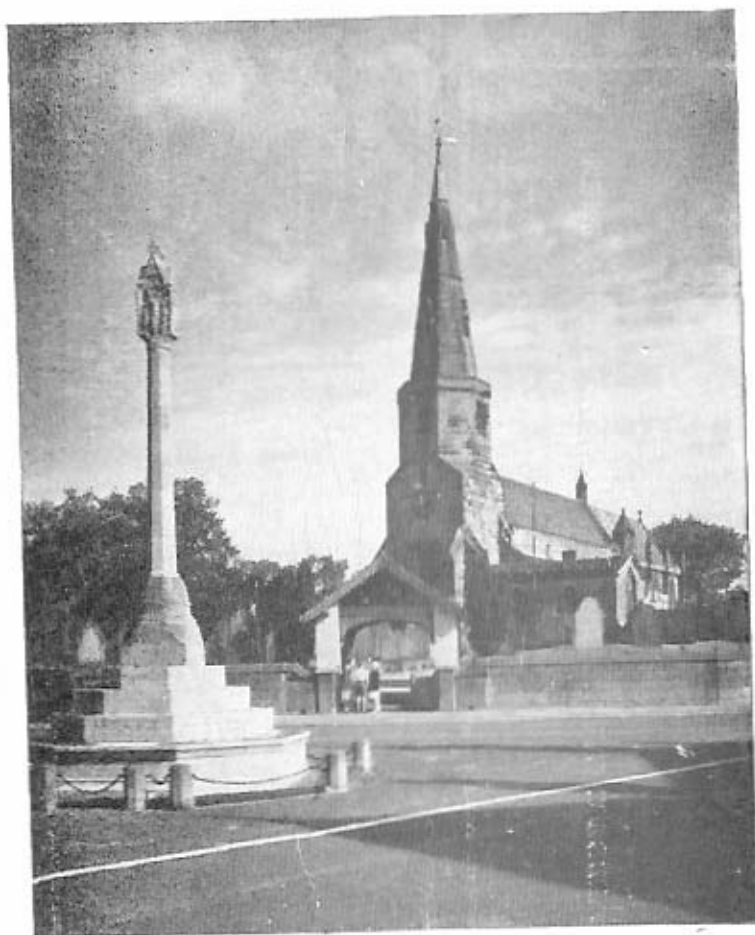


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## 1st SUNDAY IN THE MONTH

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
10.30 a.m. Mattins and Sermon  
6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon

## 2nd SUNDAY IN THE MONTH

10.30 a.m. Family Eucharist  
6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon

## 3rd SUNDAY IN THE MONTH

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
10.30 a.m. Mattins and Sermon  
6.30 p.m. Evensong with Holy Communion

## 4th SUNDAY IN THE MONTH

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist  
6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon

## 5th SUNDAY IN THE MONTH

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
10.30 a.m. Mattins with Holy Communion  
6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon

**Holy Baptism:** Second Sunday in the month at 3.30 p.m.

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# LENT AT ST. CUTHBERTS

All week days are Fasts,  
A daily prayer for Lent.  
O God.  
Help me not to take myself too seriously,  
Help me to let go—  
To let go of my ambitions,  
my selfish loves,  
my fears,  
So that I might find you—  
In the people I meet.

## HOLY COMMUNION

**ASH WEDNESDAY, 27th**

10.00 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.

SUNDAYS at 9.00 a.m.

3rd March, 10th March, 17th March, 24th March,  
31st March, 7th April.

SUNDAYS at 3.45 p.m.

17th March.

SUNG EUCHARIST at 10.30 a.m.

10th March, 24th March, 14th April.

## MONDAYS

Discussion group at the Rectory at 7.30 p.m.

4th March—The Parish and the community.

11th March—The worship of the Parish.

18th March—The Parish methods and policy.

25th March—The Parish and communication.

1st April—Any questions.

8th April—Any Answers and summing up.

Every Wednesday in Lent there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 2.30 p.m. followed by a short devotion in the Vestry.

