

Parish Church of Saint Cuthbert Lytham



August 2020

Services

Sunday

8:30am Holy Communion (BCP) in St Aidans Chapel

*10:00am Holy Communion (CW) in the Nave
and live streamed on our YouTube channel*

Monday to Saturday

9:00am Morning Prayer live streamed on Facebook

Wednesday

*11:00 Holy Communion in the St Aidan's Chapel
from 5th August*

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Dear Friends,

Families are beginning to meet together after far too long. Visits to loved ones are permitted. Holidays and meals out are being encouraged. We know it is not normal yet, but it so good to be able to get back to more of the things we love to do.

This weekend I will be leading a service in church for the first time since before Mothering Sunday which will be so special. I must say I have loved sharing Sunday worship with everyone from the safety of the Vicarage, it has been a privilege and a learning curve. Setting up a patio table for communion and using some of my father's home communion items has been quite special. The small white veil and burse were made by my great Aunt for Dad's ordination and I have never seen anything like them elsewhere. The inspirational videos put together by our young people. Special moments brought about by an awful pandemic.

Returning to church though will require me learning how things need to be arranged to ensure safety. Wearing face coverings, working out the one-way system and no doubt wondering where something has been put.

More than once in the bible we hear of people emerging after being sheltered. Noah and the animals I mentioned last month, coming out of their lockdown. The people of Israel escaping from the Egyptians. The disciples hidden in the upper room scared of what the world might do to them. For each of them they are led to freedom by the Holy Spirit of God. Noah's dove, Moses' pillars of fire by night and cloud by day, the apostles by the tongues of fire and ability to talk in other languages.

None of them came out of their lockdown to the place they were in before and some really struggled to come to terms with the new place they were promised. Yet for each, God lead them out and promised to be with them. May that be our prayer too, that our Father in Heaven



will accompany us through the Good Shepherd Jesus and give us fresh courage to live to his glory in the world of today.

Yours in Christ,
Nick

Sunday Worship

We are now pleased to be hosting the following services each Sunday:

- 8:30am Holy Communion (BCP) in St Aidan's Chapel
- 10:00am Holy Communion (CW) in the Nave
and live streamed on our YouTube Channel

We are also recommencing a midweek service; this will be on a Wednesday in St Aidan's Chapel at 11am. The temporary change of day is to allow the church to disinfect naturally between services.

As Nick is about to experience, things remain a little different when you come to church:

1. We are increasing numbers by allowing up to 30 households to attend our services through August. If you wish to attend, you still need to book in advance by ringing the Parish Office between 9am and 1pm on 01253 736488 or email parishoffice@stcuthbertslytham.org.
2. there is a one-way system in and out of church
3. you are asked to fill pews from the front backwards, which pews are available will be made clear to ensure social distancing
4. we continue to insist that everyone covers their nose and mouth with a mask or scarf
5. please clean your hands on entry and exit and do not wear gloves
6. although congregational singing is still not permitted the 10am service includes music
7. only the bread is being distributed at communion, the priest will receive the wine on behalf of us all

We will begin to live stream the service from church at 10am each Sunday through our YouTube channel for those unable to make it to church and this will be available through the week. This service will be available to listen to on

the telephone on 01253 486 701 from the Sunday lunchtime until the following Sunday.

We will continue to assess the situation and respond accordingly. Please be understanding of the rules and requests, we are aiming to safely negotiate the situation we are faced with. Let us cherish the opportunities to worship God whether at church or at home.

Open Church

As we are now holding regular services in church every week we are not continuing to open church for daily prayer. We are planning to recommence our Saturday 'Open Church' soon.

A recent message from the Ven David Picken - the Archdeacon of Lancaster

We recently celebrated the 72nd anniversary of the National Health Service. I'm sure like me many of you out there have every good reason to be thankful personally for the NHS.

