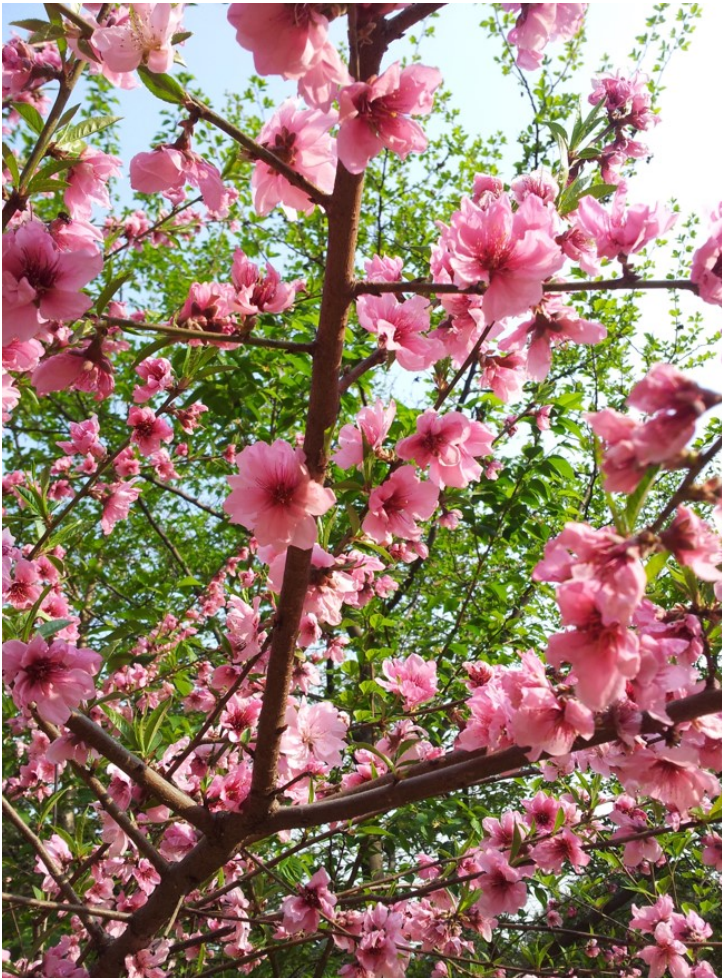




Kirkleatham Parish
St Cuthbert's & St Hilda's

Parish News

April 2024



Vicar's letter

Fresh beginnings



This week I bought myself a new notebook to use as a sort of journal. I'm an external processor and so if I don't have anyone to talk to I need to write things down rather than just think about them. Keeping a journal is a great way of noting how my walk with God is going and helps me to identify patterns and promptings – both good and bad – and face the future with hope and intentionality.

My new notebook had something quite profound on the cover: "Every page is a fresh beginning!" And this made me think... do I really believe that this is possible?

We are dragging ourselves out of a long, wet and windy winter into a spring which seems to be taking forever to come. We may be bringing with us the fears and stresses of the past year and finding it hard to look forward with hope. But Easter carries a profound message of hope, redemption, and the opportunity for a fresh beginning.

Much like turning the page of a book, Easter invites us to embark on a new chapter in our lives, leaving behind the trials and tribulations of the past and embracing the promise of a brighter future. Just as a blank page holds endless possibilities for a writer, so too does Easter offer us the chance to allow God to write us into his story. Because the story of Easter itself is one of ultimate renewal. It commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ, symbolizing victory over death and the promise of eternal life.

Right at the beginning, when the story began, God spoke and the world, all of creation as we know it, came into being. And the book of life began. But as the first page turned, humanity decided to go its

own way and reject the author. And instead of a story of hope and life with God, it became a story of death and despair separated from him. Each page bleaker than the next, and without any apparent hope of a 'happy ever after' ending.

But in the Gospel of John Jesus is called the Word. God speaking life and hope into a broken world. God, the author of the book of creation, entering into the story as a creature, a character on the page. A human being, living, breathing and suffering as one of us. And his death was the inevitable 'ending' to the story of rebellion and sin.



But Jesus is more than just a character in the story! Through his resurrection he burst out of the pages and gave us the possibility of a completely different ending. And he invites us to be part of the new story. No longer a story of separation from God. Now in this story God, through the Holy Spirit, walks with us as he always wanted to. As he writes his story of hope and love on each page of our lives we can look forward with renewed faith and purpose.

In the words of the writer Anne Frank, "I can shake off everything as I write; my sorrows disappear, my courage is reborn." May this Easter be a time of writing new chapters, of shaking off sorrows, and of embracing the boundless possibilities that lie ahead. For every page is indeed a fresh beginning, waiting to be filled with the story of our lives.

Rev Jane

Each month we are featuring an article about one of the charities that we currently support as part of our Annual Charitable Giving. This month we talk about the:

The Children's Society

The Children's Society was founded in the late nineteenth century by Edward Rudolf, a Sunday School teacher and civil servant in South London. Rudolf led a deputation to Archibald Tait, Archbishop of Canterbury to establish Church of England children's homes as an alternative to the large workhouses and orphanages common at that time. In 1881, the Church of England Central Home for Waifs and Strays was registered. It took the name Church of England Incorporated Society for Providing Homes for Waifs and Strays in 1893. In 1946, the title was changed to the Church of England Children's Society, and it adopted the informal title of The Children's Society in 1982.



