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Funding the Future

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**‘The kingdom of heaven is
like a mustard seed.’**

Matthew 13:31

When you hear the word
‘kingdom’ I wonder what you think
of? Crowns? Thrones? Trumpet
fanfares? Big, bold, and brash?

Jesus uses an image that is very different. In his parable, the
Kingdom is compared to a mustard seed. Tiny and easily overlooked,
it grows into a large shrub where birds find shelter.

God's Kingdom rarely arrives with power and spectacle. When this
tiny seed is placed in the soil nothing happens at first. If you've ever
planted anything you'll know that growth is often hidden and slow.
God's Kingdom work starts smaller than you'd expect!

Our vision as a parish is to ‘grow Christ-centred communities that
enable everyone to flourish’. It's a big vision but it starts with small
seeds of faithfulness.

‘Funding the Future’ is a small yearly grant from the Diocese of
Liverpool to enable the implementation of parish mission and
financial sustainability plans. Our plan contains many small missional
initiatives and several shared parish projects. Together we have
received £40,000! We have been blessed to be a blessing!

The tree in Jesus' parable is not simply large; it is hospitable, a place
where the birds of the air find shelter and rest. Our communities
should be places where strangers become neighbours, where those
who are overlooked find belonging, and where people encounter the
grace and hospitality of Christ. That's the growth we want to see.

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Highlights & News

A Summer of joy!

- Will Gibbons was licensed as Team Rector of Christ Our Hope
- St Anne's Patronal Festival welcomed +Simon preaching and joyful music from the choir and congregation
- 'Costa del Clubmoor' saw families join for food, fun and sun at St Andrew's
- Kirsty Fazakerley was ordained Priest at Liverpool Cathedral
- Christ Church Norris Green enjoyed gathering apples from their garden at the Pic n' Pic service
- St Cuthbert's church hosted Fun Fridays with crafts, games and sports
- The Good Shepherd hosted two weddings and a free community BBQ with a chance to catch up together
- All Saints hosted a Summer Fete with games, stalls and refreshments for all



Welcoming the Youth Scholars & Key Updates from the C&Y Hub

Reuben, Ethan R, and Tony have joined the Children and Youth Hub to support our deanery!

Our three scholars are on placement while they complete studies in youth ministry. They will be working to support our ministry teams in welcoming, worshipping, and working with children and young people.

Ethan R is born and bred in West Derby and once cycled 511 miles in a week across Europe. Reuben lives in Kensington and has walked half the length of Wales. Tony is from Norris Green and can name every Doctor Who actor from 1963.

Want to get involved?

There will be lots of opportunity to support youth and children's work in our deanery. Have a chat with your church leaders or contact Ethan and see how you can get involved!
ethan.miller@cohl.org.uk



Dates for your diary

Parish Gathering

Hear about the upcoming mission plans, celebrate all the great work being done in the parish. and, there'll be pizza!

Sunday 27th September, 5.30-7.30pm

St Andrew's Clubmoor, Adshead Road, L13 0AL.

Book in to the
Parish Gathering



Communications Evening

A relaxed session to help us develop simple and practical ways to communicate what God is doing in our parish. You don't need to be experienced!

Tuesday 22nd September at 7.30pm

St Cuthbert's, Langley Close, L12 0NB

Book in to the
Comms Evening



If you need help booking on, ask someone at church to help you.

We'd love you to join us!



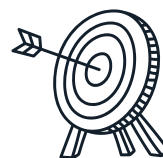
Youth Residential

This promises to be a fantastic weekend away for our 11-17's. Book as early as you can to secure your places!

Friday 2nd - Sunday 4th October

The Boys Brigade Centre, Kirkham, Preston

Book in to the
Youth Residential



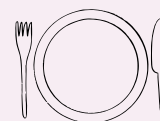
Supper & Speaker

Join together for a tasty dinner and inspiring talk, sharing with friends and celebrating all God is doing.

Sunday 22nd November 6pm

St Cuthbert's, Langley Close, L12 0NB

Booking
available soon!



C&Y Hub Gathering

Please join the Children's and Youth Hub for food, fun and prayer for our next steps!

You don't have to be a Volunteer, simply rock up and hear about what's going on.

Wednesday 14th October 6.30pm

St David's Childwall, Rocky Lane, L16 1JA

Saturday 7th November 10am

St Andrew's Clubmoor, Adshead Road, L13 0AL

Generous Disciples Event

For leaders and Finance Volunteers to meet and grow generous giving in our parishes.

Thursday 19th November 7pm

St Cuthbert's, Langley Close, L12 0NB

Who can you invite to church



Our mission is to share the love of God with those around us by introducing people to Jesus. Cut out the section below and invite someone to church.



Come to church this week!

See our Sunday Services below, or for our midweek services and activities, head to achurchnearyou.com

All Saints Stoneycroft - 10am Holy Communion

St Andrew Clubmoor
9am Holy Communion 10.45am Morning Worship

St Anne Stanley - 10am Holy Communion

St Cuthbert Croxteth Park - 10am Holy Communion

St David Childwall - 10.30am Holy Communion

The Good Shepherd - 11am Morning Worship

Christ Church Norris Green - 10.30am Morning Worship

Prayer Points

Join us in praying for the items below, believing God can do immeasurably more than we could ask or understand.

- **We pray** for the Funding the Future mission plans, developed by each church. May our funds be used wisely to bring more of God's Kingdom in our parish.
- **We pray** for our Churchwardens as they enter into a busy season. May they be refreshed and energised by their service.
- **We pray** for our Safeguarding Officers and the unseen work they undertake. May they be blessed with wisdom and confidence.
- **We pray** for our lay and ordained leaders who plan and lead our weekly ministry. May they be inspired by the word, filled with the spirit and know the companionship of Jesus.
- **We pray** especially for our new Youth Team - Tony, Ethan and Reuben. May they offer great support and add refreshing to our new and existing projects.
- **Finally, we pray** that all living in our parish would come to know God.