There have certainly been a couple of occasions in my life when my health was restored from a rather perilous position by the care and attention I received from medical staff. Over recent months the NHS has become a particular symbol of our response to the crisis caused by the coronavirus pandemic. We have clapped for carers many who work for this nation in the NHS. There are many people, sadly, who worked for the NHS who have lost their lives in the service of others. This gives a poignancy to this particular anniversary as we say thank you for the NHS but also remember those who have lost their lives. At heart the National Health Service is about healing people. Healing is a deeply Christian concept, we believe in a God who heals, and the origins of the NHS lie within our nation's Christian heritage, though we share this desire for healing and wholeness with other faiths. At the heart of many acts of Christian worship we express this



desire for healing in a particular way when we are given the opportunity to share peace together. Of course, this is something we haven't been able to do for some time and something we will not be able to do in the usual way of a handshake or hug for some time to come. Nevertheless, sharing the peace together is something we must continue to do spiritually on a regular basis albeit in a socially distanced way for the time being. Because at its heart the sharing of the peace is a declaration that we wish to see health and wholeness throughout ourselves, our nation and the world. For the richness and depth of feeling for a Christian is found in the true shalom of God the word often associated with peace. It's a concept common to Christians Jews and Muslims as well, of course, being present in many other creeds and philosophies. That said, shalom for the Jewish and Christian tradition has always been about a deep seated sense of God's peace not just bringing an absence of conflict but true health to our lives. So, as we give thanks for the NHS we should be committed to a fresh longing for the shalom of God to descend upon our world. This is whether we use the word shalom or salaam for in that greeting we do not just wish one another well. We do not even just say that we wish to see an absence of conflict. But actually we are expressing a desire for wholeness and wellbeing to fall upon our world and ourselves. Not just a recovery from illness but a commitment to see all the things that are wrong in our society put right. An end to bigotry, injustice and inequality. At heart the NHS is about a universal care for all - a fantastic idea and a really wonderful thing that our nation rightly celebrates. It is a truly gospel ideal. That universal care should involve the shalom of God prayed for and lived out in our world. So as we get to share the peace again in person let's commit ourselves to live lives of shalom. This means seeking to make the world a place which knows that in and through the person of Jesus all are called to be recognised and valued. Though a response to the iniquity of discrimination, it has been encouraging to see many people coming together to seek to express common humanity and a desire to overcome prejudice in recent weeks. This is a desire for shalom to prevail. This, inevitably, should lead Christians to wonder what our part is in praying for shalom, or in Jesus words, seeking that God's reign of justice, mercy and peace be evident. A good starting point is to look to words from scripture seeking that all may know 'the peace of God which passes all understanding' affecting their lives and seeking ourselves to be a blessing to those around us in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Looking ahead

We are already planning how we can continue to share our main 10am service when we are all able to return to church together. If you or someone you know would be interested in assisting with live streaming our 10am service, please email the Vicar at nick.thevic@stcuthbertslytham.org or ring him on 01253 279676. We believe it is important we continue to share a service online as clearly new people have engaged with us in this way through lockdown. It serves an important need and helps us develop a contact with new people.

Installation of the Bishop of York

Bishop Stephen Geoffrey Cottrell, recently took up the historic Braganza Crozier – his staff of office – in a short ceremony at York Minster, following his Confirmation of Election as the 98th Archbishop of York.



The service included music from York Minster Choir and Manor Church of England Academy, York and young people from across the north of England read a letter written by the medieval religious scholar Alcuin of York.

Bishop Stephen (pictured with our Diocesan Bishop, Rt Rev. Julian Henderson, at the recent 'Festival of Baptism' event at Blackburn Cathedral in 2019) offered his first address as Archbishop of York.

Prayers were offered for the Archbishop, the Diocese of York and the Northern Province of The Church of England, as well as for the wider world in these difficult times.

Following the service, Archbishop Elect Stephen then made a short walk of pilgrimage to the shrine of St Margaret Clitherow, where he was welcomed by the Rt Revd Terence Draney, Roman Catholic Bishop of Middlesbrough.

Archbishop Elect Stephen next moved to the Quire of York Minster to take up his Crozier in front of a small, socially distanced gathering drawn from his immediate staff representing the Archbishop's Leadership Team, Bishopthorpe Palace and York Minster.

Archbishop Elect Stephen said "As I take up the role of Archbishop of York, my focus will be on prayer, and I want to begin by praying for the unity of the Church, for all those persecuted, and for the Northern Province of the Church of England. May we be united as the body of Christ, of one mind and purpose to see God's Kingdom here on Earth."

