

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

www.stcuthbertsonline.com



Ann Archer will be sending a parcel of used stamps to the
RNIB soon – please bring any collected to church asap!

Volunteers for the coffee & tea rota needed. See Linda & Hugh.

Hauxley Chapel Services and events.

February 26th at 4:00 p.m.

with Rev. John McDermott.

A warm welcome awaits.

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_s0pOK75EPO-5Nq

Please remember in your prayers all who live in
Gordon Street, Gordon Villas and Bay View.

Appeal for Ukraine

We continue our support for all those affected by the war in
Ukraine. *Please donate if you can.* Donations can be
made via the collecting bucket, to the Treasurer, or
Church Wardens.

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Readers & Intercessors.



February 26th – First Sunday in Lent.

Reader: Jill Barlow. Intercessor: Robert Arckless.

Psalm 32. Romans 5: 12 – 19. Matthew 4: 1 – 11.

March 5th – Second Sunday in Lent.

Reader: Worship Team. Intercessor: Anne Harker.

Psalm 121. Romans 4: 1 – 5, 13 – 17. John 3: 1 – 17.

Can you help to support our events?

Contributions for raffle prizes needed – see Sarah!

26th February 2023.
First Sunday in Lent.

Services and Diary Dates at St Cuthbert's.

Sunday February 26th.

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion.

9:30 a.m. Parish Communion.

Wednesday March 1st.

9:30 a.m. Holy Communion.

Friday March 3rd.

2:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church.



World Day of Prayer Service. Material from the Christian
churches of Taiwan. World Day of Prayer is a wave of
prayer that circles the earth for 38 hours. It begins at dawn
in Western Samoa and Tonga and ends at dusk in
American Samoa.

Sunday March 5th.

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion.

9:30 a.m. Parish Communion.

3:00 p.m. Café Church in Coquet Tea Rooms.

Café Church @ St Cuthbert's

St Cuthbert's
Parish Church
Amble



"Little things matter"

Celebrating St David of Wales.

Café Church at the Coquet

Tearooms on

Sunday March 5th at 3pm.

An informal time of fellowship, prayer
and sharing. All welcome.

For people of all faiths and none.

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Lent Course 2023.

This year our Lent course subject is "How to read the
Bible - going beyond the Gospel readings." We shall
be looking at the Old Testament and Epistle readings
for the following Sunday.

Dates are on Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. on February 28th,
March 7th, 14th, 21st and March 28th.

Meeting at Ann Archer's home: 7, Newburgh
Street, Amble.

This week's readings.

Monday 27 th February	Tuesday 28 th February	Wednesday 1 st March	Thursday 2 nd March	Friday 3 rd March	Saturday 4 th March
Leviticus 19: 1 - 2, 11 - 18. Ps. 19: 7 - end. Matthew 25: 31 - end.	Isaiah 55: 10 - 11. Ps. 34: 4 - 6, 21 - 22. Matthew 6: 7 - 15.	Jonah 3. Ps. 51: 1 - 5, 17 - 18. Luke 11: 29 - 32.	Esther 14: 1 - 5, 12 - 14. Ps 138. Matthew 7: 7 - 12.	Ezekiel 18: 21 - 28. Ps. 130. Matthew 5: 20 - 26.	Deuteronomy 26: 19 - end. Ps. 119: 1 - 8. Matthew 5: 43 - end.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days
in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without
sin:

give us grace to discipline ourselves in
obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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 2:15-17; 3:1-7

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The LORD God took the man and
put him in the garden of Eden to till
it and keep it. And the LORD God
commanded the man, "You may freely
eat of every tree of the garden; but of
the tree of the knowledge of good and
evil you shall not eat, for in the day that
you eat of it you shall die." Now the
serpent was more crafty than any other
wild animal that the LORD God had
made. He said to the woman, "Did God
say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in
the garden'?" The woman said to the
serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the
trees in the garden; but God said, 'You
shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that
is in the middle of the garden, nor shall
you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the
serpent said to the woman, "You will
not die; for God knows that when you
eat of it your eyes will be opened, and
you will be like God, knowing good and
evil." So when the woman saw that the
tree was good for food, and that it was
a delight to the eyes, and that the tree
was to be desired to make one wise,
she took of its fruit and ate; and she
also gave some to her husband, who
was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes
of both were opened, and they knew
that they were naked; and they sewed
fig leaves together and made loincloths
for themselves.

