

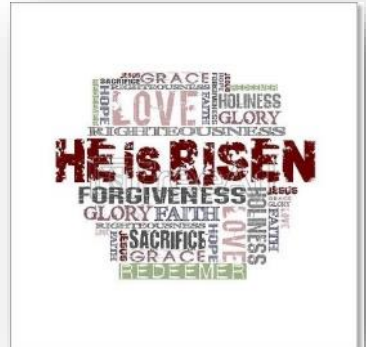


**St Cuthberts Ormesby**

**Building the Church Building the Kingdom**

**Sunday 2nd May**

**5th Sunday of Easter**



**Welcome to our church**

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

This week's words of encouragement are taken from St John's Gospel chapter 15 verse 1-8, in which we have another 'I am' saying of Jesus, I am the true vine. Notice He says I am the true vine. By implication then Jesus is not just any old vine plant nor do I believe that He is merely trying to give helpful tips on viticulture.

He is teaching that any branch must stay on the parent plant of Himself in order to thrive and bear fruit. We have to abide or stay or remain with Him so that He can work through us and be in us.

We can do this through reading the words of Jesus, through study, prayer, and attendance at Holy Communion. No branch once detached from Him can prosper spiritually. Those that remain or abide in Jesus can be assured of His love and fruitfulness as disciples. If we learn to commit to 'abiding' in Jesus Christ, he then abides in us and enables us to become true disciples and bear much fruit for the nourishment of others.

The Jesus of the true vine is the only five a day we need and it should be our duty and our joy to abide in Him as closely as we can throughout our earthly lives

Blessings  
Deacon Janet

***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**

**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 and check the pewsheets 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](http://www.stcuthbertsormesby.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.stcuthbertsormesby.org.uk](http://www.stcuthbertsormesby.org.uk),

## Safeguarding

### Useful phone numbers:

<b>Childline:</b>	0800111	<b>NSPCC:</b>	08088005000
<b>Womens Aid:</b>	08088029999	<b>Samaritans:</b>	116123
<b>Mind:</b>	0300123339		

## Beware of scams

### A warning from Carol Bruce:

Some of you will have recently received an email purporting to be from me asking you for "a favor" (sic) This is substantially the same email that was sent out late last year in Deacon Janet's name. I reproduce it below:

*“How are you doing? I need a favor from you. I'm unavailable on phone, kindly let me know when you're online*

*Awaiting your response.”*

The first email came from my email address but the subsequent replies were from a slightly different address, and if you carried on the correspondence, you would have been asked to buy 2 \$100 Amazon gift cards for a third party. Then it became pretty obvious that it was a scam. Luckily, it seems that (unless you do buy these cards) you will not suffer any adverse effects. If you get any emails like this, delete them straightaway.

If you should be the victim of hacking, it is best if you change your email password immediately.

The hackers probably got in to your email because you entered your password in response to what you thought was a request from your email provider. I think that is what happened both to me and some other people I know whose accounts have also been hacked. We thought that we were immune to these scams because we were all pretty careful! The moral of the story is this – be very wary if you are asked to sign in to access your emails.

Another horrible scam that is going the rounds at the moment is the phone call, supposedly from a government department, saying that there is a warrant out for your arrest for fraud. I have had this one as well and so have some of my friends.

The tone is menacing and very scary and tells you to press key 1. Do not do it! **Government departments do not phone you. It is a scam. Hang up.**

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**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://stcuthbertsormesby.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.



*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.*

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**The Collect for the 5th Sunday of Easter**

Risen Christ,  
your wounds declare your love for the world  
and the wonder of your risen life:  
give us compassion and courage  
to risk ourselves for those we serve,  
to the glory of God the Father.

## The Bible Readings for the 5th Sunday of Easter

### The first New Testament Reading, Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and

as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

### **The Epistle, 1 John 4:7-21**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

### **The Gospel, John 15:1-8**

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no

fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

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

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Eternal God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:  
grant us to walk in his way,  
to rejoice in his truth,  
and to share his risen life;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

### **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)*

## A Reflection on Receiving the Coronavirus Vaccine

As we move from darkness to light,  
May we take this vaccine as a sign of what is to come  
A world reopened and renewed  
Embracing family and friends  
Gathering together in joy  
May we also be mindful of what has been  
The lives lost  
The sorrow felt  
And may the past and present intertwine  
Giving us hope for the future.

***Rabbi Rebecca Kamil***

# 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/>

## ***You won't catch Covid from picking up this or any other 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.

### **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](mailto:carolmbruce@yahoo.co.uk)

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

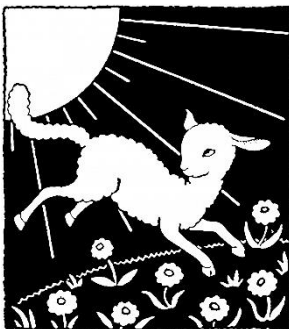
We would prefer to email the leaflet to you, but if you have no Internet access we will endeavour to deliver a printed copy to you.

This leaflet will also be on the church website at

[www.stcuthbertsormesby.org.uk](http://www.stcuthbertsormesby.org.uk)

**Finally, another little seasonal verse from Elaine's Mum's book.**

### **May Time**



The sudden stir of wind that sings,  
the busy whirr of feathered wings,  
Young furry, woolly, little things.

Sunshine, storm clouds, transient showers,  
Rainbows, cuckoos, lots of flowers,  
Yellow banded bumble bees,  
Pink blossoms on the cherry trees.  
These are the things that May-time brings.

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