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby said: "I am so excited about working with Archbishop Stephen to communicate the good news of Jesus Christ. The next few years are going to be a huge adventure. We will be exploring our way into being a new Church in a new world.

"I'm sad we're not able to all be together in York Minster to celebrate, yet. But we know that God is present to us at all times through the Holy Spirit. I'll be praying for Archbishop Stephen as he officially begins his new ministry and as we begin that new adventure."

Bishop Julian added: "The whole Diocese of Blackburn offers prayers for the ceremony taking place at York Minster. That Bishop Stephen should choose to take the opportunity to knock three times on the *inside* of the West Door and walk out into the world feels very symbolic; as the whole church collectively continues to consider its role in the post-pandemic landscape.

Ronnie Semley, Blackburn Diocesan Communications Officer

A Village in Quarantine – from Joyce Hill

It would be odd to write a series of articles for 2020 without some reflection of the extraordinary circumstances we have been faced with in recent months. Lockdowns and other measures have been used to check the number of infections and deaths from Covid-19 but we will be dealing for some time with the huge costs of all this at a national and personal level. Fortunately, in the twenty-first century we can hope that medical science will come to our aid in the form of an effective vaccine and/or new ways of treating those who are ill.

We no longer expect centuries of recurrent waves of infection, with high mortality rates, which was what happened world-wide between the fourteenth and seventeenth centuries, when plague was an ever-present risk. There was a First Pandemic that lasted from the late sixth century to around 750, but in our history, it is the Second Pandemic that had the greatest impact. It began in or near China and travelled along the Silk Road or by ship. We know it as the Black Death. By 1400 it had probably reduced the world population from an estimated 450 million to around 350-375 million, and it had an enormous effect on the economies and social structures of the medieval world. It recurred in waves, with varying geographical distribution until, in the British Isles at least, it died out in the mid-seventeenth century. The last occurrence in England was The Great Plague of London in 1665-66; it killed 70,000-100,000 Londoners out of a population of about 220,000-250,000, a really terrifying death-rate. The rich fled to the country, as they had always done when there was a new wave. Otherwise, families with infected members were boarded up in their houses.

Eyam, in Derbyshire, provides us with a striking example of social responsibility in times such as these because, when the plague arrived in 1665, the whole village decided to quarantine itself in order to stop the disease spreading to the countryside round about. The church in Eyam has a record of 273 individuals who fell victim. This represents a huge proportion of the total population. But they did not waver and the villages surrounding them were spared.

Fleas are the transmitters of this form of plague. The story goes that in 1665 a flea-infested bundle of cloth arrived from plague-ridden London for Alexander Hadfield, the local tailor. A few days later, his assistant, George Viccars, noted that it was damp and opened it up, so releasing the fleas. He very quickly died, and so did more members of his household. As the plague began to spread, the villagers turned for leadership to their rector, William Mompesson and also to their recently ejected Puritan minister, Thomas Stanley, who between them, from May 1666, introduced stringent measures to control the spread. This included special measures for disposing of the bodies, the relocation of church services to an open-air natural amphitheatre so that villagers could observe social distancing, and the quarantining of the entire village, which no one could enter or leave. Whether or not you caught the disease seemed unpredictable. Elizabeth Hancock remained uninfected despite burying six children and her husband within eight days; and Marshall Howe, the village gravedigger, survived

despite handling many infected bodies. But at last it died out. It is an inspiring example of social responsibility, and the village to this day honours the memory of their sacrificial decision. A visit to Eyam is a moving experience.

Finance

We are so grateful to everyone who has endeavored to ensure their regular gift to God and his church here at St Cuthbert's has continued through this strange year. Here is just a short note to continue to make us aware that giving is a natural part of belonging to our local church. Generous giving means our church can pay the bills, grow our ministry and make a difference in our community. Giving is also a natural part of being a Christian. Generous giving expresses our worship, our gratitude and obedience to God.

