

THE SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT

3rd April 2022 – Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passiontide begins)

Banns of Marriage

In Kirkby this week I am delighted to publish banns of marriage between Annaliese Marie Sales and Lewis John Scott (second time of asking). Please pray for them both as they prepare for their wedding.

Easter services and events

Good Friday to Easter Bank Holiday, daily 12noon-3pm

“Still Glides the Stream” – an exhibition by FLAX textile artists to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Wordsworth’s Duddon sonnets. Free entry. Seathwaite parish room. Refreshments served.

Maundy Thursday, 14th April, 7pm, Broughton

Liturgy of Maundy Thursday, with the washing of feet and the last Holy Communion before Easter.

Good Friday, 15th April

10am - Walk of Witness from St Mary’s, Broughton, to the High Cross, followed by hot cross buns.

3pm – Good Friday service at St Cuthbert’s, Kirkby, using material from the Archbishop of York’s *The Nail*.

Easter Sunday, 17th April

6am – Dawn service at St Cuthbert’s, Kirkby, with Holy bonfire, Holy Communion, breakfast to follow. Services at 9.30 (Ulpha), 11am (Broughton), 6pm (Kirkby) as per usual third Sunday arrangements.

This Week

Tuesday

7.30pm – House group, Oak House, Broughton

Wednesday

10-12noon – Coffee and Company at Kirkby Methodist Church. All welcome: please lend your support.

11.30am – Holy Communion, Broughton Mills.

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).

2pm – Choir practice, St Cuthbert’s, Kirkby.

Friday

5.00pm – Choir practice, St Mary’s, Broughton

Saturday

9.30 for 10am – Living in Love and Faith, Part 2, St Mary’s Church Centre, Dalton.

READINGS AND PRAYERS

Collect

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection
of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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 43:16-21

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

¹⁶ Thus says the Lord,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸ Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
²⁰ The wild animals will honour me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹ the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

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

Psalm 126

¹ When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.
² Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations,
'The Lord has done great things for them.'
³ The Lord has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.
⁴ Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.
⁵ May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.
⁶ Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.

Philippians 3:4b-14

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

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

John 12:1-8

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

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' ⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷ Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

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

Prayer after Communion

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least
of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.