



St Cuthberts Ormesby

Building the Church Building the Kingdom

Sunday 18th April

3rd Sunday of Easter

Christ
is
Risen!

Welcome to our church

Please turn to page 5 of this leaflet for today's prayers and readings.

A reflection on some words from St. Luke's Gospel from our Deacon, Janet Caldwell.

Luke makes it clear that the risen Jesus was not a ghost:
"Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." (verse 39)

As if to emphasize the fact further Jesus goes on to express hunger and eats a piece of cooked fish.

Ghosts could not consume cooked food.

The resurrection was thus fact and Jesus is the living proof of His Father's promises.

Jesus' appearance here was one of reassurance and also one with an important message that He was who he had claimed to be, and that a gospel of repentance and forgiveness should be proclaimed.

So the difficulties for us are that although we know that the resurrection happened; the challenge is how we respond to it; because we need to see the world with different eyes, and be where hope is offered rather

than despair, to see life rather than death and renewal in place of looking back.

Yes spring is a beautiful season which teems with new life but the natural world can only be part of the Easter narrative.

We know that Jesus is risen, we talk about it and after Covid rules are history we will sing about it again, so we should not be terrified and amazed when Jesus actually appears in our own humdrum, little lives in our own individual experiences.

The Christian message is the same in the Easter stories and in the Christmas ones – a message for the whole world of love, joy and peace.

Janet Caldwell

Regular services during lockdown

Sundays

Holy Communion at 10 a.m.

Our regular Sunday service of Holy Communion is still permitted ***on condition that we comply with the Government's rules.***

We are sorry to have to be so restrictive, but we must try to keep everyone safe, so as our services take place indoors:

- **you must wear a face covering while you are in the building**
- **you must come on your own or with members of your household or bubble**
- **you must not “mingle” with anyone else while you are in the building**
- **there will be communion in one kind only with no common cup**
- **congregational singing is not allowed**
- **we may not offer refreshments after the service**

Café Church

This will be replaced by Holy Communion until further notice.

Future services

Sundays at 10.00 Holy Communion

Wednesdays at 10.00 Holy Communion

Canon Peter has kindly offered to carry on with the Wednesday service if there are sufficient communicants to make it viable (please listen for announcements in church, check the pewsheet or website for any variations).

Check the church website or Facebook page for up- to- date news of any other activities at: www.stcuthbertsormesby.org.uk,

or contact one of the people listed below.

Deacon:	Revd. Janet Caldwell	01642 454790
Reader-in-training:	Elizabeth Furnell	01642 293108
Church Warden:	Janet Danks	01642 321347
Church Warden:	Elaine Boyle	07794621752

Wedding and Baptism enquiries

The Tuesday evening office hours at the church have been resumed. No need to book, just come along to St Cuthbert's on Tuesday evenings between 6pm and 7pm.

You can also fill in an online application on the Church's website at

www.stcuthbertsormesby.org.uk,

Safeguarding

Useful Phone numbers:

Childline: 0800111

NSPCC: 08088005000

Womens Aid: 08088029999

Samaritans: 116123

Mind: 0300123339

**Diocese of York.
Keep up with the news at:**

www.dioceseofyork.org.uk/thenews

Giving: a message from our treasurer.

Hebrews 13.16:

“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have”,

I would like to thank all those members of our congregation who have embraced contactless methods as well as those who are giving through the planned giving envelopes to continue to support St Cuthberts.

Please continue to put away your weekly envelope contributions and

If you can donate online please do so. All details are on our website If you are donating more than £30 you might consider gift aiding it; if you can't go on line, contact Ian for a form to fill in.



If you have a smart phone and you point your camera at the QR code to the left, it will prompt you to open the web browser on your phone at a page allowing you to choose one of the set amounts or choose to set the donation amount yourself. Default is a single donation but there is an option to set it to give the same amount each month.

The Collect for the 3rd Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

The Bible Readings for the 3rd Sunday of Easter

The first New Testament Reading, Acts 3:12-19

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

The Epistle, John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him,

for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The Gospel, Luke 24:36b-48

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

The Bible passages are reproduced from The New Revised Standard Version. (NRSV)

Post Communion Prayer

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

More Prayers

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.

