCH**

We would like to hear from anyone who would be willing to share their Testimony

Please email the office: [office@stcuthberts.org.uk](mailto:office@stcuthberts.org.uk) – or tele 01204 497068

## ST CUTHBERT'S

# OCTAGON THEATRE

## THEATRE CLUB



We are delighted that our Theatre Club continues to be a success and everyone is enjoying watching the shows together! We are happy to announce that the next production will be the European Premier of *The Book Of Will* on Thursday 25<sup>h</sup> May at 7.30pm.

### THE BOOK OF WILL

A COMEDY ABOUT THE ACTORS WHO SAVED SHAKESPEARE

**The King's Men are getting the band back together. Their goal: to gather the Bard's scattered masterpieces and save his words before they're lost to history...**

Shakespeare has barely been dead for 3 years when a pirated Hamlet rip-off hits a stage near the Globe Theatre. His old acting troupe friends are livid. To save Will's works for the ages, they hatch a near-impossible plan to collect his words on paper, setting them off on a bonkers race against time through London. Their hearts are on the line and those they love are counting on them - to maybe leave a legacy that will last forever?

Don't miss this award-winning, fast-paced and very funny play in its European premiere production.

**This is your chance to come together, socialise and see the show at a reduced price. Tickets are £25.53 and can be booked by calling the Box Office on 01204 520661 and quoting ST CUTHBERT'S TRODDEN. Alternatively you can call into the Box Office and book in person (quoting the same code). Please note that tickets are limited and this code is for our use only – please do not share wider than our parish. This code can only be used for the performance on the 25<sup>h</sup> May – it is not transferable to any other day.**

**Happy to announce that the next two shows can now be booked and they will be:**

1. **Blonde Bombshells – Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> June - £23.77 per ticket.**  
**Around The World in 80 Days – Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Nov - £20.75 per ticket.**



St Vincent  
de Paul Society  
England and Wales  
Turning Concern into Action



The next SVP afternoon tea is to be held on  
**Tuesday, 30 May,**  
**14.00 to 15.30 I**  
**n the Becket Suite.**

# Finding God in the Lake District

A Pilgrimage for Young Adults  
aged 18-35

14th-18th September 2023

Join us this autumn for a guided pilgrimage through the Lake District with other young adults. As we move through this beautiful landscape, we will reflect too on our journey through life. The outer journey will take us on a walk of 36 miles over Cumbrian hills and beside lakes over three days.

The inner journey will draw on the wisdom of the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius to help us reflect on how we might navigate life in relationship with God. We will follow the route of St Bega, a local Cumbrian saint who aligned her compass with the way of Christ.

Cost: £290

Email Elizabeth Harrison for more information:  
[eharrison@jesuit.org.uk](mailto:eharrison@jesuit.org.uk)



JESUITS  
IN BRITAIN

# OUR ACTIVE PARISH



It was a very special occasion for eight young parishioners last Sunday when they made their First Communion. There will more children making their First Communions in the coming weeks..

*Photos can be emailed if required*



Afternoon Tea at the Signature Restaurant to Celebrate the Coronation of King Charles all in Aid of a Good Cause

Please continue to support Natalie who has been offered the opportunity to attend World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon this summer and is hoping to raise funds to help her and other young people like her to get to this once in a lifetime celebration of faith event.

The Just giving link is accessible at:

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/natalie-dalugoda?utm\\_term=rEm77eA77](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/natalie-dalugoda?utm_term=rEm77eA77)

Thank You



**WORLD YOUTH DAY Pilgrimage to FATIMA**  
**Monday 31st July - Tuesday 8th August, 2023**



### **HOUSE PRAYER GROUPS**

DURING LENT A NUMBER OF OUR PARISHIONERS TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO GATHER TOGETHER TO PRAY THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT HOME.

ONE GROUP TOOK IT IN TURNS TO HOST THE SESSIONS IN THEIR DIFFERENT HOMES AND USING DIFFERENT VERSIONS OF THE STATIONS

ALL THOSE WHO TOOK PART THROUGHOUT THE PARISH FELT IT WAS A VERY WORTHWHILE EXPERIENCE AND ENJOYED THE TIME TOGETHER.

