



St Cuthberts Ormesby

Building the Church *Building the Kingdom*

**Easter Sunday
4th April**



**Welcome to
our church
on
Easter Day**

A very Happy Easter to you all

A Reflection on John Chapter 20 11-18 by Deacon Janet.

So; we are finally allowed, if we wish to meet up to 6 people in our gardens.

The irony of it and the parallels with that first Easter morning were not lost on me.

So it was that Mary Magdalene was the first person to meet the risen Lord, but she didn't recognise him thinking him to be the gardener. His appearance was different. His command to Mary is interesting "Do not

hold on to me” which tells us that to be true Easter people means moving on from old habits, ways or whatever is holding us back from developing our spiritual lives more fully.

Mary naturally wanted to cling to Jesus because she loved Him, but he has been changed and now commands her to “go and tell” the disciples that he would soon ascend to his Father.

This should be at the heart of every Christian and Church’s narrative that we try and steer ourselves away from selfishness, to go and tell the story of that first Easter day, and to share with our Covid weary and suffering world in the words of Mary Magdalene - “I have seen the Lord” Happy Easter.

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 10.00 Holy Communion

There will be no celebration of Holy Communion on Wednesdays for the time being.

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
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Wedding and Baptism enquiries

The Tuesday evening office hours at the church will be resumed on Tuesday 6th. April.. No need to book, just come along to St Cuthberts 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,

The current rules for holding ceremonies are:

Baptisms.

From 21st June 2021 if all goes to plan, there will be no limit on the number attending, other than the capacity of the church. If physical distancing is still a requirement after 21st June then this will place a limit on the capacity of the church. You may need to maintain hygienic precautions, including wearing face masks, and social distancing between people who do not live together or share a support bubble.

Weddings.

Government guidelines state that they are currently limited to a maximum of 6 people. This will change to a **maximum of 15 from 12th April 2021** and to a **maximum of 30 from 17th May 2021**. From **21st June 2021** if all goes to plan then there will be no limit placed on guests, other than the capacity of the church. If physical distancing is still a requirement after 21st June 2021 then this will place a limit on the capacity of the church. You may need to maintain hygienic precautions, including wearing face masks, and Social distancing between people who do not live together or share a support bubble.

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.

Giving more to the local community:

we are still collecting for the food banks. Please leave items at the back of the church. Tea and coffee are especially welcome.

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The Collect for Easter Sunday

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

The Bible Readings for Easter Sunday

Old Testament Reading, Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained
clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the
earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for
him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

New Testament Reading, Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Gospel, John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know

where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

Post Communion Prayer

God of Life,
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

6pm prayers

Although the nationwide call to prayer has now ended, here are a few prayers you might like to use if you want to carry on with the initiative.

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 of St Augustine of Hippo

Look upon us, O Lord,
and let all the darkness of our souls
vanish before the beams of your brightness.
Fill us with holy love,
and open to us the treasures of your wisdom.
All our desire is known to you,
therefore perfect what you have begun,
and what your Spirit has awakened us to ask in prayer.
We seek your face,
turn your face to us and show us your glory.

Then shall our longing be satisfied,
and our peace shall be perfect.
Amen.

A prayer for peace

O God, who would fold both heaven and earth in a single peace:
let the design of thy great love
lighten upon the waste of our wraths and sorrows:
and give peace to thy Church,
peace among nations,
peace in our dwellings,
and peace in our hearts:
through thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

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Elaine has been looking through her Mother's album again . "Just a few short verses from my Mum's poem book" –

Daffodils

Daffodils of palest gold,
Raise their trumpets up on high,
Heralding as they unfold,
Brighter days and sunnier skies.
The wonderful signs of nature bring ,
The hope and happiness of spring.

Spring

Why do I smile at people ,
Or in my garden stare,
Or want to whistle down the street,
It's spring that's in the air ,
Why do I feel more hopeful now,
And laugh at fear or care ,
And feel much younger than I am ,
Oh it's spring that's in the air.

Some folklore for the Easter season

Easter eggs and the Easter Bunny



Most people are aware of the origin of the Easter egg, which has been a Christian symbol associated with rebirth since at least the 1st century AD.

In the Middle Ages the egg became associated with Easter; eating eggs was prohibited in Lent so Easter was the first opportunity to enjoy them. Today we prefer the chocolate variety, eggs now being so commonplace that they no longer feel like a luxury.

As a special dish, eggs would probably have been decorated as part of the Easter celebrations. Today Christians in many countries still decorate their eggs; the patterns and colours are often highly symbolic.

The **Easter Bunny** though, what about him (or her)? Is it just another ghastly American tradition, as completely secular as Santa Claus has become? Well no, it isn't.

The hare was a popular motif in medieval church art and sometimes three hares were used as a representation of the Holy Trinity. The idea of an egg-giving hare went to the U.S. in the 18th century. Protestant German immigrants in the Pennsylvania Dutch area told their children about the "Osterhase". Hase means "hare", not rabbit, and in Northwest European folklore the "Easter Bunny" indeed is a hare. (In America Jackrabbits are actually hares, so maybe this led to the confusion).

According to the legend, only good children received gifts of coloured eggs in the nests that they made in their caps and bonnets before Easter. So like several other traditions, the Europeans had it first and took it with them to America from whence it was re-imported into Europe.

So when you see the Easter Bunny don't dismiss it as another example of consumerism, think of it as a Christian symbol!

If you like chocolate, enjoy those eggs! As for me. I prefer the real thing, soft boiled. Our family tradition, handed down from my father, is to paint faces on ours on Easter Day. Served in bunny eggcups of course.

What's your tradition?

Carol

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.”

Aside from the manufacturing conditions of paper, plus the printing and distribution processes significantly decreasing the amount of viable particles required to infect someone, the material itself is not a good location for the virus to exist. 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 gloved or sanitised hands. If you are still worried about passing the virus on with this leaflet, isolate it for a couple of days and then handle it in a similar way.

Can you help to distribute our lockdown “pewsheet”?

Most of you will know by now that as well as the usual prayers, readings and information about forthcoming services we have expanded our weekly leaflet to include a little more news.

We would like to distribute it to those members of the congregation who are shielding or avoiding leaving home at the present time.

So that we can achieve our aim of reaching as many people as possible, 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 your friends that it is still permitted to attend services and 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 carolmbruce@yahoo.co.uk

If you prefer, you can 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



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

