


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

4th December 2022.
Second Sunday in Advent.



Coquet Concert Band
Playing a wide variety of music.
Wednesday December 7th at 7:00 p.m.
at St Cuthbert's Church.
Tickets cost £5:00 from N&F Young.

Keeping in touch
<https://www.stcuthbertsonline.com>
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

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.*

Please remember in your prayers all who live in Castle View, Bisley Road & Acklington Street.

Mothers' Union Carol Service.
Wednesday December 7th at 1:00 p.m.

A warm and open invitation is invited to all who would like to join us for our annual carols & readings followed by refreshments served in church. Children from Amble First School (Edwin Street) are joining us & are taking part.
All welcome!

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Readers & Intercessors.

December 4th – Second Sunday in Advent.
Reader: Rachel Jones. **Intercessor:** Sarah Mitchell.
Psalm 118: 14 – 26. Philippians 4: 4 – 9. Luke 1: 39 – 56.

December 11th – Third Sunday in Advent.
Reader: Bartle Rippon. **Intercessor:** Mari Mander.
Psalm 5: 1 – 7. James 4: 1 – 10. Mark 10: 46 – 52.

Hauxley Chapel Services & news.
December 11th with Rev. Paul Golightly.
4:00 p.m. A warm welcome awaits.

Services and Diary Dates at St Cuthbert's.

Sunday December 4th
8:00 a.m. Holy Communion.
9:30 a.m. Parish Communion.
3:00 p.m. Café Church at Coquet Tea Rooms, Queen St.

Wednesday December 7th
9:30 a.m. Holy Communion.
1:00 p.m. Mothers' Union Carol Service. (See panel.)

Thursday December 8th
1:45 p.m. Funeral of Francis William Barclay RIP.

Saturday December 10th
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Coffee morning with jigsaws.

Sunday December 11th
8:00 a.m. Holy Communion.
9:30 a.m. Parish Communion.
6:00 p.m. Carol Service with Choir.

Christmas Flowers.

If you would like to donate towards Christmas flowers please see Anne Harker.




Can you help?

St Cuthbert's is fortunate to have a collection of Parish magazines dating back to 1870. We hope to preserve these for future generations. **Hugh Williams** is looking for August & September 2022 editions. Please contact him at:
hughwilliams@hotmail.com
Thank you!


Follow The Star
Where is it leading you?
Café Church
Sunday December 4th
Coquet Tea Rooms, Queen Street
at 3pm.
Time to think about the meaning of Christmas.
Café Church is an informal space of sharing, praying and fellowship for people of all faiths and none.





Advent Course 2022

This year's Advent course focuses on the theme of prayer. Four sessions to prepare for the Christmas season will link in with the sermons for Advent. The headings are *Pause, Rejoice, Ask and Yield*.
Course dates are:
Tuesday December 6th and 13th at 2:30 p.m.
at Anne Archer's home - 7, Newburgh Street.

Christmas Choir practice dates & an invitation!

The next practice will be on **Thursday 8th of December** and **Saturday December 10th** all at **2:30 p.m.** in church. Will members please do all they can to attend as many rehearsals as possible. Thank you! *Choir members (and volunteers!) are invited to join the Churches Together Carol singing at the Pods from noon on 18th December.*

This week's readings.

Monday 5 th December	Tuesday 6 th December	Wednesday 7 th December	Thursday 8 th December	Friday 9 th December	Saturday 10 th December
Isaiah 35. Psalm 85: 7 - end. Luke 5: 17 - 26.	Isaiah 40: 1 - 11. Ps. 96: 1, 10 - end. Matthew 18: 12 - 14.	Isaiah 40: 25 - end. Ps. 103: 8 - 13. Matt. 11: 28 - end.	Isaiah 41: 13 - 20. Ps. 145: 8 - 13. Matt. 11: 11 - 15.	Isaiah 48: 17 - 19. Ps. 1. Matt. 11: 16 - 19.	Ecclesiasticus 48: 1 - 4, 9 - 11. Ps. 80: 1 - 4, 18 - 19. Matt. 17: 10 - 13.

Sunday Dec. 4th Advent 2

Collect:

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Psalm 118 14-26 Response: *Let us rejoice and be glad:*

The Lord is my strength and my defence; he has become my salvation. Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: "The Lord's right hand has done mighty things! The Lord's right hand is lifted high; the Lord's right hand has done mighty things!" **R/**

I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done. The Lord has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death. **R/**

Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter. **R/**

I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes.
R/

The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

Lord, save us! Lord, grant us success! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you. **R/**

Philippians 4:4-9 *A letter of Paul to the Philippians:*

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Luke 1 39-56 *Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke:*

Mary got up then and there, and went in excitement to the hill country of Judaea. She went into Zechariah's house, and greeted Elisabeth. When Elisabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby gave a leap in her womb. Elisabeth was filled with the holy spirit, and shouted at the top of her voice: 'Of all women, you're the blessed one! And the fruit of your womb – he's blessed, too! Why should this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? Look – when the sound of

your greeting came to my ears, the child in my womb gave a great leap for joy! A blessing on you, for believing that what the Lord said to you would come true!'

Mary said, 'My soul declares that the Lord is great, my spirit exults in my saviour, my God. He saw his servant-girl in her humility; from now, I'll be blessed by all peoples to come. The Powerful One, whose name is Holy, has done great things for me, for me. His mercy extends from father to son, from mother to daughter for those who fear him. Powerful things he has done with his arm: he routed the arrogant through their own cunning. Down from their thrones he hurled the rulers, up from the earth he raised the humble. The hungry he filled with the fat of the land, but the rich he sent off with nothing to eat. He has rescued his servant, Israel his child, because he remembered his mercy of old, just as he said to our long-ago ancestors – Abraham and his descendants for ever.'

Post-Communion:

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Newsletter prayers. 4th December 2022.

My soul reaches out to God.
My Spirit rejoices in my Saviour
God sees that the humble heart is open
And implants his vision into it.

We are wombs of the Divine
Through giving birth to vision all generations can be blessed.

Those who revere God will find her merciful
But the proud will see only judgments.

Those who empty themselves of selfishness will be lifted up to God,
But those who cling to power cannot be lifted.

Those who are satiated have no room to receive

Prayer

(inspired by Luke 1:39-45, Amos 5:24, Isaiah 57:7)

Lord our God,
you have revealed yourself as One
who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;
In a world that looks away from injustice,
You cast your eyes on the destitute, the poor, and the wronged;
You have called us to follow you,
to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release for the captives
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed
and to proclaim the time of your blessing.

Be present with your church, Lord,
as we respond to your call.
Open our eyes to the downtrodden.
Fill us with compassion for the plight of the alien,
the refugee, and the immigrant.
Lead us into ministries that help orphans and widows.
Give us courage to block the paths of the ungodly
who exploit the poor.

Set us free from pious exercises
that prevent us from the true worship you choose:
Sharing bread with the hungry,
Sharing homes with the homeless,
Sharing clothes with the naked,
Sharing hearts with our own kin.

So may your justice roll down like waters,
your righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.
Lead our footsteps to stand with the poor,
that we might stand with you.

Have mercy, O God:
Scatter the proud,
Put down the mighty,
Lift up the lowly,
Fill up the hungry,
And send the rich away empty-handed.

Shared by Sarah Mitchell.