## MOTHERING SUNDAY

24th April FAMILY SERVICE

2.30 p.m. Preacher: Rev. Alan Ripley (Diocesan Youth Chaplain).

## MAUNDAY THURSDAY

11th APRIL

Sung Eucharist, 7.30 p.m. followed by the stripping of the altar.

## GOOD FRIDAY

12th APRIL

10.30 a.m. MATTINS and LITTANY.

2—3 p.m. DEVOTIONAL SERVICE.

## HOLY SATURDAY

APRIL 13th at 7.30 p.m.

Evening Service and the lighting of the Paschal Candle.

## EASTER DAY

9.00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION.

10.30 a.m. EASTER EUCHARIST.

6.30 p.m. EASTER SERVICE FOR EVENING.

## EASTER DECORATION

Once again we say thank you in anticipation of a beautifully decorated Church on Easter Day. We rely on your gifts during Lent which enables us to purchase the flowers for the Easter Decoration. To those who give of their time and talents we are deeply grateful.

## THE EASTER OFFERING

According to the ancient custom, offerings on Easter Day will be presented to the Rector. Those unable to be present may send their gifts to the Church Wardens R.H. and H.S.

Halsall,  
Ormskirk.  
15th February 1974

My dear Friends,

By the time you read this letter we may have passed to the formation of a new Government through the democratic process, (thank God for this) of a General Election. We are all at the present time being assailed by the political parties with manifestos. Their supporters would claim for all the rival programmes and policies, that in essence they are governed by the precept to "do justly" and to "love mercy." No party would wish to appear to be unjust, in the sense of putting mere expediency or self-interest above what is right, or unmerciful in the sense of refusing to opponents or minorities, or anyone else due generosity and forbearance. Rather each party claims to know better than its rivals what are the demands of justice, and what the requirements of mercy. So hard is it for men to discover what in truth is just and equal or how justice should be tempered with mercy. And yet never has it been so important, so essential, that our public affairs should be governed by the application of those principles.

Such a time of grave anxiety, when there is so little margin for mistakes, would seem to cry out for agreement among the best of all parties upon a single policy of what can best be done together, in full trust and confidence to bring back to our once so great nation the prosperity we must all strive to establish again. Our national experience has made us hesitant about coalitions until they are inevitable, and quite certainly is against coalition elections. We deliberately trust the method of appeal to the people to declare its mind and make its choice between rival persons and policies, as the first necessary step.

I do not know how you, as individuals, are reacting to the crucial events and times through which we are now passing. But suffice it to say they are indeed grave and catastrophic. Great damage is being done to the economy every day the present situation continues. We must all remember that whenever men or nations come into possession of tremendous power, and they abuse it, sooner or later they will encounter a Sovereign Power above their own, to which inevitably they are held accountable.

There can be no community between those who are moved by love and those who are moved by hate. The Kingdom of Heaven was said by Christ to belong to the 'poor' but the poor of whom this is said were poor persons contented with their poverty, who contemplated remaining poor. No one can read the New Testament and believe that the first beatitude was meant for a body of envious 'poor' consumed with the ambition to despoil the 'rich.'

It is a direct consequence of this difference of spirit that contemporary extremism has no place for the things Christ put first in life. At the very best, its interest in men is not founded, as Christ's was, in a still prior devotion to the God who has made man in His own likeness. Its aims are avowedly secularistic. It has no place for the commandment, 'Seek first the Kingdom of God.' The worldly goods which Christ puts so definitely in the second place are the only goods to which it attaches serious value. It is therefore consistent with itself when it appears so violently anti-religious.