SOME PARISHIONERS ARE NOW LOOKING AT CONTINUING TO MEET UP TO HAVE SOME PRAYER / MEDIATION TIME TOGETHER.

IF ANYONE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HOSTING PRAYER SESSIONS AT HOME PLEASE LET US KNOW BY EMAILING THE OFFICE [office@stcuthberts.org.uk](mailto:office@stcuthberts.org.uk) or TELEPHONING 01204 497068

### **Join us in prayer during May**

Mary's Meals is now providing life-changing school meals to more than 2.4 million of the world's poorest children. Our work is built on the power of prayer, and as a result we continually see God's love and provision in incredible ways.

During the month of May, you can support us by:

- Holding a prayer time of reflection or Holy Hour for Mary's Meals' mission.
- Inviting one of our wonderful volunteers to share the Mary's Meals story.
- Encouraging children and your local schools to pray for our mission.

Joining our global family to pray for Mary's Meals. Our online Rosary is a regular opportunity to join with others from around the world in a time of prayer, regardless of faith, tradition and beliefs.

**PRAY  
IN MAY**



**mary's  
meals**

a simple solution  
to world hunger



# YOUTH MOVIE NIGHTS

Dates: Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May and Fri 30<sup>th</sup> June

Time: 6.30 to 9pm

Age group: 12 to 18

Cost £5, to include film, popcorn, cone of sweets and a drink. Pay on the door, or get tickets when they are available next week

All funds to go towards supporting three young parishioners to go to

World Youth Day

in the Portugal in the summer.

bring a bean-bag or some cushions to sit on.



## Parish Draw

Here are the winners of the first draw of the second quarter (Apr - Jun 2023)

No. 612 on Book 123. Teresa Stewart  
No. 678 on Book 136. Joe Egan  
No. 364 on Book 73. Moira O'Brien King  
No. 562 on Book 113. Jackie Sweeney



Each winner will receive £50

## THANK YOU

**MISSIO APF MILL HILL** The total amount raised by the Spring collection 2023, from the Red Mission Boxes, including the Brown Envelopes, was £610.03. Sincere thanks to all promoters/collectors, members and direct donors and to all who donate by Gift-Aid. Thank you for your prayers and generous financial support of the Mill Hill Missionaries, working with many of the poorest and most vulnerable communities, in many countries across the world. The next Brown Envelope Collection at St Thomas of Canterbury, will be in the Autumn.

MISSIO Annual Mission Mass will take place this year on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2023 at 3 pm at Salford Cathedral and refreshments will be served afterwards in the Assembly Room. The Cathedral is undergoing renovation work at the moment, but alternative accommodation for Mass will be available. All are welcome.

St Joseph is the patron of the Mill Hill Missionaries.

Dear St Joseph, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you, Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us on the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

(From the Apostolic Letter of Pope Francis, Patris Corde – With a Father's Heart)



Please contact: Bernadette Robinson for any enquiries at St Thomas of Canterbury Tel: 492805 and Mairead Pindar at St Joseph's Tel: 491887



Don't forget to put your  
food parcels  
and gifts into the  
**BINS**

Please remember  
your  
Charities

**HYMN BOARD**

*Entrance: Abba, Father send your Spirit* **293**

*Gloria: St B's*

*Alleluia: Alleluia, your words O Lord are Spirit and life*

*Offertory: Take our bread* **605**

*Holy Holy: St B's*

*Eucharistic Acclamation: St B's*

*Communion: Do not be afraid* **972**

*Exit: Daily, Daily Sing to Mary*



- 25 May Theatre Club
- 26 May Youth Movie Night
- 30 May SVP Tea party
- 7 June Overcomers Night
- 17 June Family Fun Day
- 25 June Theatre Club
- 30 June Youth Movie Night

*For details please see the individual notices*

**Dates For Your  
Diary**

**The Confirmation Sessions:**

No	Dates	Themes	Location
9.	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 (tbc)	Confirmation – What Happens	Parish
10.	Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2023 (tbc)	Retreat Day	Thornleigh
11.	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2023 (tbc)	What Happens Next	Parish
12.	Thursday 13th July	CONFIRMATION	Thornleigh