

The Parish Church of St Cuthbert, Ormesby

Newsletter. April 2015



Sunday 9.00a.m Holy Eucharist

Sunday 10.30a.m Family Service.

St Cuthbert's Website. wwkeithforeinan.wix.com/stcuthberts

To arrange a wedding or a baptism please contact the Parish Office. 01642 314445.

Vicar: Revd. Jennifer Croft.

Lay Ministers: Janet Caldwell; Bob Wade.

Church Wardens: Mrs Brenda Chapman; Mrs Hilary Morrison.

Church Secretary: Ms Janet Caldwell

Church Treasurer: Mr Bob Wade.

Church Organists: Mrs Sylvia Morris and Ms Janet Caldwell.

PCC Members: Janet Caldwell, Brenda Chapman, Honor Coppinger Ann Coulson, Keith Foreman, Lewis Harvey, Margaret Loft, Hilary Morrison, Christine Nicholls, Audrey Robson, Bob Wade, Valerie Welford.

How do we see the world through God's eyes?



Peace and reconciliation are an important aspect of the Church's ministry. In some secular institutions, it is called conflict resolution. Whilst I was a university chaplain & a departmental manager, I not only had training in conflict resolution, but I was asked to take on the role of the reconciler in some difficult pastoral situations. For 14 years, I worked in a city known for its ministry of Peace and Reconciliation, i.e. the city of Coventry that was bombed in World War Two which then initiated new ways for peace and reconciliation. The symbol for this international ministry is the cross of

nails and there are cross of nails centres all around the world. It goes hand in hand with our Lord's words from the cross, 'Father forgive them, for they know not what they do'.

I have often meditated on Christian art, not least on the painting called *Christ of Saint John of the Cross* by Salvador Dali. Although it is a depiction of the crucifixion, it is without nails, blood, and a crown of thorns, because Salvador Dali was convinced by a dream that these features would affect his depiction of Christ. Also in a dream, he was aware of the importance of showing a different angle of Christ in his painting. Essentially, the artist was trying to depict how the cross and the world might look from the eyes of God.

If we could see things through God's eyes, we would see that our hugely perceived problems can be easily overcome. We would see that our greatest fears will not materialise. We would also see a situation through the other person's eyes, and this is the key component to peace and reconciliation. By trying to see another person's needs and discerning what they might be feeling — then we're more than halfway there. Peace and Reconciliation does not just belong to a particular city or to a particular international ministry, but it belongs to you and to me and all we need to do is to try and see the world through God's eyes.

With my love and blessings,

Jennifer

Vicar's joke corner.

Parishioner I have stolen a lovely fat chicken!
Priest: That is very wrong.
Parishioner Would you like to accept it?
Priest: Certainly not - return it to the person who you
stole it from.
Parishioner But I have offered it and they won't have it.
Priest: In that case you may keep it yourself.
Parishioner Thank you, Reverend!
The Priest arrived home to find one of his chickens had been stolen

New Initiatives at St Cuthbert's Church

Changes to the first Sunday morning of the month — pattern of worship:

Currently on the first Sunday of the month there is a 9a.m Holy Communion service, a 10.30a.m Family Service, an 11.10a.m service and 12.30p.m Baptisms. We only have one ordained priest, i.e. the Vicar, to do all of these services when we ideally need two or more clergy, plus the 11.30a.m service is not well supported. The PCC have decided that after Easter, there won't be an 11.30a.m service, but this won't affect the other three services. We apologise if this is a disappointment to some people at St Cuthbert's, but we can review it again at some future point. In the meantime, we heartily commend both the 9a.m and 10.30a.m services.

Changes to the fourth Sunday morning; of the month:

A number of people have requested Holy Communion at the 10.30a.m Family Service. After Easter, on the fourth Sunday of the month, the 10.30a.m service will be the Family Holy Communion Service.

We will use real bread for the service, so that the children will be able to fully participate in the breaking of the bread.

Continuing New Initiatives at St Cuthbert's Church:

Daily Prayer

Prayer is the heartbeat of our relationship with God! Morning and Evening Prayer is said at 9.00a.m and 4.30p.m_ in Church on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays Anyone is welcome to come and join us.

Wednesday Morning Holy Communion

We now have a Holy Communion service every Wednesday morning at 10.00a.m. We will use the Book of Common Prayer and we'll see how it goes. We will have coffee and fellowship after the Communion service. Please come along.

Lent Bible Study Group

During Lent the Vicar is starting a Bible study group to meet weekly at the Vicarage at 1.30p.m from Thursday 19th February. Anyone is very welcome to come along, and no previous knowledge of the Bible is required. During Lent we are looking in depth at the Lord's Prayer, using the Church of England material called 'Pilgrim'.

Prayer Group

This is a new initiative for St Cuthbert's Church, and we will pray for the church, the parish, the different communities, the land, the people, the sick, refugees, the homeless and the lonely. Anyone who has a heart for Ormesby, and an interest and willingness to pray is very welcome. No previous experience or knowledge of prayer is required, just come along.

