

Parishes of Kirkby Ireleth and Broughton & Duddon

THE SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT

10th March 2024 – Fourth Sunday in Lent – Mothering Sunday

Holy Communion

Hymns

367 Jesus, where're they people meet
320 I need thee every hour
88 Brother sister, let me serve you
729 *What child is this*
695 To God be the glory

The Acclamation

Praise God who loves us.

Praise God who cares.

Collect

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

An Old Testament reading – Linda

Lamentations 3: 22 - 26

²² The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
²³ they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
²⁴ 'The LORD is my portion,' says my soul,
'therefore I will hope in him.'
²⁵ The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.
²⁶ It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 13

¹ How long, O LORD? Will you forget me for ever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

² How long must I bear painⁱⁿ in my soul,
and have sorrow in my heart all day long?
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

³ Consider and answer me, O LORD my God!
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep
of death,

⁴ and my enemy will say, 'I have prevailed';
my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.

⁵ But I trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

⁶ I will sing to the LORD,
because he has dealt bountifully with me.



Elizabeth and Mary, Harold Copping, (1863–1932)

A Gospel reading – Julie R-J

Luke 1: 5 – 17, 23 - 25

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to St Luke*

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years.

Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. Now at the time of the incense-offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, 'Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.'

When his time of service was ended, he went to his home.

After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, 'This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favourably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

A Gospel reading – Chris

Luke 2: 21 – 22, 36 - 38

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Loving God,

as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food
and drink of eternal life:

help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of
faith;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen