

Welcome to our service today.
A "Service of the Word" will be
available online.
www.stcuthbertsonline.com


Highlights Willow Christmas Angels
Northumbrian artist Ruth Thompson will be
holding a "Willow workshop"
at the Parish Hall Dovecote Street Amble
on Sunday November 19th at 10:30 a.m.
Early booking is recommended as other venues
have already sold out.
Cost £30.
For further details see
www.highlightsnorth.co.uk

Keeping in touch
Rev John and the team are sharing prayer and reflection
each day on Facebook & Instagram.
<https://www.instagram.com/stcuthbertschurch/?hl=en>
A short "Service of the Word" will be available each
Sunday.
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCN_BCgo2_s0pOK75_EPO-5NQ

Please remember in your prayers all who live in
Woodbine Street & Hope Terrace.

Appeal for Ukraine
Our support for all those affected by the war in Ukraine
continues. Donations can be made via the collecting
bucket, to the Treasurer, or Church Wardens.
Thank you for your continued contributions.

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Readers & Intercessors.

Sunday September 17th – Trinity 15.
Reader: Wendy Andre. **Intercessor:** Penny Horseman.
Psalm 103; (1 – 7) 8 – 13. Romans 14: 1 – 12.
Matthew 18: 21 – 35.
Sunday September 24th – Trinity 16.
Reader: Nicole Colson. **Intercessor:** Robert Arkless.
Psalm 145: 1 – 8. Philippians 1: 21 – 30.
Matthew 21: 1 – 16.

Hauxley Chapel Service
with Rev. Antony Oakley.
Sunday 17th September at 4:00 p.m.
Refreshments follow. All welcome.

Sunday 17th September 2023.
Trinity 15.

Services and Diary Dates at St Cuthbert's.

Sunday September 17th
8:00 a.m. Early Communion.
9:30 a.m. Parish Communion.
Monday September 18th
7:00 p.m. PCC meeting in church.
Wednesday September 20th
9:30 a.m. Holy Communion.
Saturday September 23rd
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Coffee morning with jigsaws in church.
Sunday September 24th
8:00 a.m. Early Communion.
9:30 a.m. Parish Communion.

Harvest Festival 2023



Will be held at St Cuthbert's on
Sunday October 1st at our 9:30 a.m. service.
Your gifts of non-perishable goods would be very
welcome. These will be donated to
Amble Food Bank.



Volunteers needed!

We like to offer refreshments after our 9:30 Sunday
service. To make this happen we need volunteers.
Please see Hugh or Linda or add your name to the rota
on the notice board. Thanks.

Safeguarding means that we are all active
participants in creating a community where the
vulnerable are safe and secure.

"Pearl of Africa" Children's Choir
Appearing at local Morpeth venues during a UK tour.
"Singing so our friends can go to school."
Chantry Middle School,
Monday 18th September at 6:00 p.m.
Details from 0772 5056233.

For details of St John's Chevington events contact
Sheila: sheilajorgill@gmail.com
There will be a short informal service at St John's
on Thursday 21st September at 2:00 p.m. followed
by refreshments.
Coffee morning at Hadston Community Centre on
Saturday 23rd September at 10:00 a.m.

This week's readings.

Monday 18 th September	Tuesday 19 th September	Wednesday 20 th September	Thursday 21 st September	Friday 22 nd September	Saturday 23 rd September
1 Timothy 2: 1 – 8. Psalm 28. Luke 7: 1 – 10.	1 Tim 3: 1 – 13. Ps. 101. Luke 7: 11 – 17.	1 Tim 3: 14 – end. Ps. 111: 1 – 5. Luke 7: 31 – 35.	Proverbs 3: 13 – 18. Ps. 119: 65 – 72. 2 Corinth 4: 1 – 6. Matthew 9: 9 – 13.	1 Tim 6: 2b – 12. Ps. 49: 1 – 9. Luke 8: 1 – 3.	1 Tim 6: 13 – 16. Psalm 100. Luke 8: 4 – 15.

COLLECT

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.

FIRST READING Genesis 50:15-21

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Realising that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Or Exodus 14:19-end

PSALM Psalm 103:1-13

R *The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
[slow to anger and of great kindness].*

[Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits. **R**

He forgives all your sins
and heals all your infirmities;
He redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness; **R**

He satisfies you with good things,
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

The Lord executes righteousness

and judgement for all who are oppressed.

He made his ways known to Moses
and his works to the children of Israel. **R]**

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
He will not always accuse us,
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness. **R**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our sins from us.
As a father cares for his children,
so does the Lord care for those who fear him. **R**

SECOND READING Romans 14:1-12

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise

to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

GOSPEL Matthew 18:21-35

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

POST COMMUNION

Keep, O Lord, your Church,
with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Creator of All,

From your communion of love your Word went forth to create a symphony of life that sings your praise.

By your Holy Wisdom you made the Earth to bring forth a diversity of creatures who praise you in their being. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

You called human beings to till and keep your garden. You placed us into right relationships with each creature so that we could listen to their voices, and learn how to safeguard the conditions for life. But we turn in on ourselves and away from our co-creatures.

We close our ears to the counsel of our fellow creatures. We fail to listen to the cries of the poor and the needs of the most vulnerable. We silence the voices of those who hold the traditions that teach us to care for the Earth. We close our ears to your creative, reconciling and sustaining Word that calls to us through the Scriptures.

We lament the loss of our fellow species and their habitats that will never speak again. We grieve the loss of human cultures, along with the lives and livelihoods that have been displaced or perished. Creation cries out as forests crackle, and animals alike flee the fires of injustice that we have lit by our unwillingness to listen.

In this Season of Creation, we pray that you would call to us, as from the burning bush, with the sustaining fire of your Spirit. Breathe upon us. Open our ears and move our hearts. Turn us from our inward gaze. Teach us to contemplate your creation, and listen for the voice of each creature declaring your glory. For “faith comes from hearing.”

Give us hearts to listen for the good news of your promise to renew the face of the Earth. Enlighten us with the grace to follow the Way of Christ as we learn to walk lightly upon this holy ground. Fill us with the hope to quench the fires of injustice with the light of your healing love that sustains our common home.

In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**