A Prayer on the death of HRH the Duke Of Edinburgh

God of our lives,
we give thanks for the life of Prince Philip,
for his love of our country,
and for his devotion to duty.
We entrust him now to your love and mercy,
through our Redeemer Jesus Christ.
Amen.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

1 Peter 1:3

Online Condolence Book for The Duke of Edinburgh

If you would like to post a message, click the link below to be taken straight to the site

www.churchofengland.org/remembering-his-royal-highness-prince-philip

or,



if you have a smartphone, point the camera on your phone at the QR code on the left and open your phone browser. It will then take you to the C of E condolences page.

God on strike

(Another little rhyme from Elaine's Mum's poetry book.)

How good it is that God above has never gone on strike,
Because He was not treated fair in things he didn't like,
If only He had given up and said " that's it, I'm through, I've had enough
so this is what I'll do ,"
I'll give my orders to the Sun - "cut off the heat supply ,"
And to the moon "-give no more light " I'll run the oceans dry,
Then just to make things really tough and put the pressure on, turn off
the vital oxygen till every breath is gone ,
You know he would be justified if fairness was the game, for no-one
has been more abused or met with more disdain than God ,
And yet he carries on, supplying you and me with all the favours of his
grace and everything for free,
Men say they want a better deal, and so they go on strike,
But what a deal we've given God to whom all things we owe ,
We sometimes don't care who gets hurt to gain the things we like, but
what a mess we would be if God should go on strike.

A Bible Quiz for Easter

There is some blank space left in the leaflet, so rather than waste it, here is a little quiz for you.



If you have been to church over Easter or read the gospel recently you will probably remember most of the answers, but if you need to check them look in Luke chapter 24, it's all in there.

What' should be the caption?

1) The risen Jesus appeared to two of his disciples on the road to a village near Jerusalem. What was the name of the village?

- a) Bethany
- b) Cana
- c) Emmaus
- d) Nazareth

2) How long was it after Jesus' tomb was found empty that this event occurred?

- a) The same day
- b) One day later
- c) Two days later
- d) One week later

3) The two disciples did not recognize Jesus at first. While they were walking together on the road, they talked to Him as if to a stranger. What did they talk about?

- a) The fate of the other disciples
- b) Jesus' death and resurrection
- c) The reasons for their travels
- d) The beautiful weather.

4) What were the two disciples and Jesus doing later when "their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight."

- a) Resting after the long walk
- b) Drawing water from a well
- c) Eating their evening meal
- d) Speaking in the synagogue

If you want to check your answers now, turn to the last page of the leaflet.

You won't catch Covid from picking up this or any other leaflet:

Transmission of the virus via paper surfaces

Public Health England states that:

“the virus does not survive well for long periods outside the body and so it is highly unlikely that COVID-19 can be spread through post or packages.”

The researchers found that the coronavirus lasts longest on smooth, non-porous surfaces such as plastic. Since paper and cardboard are porous, they carry the lowest potency for the shortest period of time.

To further reassure you, when this leaflet is printed it is done so by a person wearing a mask and with sanitised hands.

Can you help to distribute our lockdown “pewsheet”?

Most of you will know by now that we have temporarily expanded our weekly leaflet to include a little more news and other items we hope will be of interest.

We would like to distribute it to members of the congregation who are staying at home at the present time, so we are asking those of you who are still able to attend church to help in one or more of the following ways:

- If you have a friend who used to come to church, you could put a copy of the weekly sheet through their letterbox each week
- Ask any friends that you may be in touch with if they would like a copy of this leaflet emailed to them each week
- Tell people that we are taking every precaution to keep everyone safe.

To arrange for copies to be emailed, or hand-delivered if you are unable to access the internet, phone Carol on 01642489568

Or email Carol at carolmbruce@yahoo.co.uk

or leave a note for Larry on the table at the back of the church.

We would prefer to email the leaflet to you, but if you have no Internet access we will endeavour to deliver a printed copy to you.

This leaflet will also be on the church website at www.stcuthbertsormesby.org.uk

Quiz answers

1a,2c,3b,4c.

and the caption should, of course, be “The road to Emmaus”

Please leave the order of service on the pew but take this leaflet away with you.