



**St Cuthberts Ormesby**

**Building the Church Building the Kingdom**

**Sunday 16th May**

**7th Sunday of Easter**

**The Sunday after**

**Ascension Day**

## **Welcome to our church**

***“God is gone up with a shout,  
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.”***

***(Psalm 47)***

### **A message from our Deacon, Janet Caldwell**

My late mother belonged to a generation which could remember coal fires in waiting rooms on country railway stations where passengers gathered to warm themselves while waiting for trains, sheltering from moorland gales or mists rolling in off the north sea.

So this Sunday could be described as ‘Holy Waiting Room’ Day. The disciples had been advised by Jesus to wait in Jerusalem for the coming of the Holy Spirit (St Luke chapter 24). It’s an in between Sunday, not dissimilar from the situation we are in now, a time of waiting before the covid restrictions are hopefully lifted. How did the disciples feel? Nervous, full of anticipation, fearful, excited, eager to get on with their faith journey?

The coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost would not only enable but empower them to be His witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria to the ends of the earth.

Even so today let us be equally vigilant and prayerful as we await next Sunday and the celebration of Pentecost.

Deacon Janet  
14<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

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

## **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**

Government guidance includes a request that we record the names of attendees and visitors.

**Please enter your details on the attendance sheet or scan the QR code on your smartphone.** These records are kept for 21 days, to assist track-and-trace if required. All information is dealt with as required by GDPR and the records will be securely disposed of after 21 days.

**Café Church:** This will be replaced by Holy Communion until further notice.

## **Wednesdays at 10.00: Holy Communion**

Canon Peter has kindly offered to carry on officiating at the Wednesday morning Holy Communion service if there are sufficient communicants to make it viable.

**(Please listen for announcements in church or check the pewsheet or website for any variations).**

## **Parochial Church Council Annual General Meeting**

As several members of the PCC will be away next week, this will now be held after the Sunday morning service on **30th May** at 11am in church, not on 23rd May as previously arranged.  
All are welcome to attend. The agenda is on the church notice board.

Check the church website or Facebook page for up-to-date news of any other activities at: [www.stcuthbertsomesby.org.uk](http://www.stcuthbertsomesby.org.uk),

**or contact one of the people listed below.**

<b>Deacon:</b>	Revd. Janet Caldwell	01642 454790
<b>Reader-in-training:</b>	Elizabeth Furnell	01642 293108
<b>Church Warden:</b>	Janet Danks	01642 321347
<b>Church Warden:</b>	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, find it under "Life Events" in the menu bar on the Church's website at

[www.stcuthbertsomesby.org.uk](http://www.stcuthbertsomesby.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](http://www.dioceseofyork.org.uk/thenews)

also available on the Church Website:

<https://stcuthbertsomesby.org.uk/newsletters/>

## 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.



*Smartphone owners, point your camera at the QR code to the left to open the web browser on your phone at a page allowing you to choose the amount you would like to donate.*

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## **The Collect for the 7th Sunday of Easter**

O God the King of glory you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ

with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:

we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,

but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us

and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

## **The Bible Readings for the 7th Sunday of Easter**

### **The first New Testament Reading, Acts 1:15-17, 21-26**

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus-- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-- one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

### **The Epistle, 1 John 5:9-13**

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts.

Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

### **The Gospel, John 17:6-19**

Jesus prayed for his disciples, “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent

them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

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

## **Post Communion Prayer for the 7th Sunday of Easter**

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
    confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
    through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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### **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 thanksgiving for the Vaccine



God of Hope, Sustainer of all life,  
We give You thanks for the coronavirus  
vaccines,  
for the skill and wisdom of scientists, NHS  
staff and key workers.  
By the power of Your Spirit, may we overflow  
with hope  
and joy as we see our friends, families and  
neighbours protected.  
God of Justice, Protector of the vulnerable,  
may we be your well-washed hands and  
willing feet. Move us to give and act, to  
challenge the injustices that anger You.

May we seek to protect all Your children,  
particularly those for whom the vaccine is out of reach.  
With hope and trust we pray,  
Amen.

(*from the Christian Aid website*)

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## Pray for peace in Israel and Palestine where so many people are suffering at the present time.

*"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  
'May those who love you be secure.  
May there be peace within your walls  
and security within your citadels.'  
For the sake of my family and friends,  
I will say, 'Peace be within you.'  
For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,  
I will seek your prosperity."*

—Psalm 122:6-9 NIV

Spirit of the living God,  
Come afresh on your holy land.

Help your people to restore broken relationships.  
Give them patience to break down barriers of suspicion and mistrust;  
ability to discern personal prejudices and the courage to overcome fear.  
Teach them to respect each other's integrity and rights  
so that your kingdom may be established on earth.  
For Jesus' sake.

- Rt Rev Riah Abu El-Assal

## Thy Kingdom Come 2021



Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. Christians from more than 170 countries and 65 denominations have taken part.

Thy Kingdom Come runs between Ascension and Pentecost, and in 2021 will take place from 13-23 May.

During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, it is hoped that everyone who takes part will:

- Deepen their own relationship with Jesus Christ
- Pray for 5 friends or family to come to faith in Jesus
- Pray for the empowerment of the Spirit that we would be effective in our witness

Get more information from the website below. If you are reading online, click on the link.

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

or pick up a booklet at church. There is no charge for these but a small donation would be welcomed.

***Still worried about catching Covid? You won't get it from this leaflet,***

**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."**

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.

***We would still like help to distribute our lockdown "pewsheets".***

Most of you will know by now that when the latest lockdown began, we temporarily expanded our weekly leaflet to include a little more news and other items we hoped might be of interest. Although some of us

who were shielding have resumed attending church, there are still some people who have not been able to come back.

We want to keep in touch with those 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

email Carol at [carolmbruce@yahoo.co.uk](mailto: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.stcuthbertsomesby.org.uk](http://www.stcuthbertsomesby.org.uk)

**We will continue to produce this leaflet until social distancing and other restrictions have been lifted. When we return to normal, or everyone has resumed attending services, we will return to the pre-Covid form of leaflet.**

**We can't sign off without including another little verse from Elaine's Mum's book.**



### **Value**

The things I value money can't buy,  
Like rainbow colours high in the sky,  
A rich red sunset over a hill,  
And the fresh cool air when I breathe my fill,  
The things I value are there for the taking,  
As I value a new day when dawn is breaking.

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