

THE SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT

20th March 2022 – Third Sunday of Lent

Refreshments at Kirkby

St Cuthbert's PCC believes that it would be appropriate to serve refreshments after the service again. If you are willing to help out with this, please make yourself known to Stephen or Linda.

PCC Annual Reports 2021

Material for the Annual Reports as soon as possible, please! Kirkby: to Linda Dean; Broughton: to Helen Lewis. Remember that the Annual Meeting receives the report, approved by the PCC, relating to the *previous calendar year*: 2021. Please save news of January and February 2022 for next time!

Prayer for the community

An important part of our ministry is prayer for the community. You might like to pray regularly for the residents of different streets or areas in turn. In Broughton, there is a map of the village at the back of St Mary's Church, on which you can place a sticker to show where you have been praying. Please have a look.

This Week

Tuesday

7.30pm – House group, Oak House, Broughton

Wednesday

7.30pm – Youth drop-in, Broughton Methodist Church

7.30pm – Broughton & Duddon PCC (St Mary's)

Thursday

9.00am – Coffee at Broughton Methodist Church

10.00am – Lent Study, Broughton Methodist Church

10am-12noon – Community Post Office and Coffee at Kirkby Community Centre and then 1-3pm at the Browfoot Room, Ulpha (Foodbank Collection also)

7.30pm – Meeting Point, Parsonage Room (film night)

Friday

5.00pm – Choir practice, St Mary's Broughton

9.30am – Spring Clean at St Mary's, Broughton – all welcome, with cleaning equipment and coveralls!

READINGS AND PRAYERS

Collect

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy
but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we,
walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
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.

Isaiah 55:1-9

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money on what is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

⁶ Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;

⁷ let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy
on them,

and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 63:1-9

¹ O God, you are my God, I seek you,
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
² So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
³ Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.
⁴ So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.
⁵ My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips
⁶ when I think of you on my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
⁷ for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.
⁸ My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me.
⁹ But those who seek to destroy my life
shall go down into the depths of the earth;

I Corinthians 10:1-13

A reading from St Paul's first letter to the church at Corinth.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.
⁶ Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷ Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' ⁸ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹ We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents.
¹⁰ And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹ These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹² So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³ No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

*This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

Luke 13:1-9

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.***

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?' ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴ Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

⁶ Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷ So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" ⁸ He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."

*This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.***

Prayer after Communion

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you,
the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.