If worldly goods are the only goods, or the chief goods, religion is obviously a thoroughly evil thing, since it is of all others the most powerful of influences in leading mankind to set their hearts on something wholly incommensurable with all secular good. There is really no excuse for muddling our minds on this point of first principle. You cannot at once be unworldly and profoundly worldly, you must make your choice. Extremism is conscientiously worldly in its estimate of good. Christianity, has always been unworldly and there can be no real compromise between the two. The method of Christ is not force but divine persuasion. 'My Kingdom is not of this world, else would my servants fight.' From the Christian point of view, even the really good things of this world cease to be good to the man who comes by them only at the price of converting his own soul into that of a beast of prey. But it is only by turning himself into a beast of prey that a man rises to the position of a 'dictator'. For this reason one is forced to say to the extremist what Abraham said in the parable to Dives; between us and him there is a 'great gulf fixed'. We must be either on one side of the gulf or on the other; no one can be on both sides at once.

A General Election is essentially a very Christian way of ascertaining the will of the people and choosing representatives to conduct the affairs of a nation. But because men are men, all kinds of stupidities, errors of judgment, false motives, false desires, injustices and deceptions enter into a General Election. Words become weapons and like all weapons may be misused; all the perils of false or misleading propaganda and promises press upon men, and the very keenness of men's convictions may increase the danger of them. It is the more necessary that all men of all parties should declare and hold fast to a true and sincere desire to govern all their political actions by generosity and forbearance during the election and assuredly whatever the result, after the election too.

This service declares that even though men may for ever differ as to the demands of justice and mercy, even though their policies may conflict and their judgments sharply collide, yet a real unity may be retained and the ways of truth be served on the one condition that in their controversies and conflicts they will walk humbly with their God.

If we fulfil the condition of walking humbly with God and waiting upon Him in prayer, then each will judge each matter to the best of his ability and will go forward according to his judgment, in confidence and with decision, in every revelation of His spirit to man and decisively in Jesus Christ our Lord.

So as a family of citizens who care more for the nation than for their party or themselves, and who care for the nation as a part of the family of God, we pray that God may guide us all to do that which is best for His kingdom and for the well-being of our nation, that "this beloved land may continue a place and people to do God service to the end of time".

In the struggle of minds and wills and voices and votes, it will be hard to hear the still and quiet voice of God to keep faith with Him in justice and mercy and humility. Day by day in some moment of quietness you will heed and must seek the strength and refreshment of His Spirit.

May God bless you all,

Your sincere friend,

HERBERT BULLOUGH.

## GOOD NEIGHBOURS CHARTER

Representatives of groups of people from churches, socially active bodies, women's organisations of Great Britain and political groups support the call from Help the Aged and pledge themselves to do all in their power to mitigate the effects on the aged of cold during the winter months and especially during fuel shortage and power restrictions

They support the further challenge from Help the Aged to mobilise the public to a deeper feeling of responsibility so that our old people are protected from unnecessary hardship and distress.

Help the Aged asks that every person in the country should take upon himself a responsibility for his elderly neighbours. While the excellent backing of the medical and social services should be called in during any emergency which is beyond the capability of the untrained individual, Help the Aged believes that the day to day responsibility for the elderly amongst us should be undertaken by the rest of the community.

Help the Aged with other groups has drawn up guide lines so that everyone has the knowledge of the best way of dealing with the situation. It is recognised that different approaches will be needed for different people but the following is suggested.

For the independent old person who feels adequate to cope with his difficulties, this simple pattern should be followed:

1. A neighbour should watch for signs of life such as the drawing back of curtains in the morning.
2. Note shopping habits and normal milk deliveries.
3. Watch for lights going on in the evening.

These three essential checks should preferably be shared between two neighbours and any variation in habit should be investigated. For the elderly person who welcomes help and friendship the above mentioned pattern should still be followed to see that all is well but, in addition:

1. Ensure they are receiving any special heating and diet allowance to which they may well be entitled and are not aware of.
2. Help them to plan their meals to secure maximum nourishment.
3. Encourage them to heat their bedroom, or if necessary move the bed into a living room.
4. Provide a draught excluder for the door, the usual sausage or a stocking filled with rags.
5. As gas or electricity may be cut off because of unpaid bills, or an old person may be afraid

to use heating because of a recently received account, telephone the Social Services Department for their advice.

