

THE SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT

29th May 2022 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

STEWARDSHIP

Huge thanks to all who generously contributed to the cost of buying a television for use in Broughton Methodist Church. We are now making use of it almost every week for a pre-recorded programme of worship music, talk and discussion questions for Youth Group. The Thursday morning group has also benefited. A modestly-priced 50" screen from a reputable manufacturer has been purchased, which will be reasonably portable to other venues, and will come in useful where a projector cannot be used.



PLATINUM JUBILEE

“Thank you, Ma’am”

There will be an evening of music and anecdote to celebrate the Jubilee, this **Saturday 28th May, 7pm**, in St Mary’s Church, Broughton. A retiring collection will be taken in aid of the Queen’s charities. The Phoenix Singers and members of the Broughton Drama Group will be on hand. No charge for entry.

Jubilee Service

St Cuthbert’s, Kirkby, will offer a thanksgiving service for the Jubilee on **Sunday 5th June at 1pm**. All are welcome to share in the service of celebration that will be observed in churches up and down the country.

This Week

(half term – no school or youth events)

Wednesday

11.30am – Holy Communion, Broughton Mills followed by tea, coffee, biscuits and cake.

Thursday

1-3.30pm – Jubilee Tea at the Browfoot Room.

Friday

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

READINGS AND PRAYERS

Collect

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.

Acts 16:16-34

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

¹⁶ One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, ‘These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.’ ¹⁸ She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, ‘I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.’ And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. ²⁰ When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, ‘These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.’ ²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³ After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴ Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew

his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' ²⁹ The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' ³¹ They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' ³² They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴ He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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

Psalm 97

- ¹ The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!
² Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
³ Fire goes before him,
and consumes his adversaries on every side.
⁴ His lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.
⁵ The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,
before the Lord of all the earth.
⁶ The heavens proclaim his righteousness;
and all the peoples behold his glory.
⁷ All worshippers of images are put to shame,
those who make their boast in worthless idols;
all gods bow down before him.
⁸ Zion hears and is glad,
and the towns of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgements, O God.
⁹ For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.
¹⁰ The Lord loves those who hate evil;
he guards the lives of his faithful;
he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.
¹¹ Light dawns for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.
¹² Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-end

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

¹² 'See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.'

¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

¹⁶ 'It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.'

¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.'
And let everyone who hears say, 'Come.'
And let everyone who is thirsty come.
Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

²⁰ The one who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.'

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints.
Amen.

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

John 17:20-end

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

²⁰ 'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵ 'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

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

Prayer after Communion

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.

Please pray for...

Freddie Edmondson, coming for baptism at Broughton this Sunday at 11am.

Revd Rob Saner-Haigh, appointed to be the new Bishop of Penrith.

The consultation on the appointment of Rural Deans for the Furness and Barrow Deaneries.