PSALM Psalm 32

R *I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.*

Happy are they whose transgressions
are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!
Happy are they to whom the Lord
imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile! **R**

While I held my tongue, my bones
withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.
For your hand was heavy upon me day
and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat
of summer. **R**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and did not conceal my guilt.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions
to the Lord";
then you forgave me the guilt of my
sin. **R**

Therefore all the faithful will make their
prayers to you
in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they
shall not reach them.
You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of
deliverance. **R**

"I will instruct you and teach you
in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.
Do not be like horse or mule,
which have no understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you." **R**

Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust
in the Lord.
Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in
the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart. **R**

SECOND READING Romans 5:12-19

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Just as sin came into the world through
one man, and death came through sin,
and so death spread to all because all
have sinned – sin was indeed in the
world before the law, but sin is not
reckoned when there is no law. Yet
death exercised dominion from Adam to
Moses, even over those whose sins were
not like the transgression of Adam, who
is a type of the one who was to come.
But the free gift is not like the trespass.
For if the many died through the one
man's trespass, much more surely have
the grace of God and the free gift in
the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ,
abounded for the many. And the free
gift is not like the effect of the one
man's sin. For the judgement following
one trespass brought condemnation but
the free gift following many trespasses
brings justification. If, because of the
one man's trespass, death exercised

dominion through that one, much
more surely will those who receive the
abundance of grace and the free gift
of righteousness exercise dominion in
life through the one man, Jesus Christ.
Therefore just as one man's trespass
led to condemnation for all, so the
act of righteousness of one leads to
justification and life for all. For just as
by the one person's disobedience the
many were made sinners, so by the one
man's obedience the many will be made
righteous.

GOSPEL Matthew 4:1-11

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

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the
wilderness to be tempted by the devil.
He fasted forty days and forty nights,
and afterwards he was famished. The
tempter came and said to him, "If you
are the Son of God, command these
stones to become loaves of bread." But
he answered, "It is written, 'One does
not live by bread alone, but by every
word that comes from the mouth of
God.'" Then the devil took him to the
holy city and placed him on the pinnacle
of the temple, saying to him, "If you are
the Son of God, throw yourself down;
for it is written, 'He will command his
angels concerning you,' and 'On their
hands they will bear you up, so that
you will not dash your foot against a
stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is
written, 'Do not put the Lord your God
to the test.'" Again, the devil took him
to a very high mountain and showed
him all the kingdoms of the world and
their splendour; and he said to him, "All
these I will give you, if you will fall down
and worship me." Jesus said to him,
"Away with you, Satan! for it is written,
'Worship the Lord your God, and serve
only him.'" Then the devil left him,
and suddenly angels came and waited
on him.

POST COMMUNION

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living
bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him
who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Message regarding the Church Electoral Roll

We will shortly be carrying out the annual review of the parish Electoral Roll. If anyone is not already on the Roll and wishes to be added to it can they please see Lesley Young. Application forms can be downloaded from <https://www.parishresources.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Application-for-Enrolment-Electoral-Roll.pdf>

Also if anyone is new to the parish and wishes to be added to the church membership contact list to receive mailings etc, can they please complete a Consent Form (available from the back of church) and hand it to Lesley.

Thanks

Lesley

Newsletter 25th February 2023. *Prayers shared by Sarah Mitchell.*

We worship you, O God, with songs of praise.

We worship you with words of prayer

and with ears that listen for you to speak

your saving truth into our lives.

We worship you in the silent spaces

where we struggle for hope and for courage.

We long for a glimpse of your glory:

the glory that shines in the darkness

and the darkness cannot overcome it;

the glory that touches lives with a beauty so holy

that it heals the wounded soul;

the glory that gives strength to the weary.

We, who stumble and fall so often,

worship you,

longing for your light to shine upon us.

Dazzle us with your holy love,

draw us into your purifying presence,

speak to us your transforming truth.

Then, grant us grace

to live every moment

changed by such glory—

daring to live with hope and courage and love

reflecting the life of Jesus,

through whom your glory shines

in the most unexpected ways. Amen.

~ written by Christine Jerrett, and posted on **Christine Jerrett: Reflections on being the Church in God's new creation**

Lord, you are the mighty one,

You created light;

you send your light around the world.

You sent your son into the world of darkness as the one true light,
the light that brings hope to all.

And yet we want to capture it like a firefly and keep it to ourselves
so that only we have the good feelings and experience.

At the same time there are those who would reject your light,
try to find any way imaginable to cover the light.
But God, you told us to be the light of the world and to let our light shine.

And so today as we pray,
we want to let our light shine for others whose light may have grown dim,
or has almost gone out or yes even are in the dark.

We want to shine the light of hope to those who are discouraged,
dejected, desponded and disappointed.

We want to shine your light of love to those who are our enemies,
are hated, are bullies, abused, bullied, disenfranchised.

We want to shine your light of grace to those who have given up,
don't believe God loves them,
and don't feel wanted, lonely and needy.

We want to shine your light of faith,
for those who are hungry to believe yet are not sure,
those who have struggled a long time with chronic illnesses,
frustration, anger and disbelief.

Lord, we carry your light into this world for all to see
what a glorious and wonderful God you are.

Amen

~ written by Rev. Abi, and posted on **RevGalBlogPals** blog. <http://revgalblogpals.blogspot.com/>



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