6. Tactfully discover if there is a shortage of warm clothing or bedding owing to a shortage of money. The Social Services Department will probably assist.
7. Encourage the person to show a special card in the window if help is required. You could provide a card with a large "H".
8. If there is a telephone leave your name and address and telephone number on a large card near the phone. Tell the person that in case the number gets lost, or the person becomes confused, to try and dial 100 and ask the operator for help.
9. Arrange for the telephone to be on a low table for easy accessibility in case of a fall.
10. Look to see if slot meters are easy to reach—if not telephone the appropriate Board. Ensure that pilot lights have not gone out.
11. While encouraging the old person to keep on the move and active, try and assist with essential shopping when footpaths are slippery.
12. In case of real need regard yourself as the vital link between the old person, the Social Services or the doctor.

#### Provide for emergencies

1. Ensure supply of paraffin or coal. Talk to the local dealers on behalf of the elderly neighbour.
2. Ensure any oil heater is safe, well secured and away from draughts. See that it is regularly cleaned.
3. Enquire and if necessary encourage your local Social Services Department to have their own paraffin store.
4. Keep one or two extra blankets aired and ready.
5. Keep one or two hot water bottles handy.
6. Keep a spare flask for hot tea, coffee or soup.
7. Check on possible times when your neighbour might suffer a power cut and give him a list of times so that he is prepared.
8. If and when a power cut occurs, visit the elderly neighbour and make sure a candle is alight in a quite safe position and see that a warm blanket is available. The provision of a torch would be a valuable addition.

#### Remember

1. Many old people die from diseases connected with severe cold. Many such deaths can be prevented by the operation of this Good Neighbour Charter.
2. That in being a Good Neighbour and alleviating distress and fear you may well find you develop a greater sense of community around you. Even the morale and happiness of the nation may be enhanced by your own action in time of distress.

#### THE A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting of the Parish of St. Cuthbert will be held in the vestry on Tuesday, 19th March at 7.30 p.m. for the election of Church Wardens, Sidesmen, Parochial Church Councillors. The Accounts for 1973 will be presented and a report on the Fabric will be made.

Please support us by your attendance.

H.B.

#### ST. CUTHBERT'S GUILD

On Tuesday, 12th March, Detective Sergeant Mills of the Lancashire Constabulary will speak on the Problems of the Drug Scene. I sincerely hope many of you will make an effort to attend this important meeting in support of the guest speaker; 7.45 p.m. in the School.

H.B.

#### SERVERS' ROTA

March 3	9.00 a.m.	Peter Balmer.
10	9.00 a.m.	Jim Heaton.
	10.30 a.m.	Keith Stopforth and Barry Gaskell.
17	9.00 a.m.	Brian Heaton.
	3.45 p.m.	Keith Stopforth.
24	9.00 a.m.	Maurice Core.
	10.30 a.m.	Tony Gaskell and Malcolm Serjeant.
31	9.00 a.m.	John Gaskell.
	10.30 a.m.	Simon Andrews.

#### SIDESMEN'S ROTA

March 3:	P. Saunders, T. Grimshaw, J.B. B. Heaton, J. Gaskell.
March 10:	E. Blackhurst, J. Rimmer, H.S. P. Attwood, H. Rimmer.
March 17:	J. D. Grimshaw, R. Dutton, R.H. G. Porter, S. Park.
March 24:	J. F. Smith, H. Dean, J.H. E. Grimshaw, D. Sephton.
March 31:	P. Aynsley, R. Gaskell, J.B. T. Swift, T. Hunter.
April 7:	H. Huyton, A. Grimshaw, H.S. J. Heaton, E. Orritt.

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#### HOLY BAPTISM

"Received into the Family of Christ Church"

February 17th—Richard Tyrer, son of John Tyrer and Dorothy Rimmer of Church View, Halsall Hill.

#### CHRISTIAN BURIAL

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February 20th—Edmund Heathcote Orritt, of Moor Farm, Haskayne, Downholland. Aged 78 years. Cremation.

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