

St Cuthbert's Church: Bulletin for Sunday March 22nd 4th in Lent – Mothering Sunday

Regular worshippers at St. Cuthbert's will be familiar with our weekly "pew sheet" which gives the Bible readings for the current Sunday, contact details for the church, news, and messages from the ministry team. Since all church services have been suspended until further notice, we will not issue the usual printed "pew sheet". Instead, we will be putting a "mini-bulletin" on this website each week.

For those of you who would like to participate, even at a distance, in some form of common worship, we will be giving the collect and the references for the current Sunday's Bible readings. For copyright reasons, we will not be printing the full texts of the readings so if you have not got your own Bible, you can get all the texts from the Bible Gateway website. You can even choose which version of the Bible you prefer! Here is the link: [BibleGateway.com](https://www.biblegateway.com)

Collect for Mothering Sunday

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bring together and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Bible Readings for Mothering Sunday

Exodus 2.1-10

Psalms 34.11-20

2 Corinthians 1.3-7

John 19.25-27

A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

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Most of our regular activities have been put on hold for the duration of the emergency. If you need any information that is not on this website, you can phone any of the contacts listed on this site.

Church opening times.

Deacon Janet will be opening the church for private prayer on Sunday mornings from 10 a.m.

The Tuesday 6pm -7pm opening for baptism and wedding enquiries will continue until further notice. Please be aware that this may have to change.

Tuesday fellowship group

The group would like to continue with their Bible study meetings, but things may have to change, so please ring Janet Caldwell for updates.

You will all be missing Janet's thought -provoking sermons so you will be pleased to see that she has sent us a message

A Message from Deacon Janet:

Last Friday I was at Overfields School, during the Come and See mission, where the pupils participated in telling the story of how Jesus calmed the storm. Little did I know then that within a week schools would be closed, some of our church services postponed and many of our church activities within the community curtailed. Our country is now tackling the effects of the outbreak of a highly infectious virus.

It seems that the familiar activities and routines we are used to have been disrupted by the COVID 19, no longer a pesky illness caught overseas. There are gaps in the stuff we are used to buying in supermarkets, family life has been disrupted uncertainty hangs over our jobs and businesses and all of us are concerned about our future health and wellbeing.

Being asked to stay at home is something none of us are used to in our travel anywhere, meet anyone, buy anything society. Challenging times indeed for us and our wider community.

This crisis will challenge us to continue to live our lives of faith. Firstly, by recalling that Jesus is with us in all our worries and concerns. Remember that His life was always one of uncertainty and struggle, yet He was always ready to help others as I know you all will be.

Please continue to help each other as a loving Christian community in whatever practical ways you can.

Please pray for our leadership team at St Cuthberts as we guide and steer our little flock through the coming difficult days. I've always found Jesus's words from St John's Gospel (16 v33) of personal help when times are tough; -

'In me ye might have peace ---- in the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer I have overcome the world'.

And now a prayer for you all

Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of your love and until we meet again may God hold you and your loved ones in the palm of his hand.

Take care and with love and God's blessing always.

Deacon Janet