- So please think, pray and act, as together we give to the work of God in and through our church. This may mean that we:
- Increase our giving to meet our church's needs, resource our ministry and reflect God's generosity to us
- Join the planned giving scheme, asking for weekly envelopes, a standing order or a direct debit form
- Gift Aid our giving, if we pay tax
- Further please also consider leaving a gift in your Will to the work of our church

You will be enriched in every way so that we can be generous - for this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. 2 Cor 9:11-12

As we have gone to print the Bishop of Blackburn and the Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance have just written a letter concerning diocesan finances. This is a little of what they have said:

'In spite of the challenges many churches have been able to pay their parish share and that has been hugely helpful. Some have really struggled, and we anticipate that by the end of July the shortfall in parish share collection will be over £1.1 million and an estimate to

the end of the year of a shortfall of roughly £2 million. There is also the ongoing fall in receipt of fees, which is expected to be over £300,000 in 2020. This means we shall have to use more of our reserves to be able to pay stipends.'

They have initiated a call to prayer for a fortnight in October and more details will follow next month.

Parish Office

Fiona will be back in the Parish Office from Monday 3rd August, Monday to Friday 9am to 1pm. Please contact the office on 01253 736488 to book your place for our Church Services. Although the office will be open, we ask that you only come to the office if there is something that can't be dealt with over the phone, time spent in the office will be limited to keep everyone safe. The Parish Office will be closed from Monday 10th August but will reopen on Monday 17th August, during this week, please contact Revd Nick to book your place in our church services, 01253 279676.

The Beaucomfort Scale – from Angela Lee

When someone says to me 'how are you?' I have always found it difficult to answer simply. So I invented the Beaucomfort Scale based on the Beaufort Wind Scale.

BEAUFORT WIND SCALE

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| 0 | CALM |
| 1 | LIGHT AIR |
| 2 | LIGHT BREEZE |
| 3 | GENTLE BREEZE |
| 4 | MODERATE BREEZE |
| 5 | FRESH BREEZE |
| 6 | STRONG BREEZE |
| 7 | NEAR GALE |

- 8 GALE
- 9 STRONG GALE
- 10 STORM
- 11 VIOLENT STORM
- 12 HURRICANE

BEAUCOMFORT SCALE

- 0 FEELING CALM
- 1 FEELING OK
- 2 FEELING OK BUT LIFE NOT PERFECT
- 3 FEELING A BIT AGITATED
- 4 FEELING AGITATED
- 5 FEELING A BIT MORE AGITATED
- 6 INCREASINGLY AGITATED
- 7 FEELING LIFE IS GETTING DIFFICULT
- 8 FEELING LIFE IS DIFFICULT
- 9 FEELING EVENTS ARE CONTROLLING US
- 10 FEELING OUR LIFE IS OUT OF CONTROL
- 11 FEELING WE ARE IN A VIOLENT STORM
- 12 FEELING WE ARE IN A HURRICANE

I hope you find this helpful when you are next asked 'how are you?'

We value your contributions, so if you have any items you think may be of interest please send any for articles for the August's magazine by Friday 24th July to the Parish Office

Congratulations and Thank You

We extend our congratulations to Julie Webb, Bev Wells and the whole team of volunteers at Laugh Live Love CIC.

Throughout the pandemic the team has been cooking and delivering freshly cooked hot three course meals and sandwich suppers twice a week to over 25 older vulnerable people across Lytham and St Annes.

They also set up a telephone befriending service to keep in contact with the service-users and their families, some of whom live away and not able to visit.

Julie and Bev had anticipated what was likely to be happening back in March and so began the hot food delivery service as soon as lock down started.

Their dedication and care has been recognised by Fylde Borough Council and they have received Covid-19 Hero Awards from the Mayor of the Fylde.

The delivery service and befriending service will continue into the future so if you or you know of anyone who would benefit please speak to Bev or Julie.



Quiz Questions: For bibliophiles

Words are wonderful! Those of us who are lovers of books and reading possess a pleasure available for a lifetime. There is so much to be gained from the printed page: education and self-improvement via instruction on all manner of subjects, absorbing novels, insights into the lives of the famous past and present, the suspense which accomplished thriller writers can build, ... the list goes on.