Since early February a new and exciting initiative has started at St Cuthbert's, - a once a fortnight prayer group. This friendly group lead by the vicar explores the many questions surrounding prayer; What is a prayer? How do we pray? Why do we pray and who do we pray for? Are but a few examples.

The disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray (Luke II. 1). He began His ministry with prayer and He ended His ministry with

prayer, He is our example. People at all stages in the Christian journey can learn about prayer and share our learning with each other in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Want to know more about how to pray?

Come and join us at the vicarage on April 14th at 7.30p.m.

Confirmation

The Rt Revd Paul Ferguson, the Bishop of Whitby, is taking a Confirmation Service in church on **Sunday 19th April at 10.30a.m.** Please speak to the Vicar if you're interested. Classes have started but it's not too late to join in!

And Don't Forget

The LUNC H BUNCH meets on the first Thursday of each month for coffee, lunch -whatever. Nothing is pre-ordered in regard to food. It is your choice whether you want to eat or not. In April we meet at **THE RUDDS ARMS in MARTON** on Thursday 2nd at around 12.30pm.

It would be helpful if you could let Brenda know whether you are hoping to join us and then we can reserves some tables together.

Middlesbrough Food Bank

Here at St Cuthbert's Ormesby, we continue to support the Food Bank.

Please bring any contributions you may have to church and place them in the box provided at the back of the church.

My Sister's Place and The Women's Refuge

Any spare toiletries that you have would be most appreciated by the women at the refuge who quite often have had to flee their homes without any personal belongings of any description. There is a box at the back of the church fiat the Refuge.

Janet Writes

Bellerby is a small village set in the Yorkshire Dales where recently I had the pleasure of staying for a few days.

By it's outward appearance a time where time has not moved forward; stone cottages flank the narrow road that runs between a fast-flowing stream on either side.

A village green, a pub and a red telephone box complete the picture. Harold, the butcher, still visits the village twice a week in his green van bringing an assortment of goods along with the meat; bird seed, vegetables and chocolate digestives all essentials for village life.

I always look forward to the changing seasons and as Spring beckons I find it impossible to describe the feelings that it brings after the bleakness of winter.

As the days noticeably lengthen there is true joy to be found in the countryside as the earth comes back to life; seedlings, flowers and buds burst forth while Mother Nature is busy re-clothing the trees and gnarled hedgerows.

Always an early riser I found myself up and out for a walk up the lane, before the rest of the village stirred, each morning; the only other sign of life being the four village ducks that took flight as I reached the end of the drive.

The caws of the rooks clustered in the treetops echoed menacingly in the still morning air.

Spring brings changes to both animal and plant life restoring a wealth of colour predominantly greens and yellows.

Everywhere that I looked there seemed to be an explosion of daffodils, saffron coloured crocuses, lichen on grey stone walls, goldfinches and sunshine.

Each morning a yellow awakening, it was as though God had reached out and touched the earth with gold.

Not to say that the weather can't still be temperamental; there were finger-bitingly cold and frosty mornings when the air was heavy with mist.

In the grey light the combination of freezing cold air and the silhouetted landscape laden with sunlit mist amply indicated to me the rewards of always having my camera with me.

The natural world is under constant threat but nature just gets on with it, Spring a time of new life and renewal.

Lambs fresh from sleep gambolled madly in the fields and each morning

I would see a delightful little dipper acrobatically flying back to his favourite stone at the water's edge. Wading birds from the coast (plover, curlew and black-headed gulls) have all returned to the safety of the moor to build their nests.

Back on the farm 3 year old Jess would be waiting for my return to help her feed her chickens. Even they realised that spring is in the air with the amorous cockerel sprinting like Usain Bolt after the objects of his desire.

They in turn squawked their indignation and ran for cover.

Eventually our corn would be exchanged for a dippy-egg each to take back for breakfast.

A wonderful few days where I found food for both my body and my soul.

May the promise of Spring cheer you
May the magic that it brings thrill you
May the healing of the sunlight warm you
And the hopes of the world quicken you
May the joy of the wakening earth enrich you
And the blessings of Easter fill you.

With love - Janet.

EASTER SERVICES 2015

MONDAY 30th MARCH

6.30p.m Stations of the Cross

WEDNESDAY 1st APRIL -held in St Gabriel's Church Hall

6.00p.m Passover Service

MAUNDY THURSDAY 2nd APRIL

6.30p.m Evening Eucharist of the Lord's Supper,
feet washing, stripping the Altar, the Watch

GOOD FRIDAY 3rd APRIL

11.00a.m Children's Service with Hot Cross Buns

2.00p.m The Hour lay the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY 4th APRIL - held at Holy Trinity Church, North Ormesby

7.30p.m Easter Vigil

EASTER DAY 5th APRIL

9.00a.m Eucharist for Easter Day

10.30a.m Family Service with Easter Egg Hunt in the
Churchyard