

THE SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT

21st March 2021 – Fifth Sunday in Lent (Start of Passiontide)

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

You are warmly welcomed to attend any or all of the services in our various churches. Services take place indoors unless otherwise indicated.

Palm Sunday 28th March

9.30am Holy Communion at St Cuthbert's, Kirkby
11.00am Online worship by Zoom (final occasion)
6.00pm Holy Communion (BCP) at St John's, Woodland

Monday 29th March

6.00pm Stations of the Cross at St Cuthbert's, Kirkby

Tuesday 30th March

7.30pm Lent Group no. 7 (by Zoom)

Wednesday 31st March

11.30am Holy Communion at Holy Innocents, B'Mills
2.00pm Lent Group no. 7 (by Zoom)
7.30pm Lent Group no. 7 (by Zoom)

Maundy Thursday 1st April (*Liturgy of Maundy Thurs*)

11.00am Holy Communion at St Cuthbert's, Kirkby
6.00pm Holy Communion at St John's, Ulpha

Good Friday 2nd April

10.00am Pilgrimage service to High Cross, Broughton
(*Outdoor service, starting at St Mary Magdalene*)
2.00pm Watch service, St Cuthbert's, Kirkby

Easter Sunday 4th April

8.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's Broughton
9.30am Holy Communion at St Cuthbert's, Kirkby
11.00am All-Age Easter Service at St Mary's Broughton
6.00pm Easter Service at St John's, Ulpha

Online worship after Easter

I am conscious that, in both parishes, regular churchgoers are still shielding or, for various reasons, are not yet able to return to in-person worship. Particular thanks to those who written to me about the continuing value of the YouTube services.

I shall, at least for the time being, continue to film the Wednesday service at Broughton Mills (with the exception of the Wednesday following Easter Sunday, which will be taken by Alex and Chris). After Easter, this service will revert to the Wednesday lectionary, rather than using the readings for the following Sunday.

Put an Easter Egg or Cross in your window now

Please display an Easter Egg in the window of your home or car this Easter! Blank templates of an egg, a plain and a celtic cross are attached to this *Sunday Supplement*, ready for decorating.

Why might we do this? To spread the joy of the season. Our world at present is less happy than usual and it is our task to spread peace and joy. Children love to spot things in windows and will be delighted to notice eggs and crosses appearing around their neighbourhood. **This is evangelism.** This is the church provoking questions and reminding everyone in a gentle way that there is something more going on at present: more than chocolate eggs from the supermarket. Something intriguing, something about which they might wish to find out more. Displaying a cross alongside an egg might be especially interesting.

Don't wait for Easter day: get these symbols working as soon as you can. The secular world doesn't mark ecclesiastical seasons with the lectionary, so no-one need be offended if Easter Eggs appear in windows now.

Lent group (reading chapter 5 for this week)

A reminder of the details needed to access our Lent groups, which are held on Tuesday at 7.30pm and on Wednesday at 2pm and 7.30pm. You don't need attend the same session every week, or indeed attend every week at all. Following the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4235751855?pwd=VklnMDhaVkZhTGZYa0lBZ0lRdldqUT09>

Or use the Zoom app, or website zoom.us/join with the following login details:

Meeting ID: 423 575 1855

Passcode: 5RKuy8

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.

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the Lord’, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Psalms 51:1-13

¹ Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.
³ For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
⁴ Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgement.
⁵ Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.
⁶ You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
⁹ Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
¹¹ Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.
¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.

Hebrews 5:5-10

⁵ So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

‘You are my Son,
today I have begotten you’;

⁶ as he says also in another place,

‘You are a priest for ever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.’

⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹ and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰ having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

John 12:20-33

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, ‘Sir, we wish to see Jesus.’ ²² Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ Jesus answered them, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

²⁷ ‘Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say — “Father, save me from this hour”? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ ²⁹ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to him.’ ³⁰ Jesus answered, ‘This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹ Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.’ ³³ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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.





