



St Cuthberts Ormesby

Building the Church Building the Kingdom



Sunday 9th May

6th Sunday of Easter

Welcome to our church

A message from our Deacon, Janet Caldwell

Yesterday the Church marked the lesser festival of Mother Julian of Norwich (1343-1416)

Mother Julian is famous for writing 'The Revelations of Divine Love' which are a record of visions of the Crucifixion she received at the age of thirty when she was very ill. She recovered and lived to be 73!

It is reputedly the first book written in English by a known woman author. Mother Julian spent most of her life in a cell in the corner of St Julian's churchyard, Norwich, contemplating spiritual matters



One of my favourite passages from her writings is this.

For we are so preciously loved by God that we cannot even comprehend it. No created being can ever know how much and how sweetly and tenderly God loves them. It is only with the help of his grace that we are able to persevere in spiritual contemplation with endless wonder at his high, surpassing, immeasurable love which our Lord in his goodness has for us.

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 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).

Services next week

Please note :

There will be no Holy Communion on Wednesday 12th May, instead there will be a service on Thursday 13th May which is Ascension Day.

Parochial Church Council Annual General Meeting

This will be held after the Sunday morning service on 23rd. May at 11am in church.

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.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, find it under "Life Events" in the menu bar 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

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.

The Collect for the 6th Sunday of Easter

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
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 for ever.

The Bible Readings for the 6th Sunday of Easter

The first New Testament Reading, Acts 10: 44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The Epistle, 1 John 5: 1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments.

For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The Gospel, John 15: 9 - 17

[Jesus said to his disciples,] “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

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

Post Communion Prayer for 6th Sunday of Easter

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Ascension Day.

“Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.”

Luke 51, v.51-53

The collect for Ascension Day

Risen Christ,
you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven:
help us to seek and serve you,
that we may join you at the Father’s side,
where you reign with the Spirit in glory,
now and for ever.

Post Communion prayer for Ascension Day

God our Father,
you have raised our humanity in Christ
and have fed us with the bread of heaven:
mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings,
we may set our hearts in the heavenly places;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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)

Yesterday was the 76th anniversary of VE day.

2021 marks 76 years since the end of the Second World War and VE Day commemorates the end of the European conflict. It is a day when people of United Kingdom reflect on the sacrifice made by millions to accomplish victory over the Axis powers back in 1945.

A time for celebration, but also for reflection.

Prayers for VE day.

O God of truth and justice,
we hold before you those men and women
who have died in active service,
particularly in the Second World War,
whose sacrifice brought Victory in Europe.
As we honour their courage and cherish their memory,
may we put our faith in your future;
for you are the source of life and hope,
now and for ever.
Amen.

Lord God our Father,
we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humankind, in the cause of
peace,
for the relief of want and suffering,
and for the praise of your name.
Guide us by your Spirit;
give us wisdom;
give us courage;
give us hope;
and keep us faithful now and always.
Amen.

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.

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

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

The last word!

another little verse from Elaine's Mum's book.

"U"

Live and make the give and take,
Of every day a fact,
Seek and strive to keep alive tolerance and tact,
Come what may in every way ,
Display no gloomy view,
Remember understanding can only start with "U"

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