How extensive has your reading been of late? This month's quiz comprises forty questions based on classic literature.

1. Sir Walter Scott is known for his historical novels about which country?

2. What is the real name of George Eliot?

3. Who wrote *The Iliad* ?

4. From which novel is the opening line, 'It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of a wife.'?
5. *Go Set A Watchman* is a novel believed by many to be the first draft of which classic novel from 1960?
6. Name the author of *The Girl on the Train*.
7. What is John Steinbeck's longest novel? [cf. Genesis 4.16]
8. Who wrote the scientific volume *Philosophiæ Naturalis Principia Mathematica*, published in 1687?
9. According to Matthew 27, who was the prisoner released by Pontius Pilate instead of Jesus?
10. Who is the youngest daughter of King Lear?
11. As for Laszlo Biro, Agatha Christie is a pen name: true or false?
12. Which author created the lethal plants called triffids?
13. *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Brontë tells of the tragic romance between which two lovers?
14. Name the seventh and final instalment of the *Harry Potter* series by J K Rowling.
15. Which dramatist, age 29 at his death, is considered to be the first great exponent of blank verse?
16. Which fictional school, created by Ronald Searle, featured in

- several films between 1954 and 2009?
17. Name the final work of Charles Dickens, only half completed at the time of his death.
18. One of Britain's most famous poets died in obscurity in London in 1827. Who was he?
19. What links G K Chesterton's priest/detective, Anna Fierling in a play by Bertolt Brecht and Ivan Petrovich Voynitsky in a play by Anton Chekhov?
20. The death of Moses is recorded in which Book of the Old Testament?
21. Who wrote the maxim *Cogito, ergo sum* [I think, therefore I am]?
22. Sherlock Holmes first appeared in print in which story?
23. What name, based on the old word for travelling salesmen who sold them, is given to cheap literature of the 16th-18th centuries?
24. In which novel by Charles Dickens is James Carker a villain?
25. What colour was Ian Fleming's typewriter?
26. By what collective name are William Wordsworth, Samuel Taylor Coleridge and Robert Southey best known?
27. What name is given to a lyrical work derived from the Greek word for *song*?
28. What significant law relating to literary and artistic works was first

introduced in 1709?

29. Which 16th century building in Bread Street, London was a haunt of writers?

30. Which French philosopher, writer and political activist won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1964?

31. The title of only one Shakespeare play contains the name of an animal. Which play is this?

32. Name the only Shakespeare play in which there is no song.

33. Which Latin phrase meaning *great work* refers to the largest and best achievement of an author?

34. Name the 1920s group centred around Leonard and Virginia Woolf and the London district which provided the group's title.

35. *Don Quixote* was written in which language?

36. Which classical poet said, 'Love conquers all'?

37. Which word describes a speech in a play in which a character speaks to himself or herself and to the audience, rather than to another actor?

38. Which English television presenter has written novels entitled *The Holiday Home*, *The Postcard* and *A Seaside Affair*?

39. The Mole had been working very hard all the morning, ... are the opening words to which children's story?

40. What are the names of the three Darling children in J M Barrie's *Peter Pan*?

Answers in the next issue.

JULY QUIZ QUESTIONS: Problems on the railways: ANSWERS

1. Bond Street, 2. Westminster, 3. Knightsbridge, 4. Oxford Circus, 5. Swiss Cottage, 6. London Bridge, 7. Wimbledon, 8. Mile End, 9. Angel, 10. Lancaster Gate, 11. Grange Hill, 12. Hyde Park Corner, 13. Baker Street, 14. Richmond, 15. Waterloo, 16. Whitechapel, 17. Blackfriars, 18. All Saints, 19. Elephant and Castle, 20. Hackney Central, 21. Monument, 22. Canary Wharf, 23. Parsons Green, 24. Temple, 25. Stratford, 26. Russell Square, 27. Vauxhall, 28. Bayswater, 29. Leicester Square, 30. Maida Vale.

Brainteaser 1. As the trains pass each other, they are the same distance from Town A.

Brainteaser 2. The trains are travelling towards each other at a combined speed of 150 mph. 300 miles will therefore take two hours. In this time, the falcon will have travelled 240 miles.

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