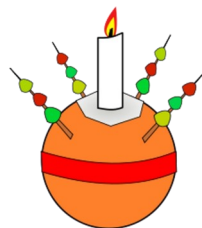
The Children's Society passionately believes that every child should feel safe and loved and be able to be the best they can be. It is a scandal that millions of children in this country live in poverty, battle with homelessness, struggle with mental health issues and are groomed into exploitation and abuse. Each year they work with thousands of incredible young people. As well as supporting young people directly, they also work with police, teachers, social workers, and other professionals to change the systems that are harming young people's futures. They believe that there is a need to continually adapt and change service delivery in line with a continuously changing world. They work with children and young people who are at risk of, or are currently being, sexually or criminally exploited, and those that are repeatedly reported missing.

Financial Exploitation is a relatively modern risk to children, which can take many forms, using different types of currency, and often

involves fraud and money laundering. You might know it as ‘money muling’. Any child anywhere can be a victim of this crime. In busy cities and leafy villages, from families in financial hardship to wealthier children at boarding schools, criminals are promising ‘quick cash’ and fake job opportunities to gain access to young people, only to then use threats, violence, and deception to maintain control. They rake in huge profits, while the children and young people they have used are left to pay the price.

Kirkleatham Parish has supported the Children’s Society since the early 1970s when June Hare was the Parish Rep. June served for an amazing 50 years in that role before handing it over to me. June remembers going round people’s houses to count the house collection boxes before the days of the box opening coffee mornings.

House boxes are one of the main ways we still support the Children’s Society with people putting their loose change into a box and bringing it to me when it is full. Alas this is suffering since covid as a lot of people don’t use cash as much. As a Parish we have generously sent a contribution of £600 towards the work of the Society for the last few years. Once a year we hold our Christingle Service, which is also another way we raise funds. When I was a Cub Leader in the mid-1980s I remember squeezing as many bodies as was possible into the pews at Coatham Church to attend the only local Christingle. In the late 80s we decided to strike out independently and hold our own services which we have done ever since.



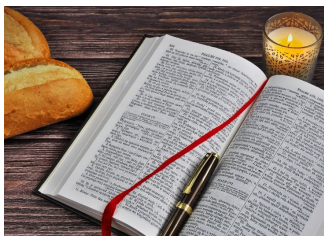
If anyone would like a house collection box or just wants any information on the Children’s Society, please get in touch.

Sue Nicholson

Licensed Lay Minister Training

Most of you will know that I am currently undergoing 'reader' training, or as it is now called, Licensed Lay Minister training. I had been feeling that I had something else to give and after a lot of prayer, and a lot of saying "no", God got his way and I went for discernment in May of 2022, was accepted, and started my journey that September. It's been a combination of learning in the classroom and 'on the job'.

The first year consisted of lessons in a classroom at the Church of the Ascension in Middlesbrough and study days once a term in York. At the same time, I was put on the rota for café church, preaching and other things here in the parish with Billy acting as my training incumbent.



It has been a strange time to start my training as, at the end of my first year, the Diocese decided to radically alter its current lay ministry structure and training. Instead of three years of academic study, it is now 2 years with an initial year where you take a course called Deepening Discipleship. I have been caught in the middle and so will be doing 3 years in academia but will be licensed after 2 years!

I am currently undergoing my placement module and am ministering alongside a priest in Middlesbrough working under a Bishop's Mission Order. We meet at 5pm in a community centre, with a new congregation where no-one is confirmed yet and use a simplified service followed by a communal meal. It's real missionary work on our doorstep.

Despite having been 'in' church for many years, it has been a learning curve. Back to essay writing and waiting for grades alongside learning to deacon, write and deliver a sermon,

maintaining my current church commitments, working full time and being a wife, mother and grandmother.

However, it is a real pleasure to learn a new way to serve God, our congregations, and our community. I am gaining a deeper understanding of the bible and the liturgy we use and devoting more of my time to prayer to make sure I don't mess up this opportunity I have been given.

If all goes according to plan, my licensing should be in York minster in September this year and I would love you to join me there. In the meantime, feel free to tell me how I'm doing, bad or good! And if anyone else feels God knocking on their door for anything, it doesn't matter how often you say 'no', I'm proof He gets you in the end!

Ruth

Sharing your faith

Do you love Jesus and want everyone else to know the hope and peace that knowing him brings? But are you nervous about telling others? Are you afraid that you might say the wrong thing? Do you not even know where to start?

Well don't worry, help is at hand. Come with us to Redcar Baptist Church at 7pm on 15th May. Tickets are free but you need to register on <https://festivalteesside.com>. Scroll down the page and click on sign up. And let us know if you are going.



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Diary April 2024



Readings

7th April Easter 2
Acts Ch. 4 vs. 32-35;
1John Ch. 1 v. 1 – Ch. 2 v. 2;
John Ch. 20 vs. 19-31

21st April Easter 4
Acts Ch. 4 vs. 5-12;
1John Ch. 3 vs. 16-24;
John Ch. 10 vs. 11-18

14th April Easter 3
Acts Ch. 3 vs. 12-19;
1John Ch. 3 vs. 1-7;
Luke Ch. 24 vs. 36-48

28th April Easter 5
Acts Ch. 8 vs. 26-40;
1John Ch. 4 vs. 7-21;
John Ch. 15 vs. 1-8

From the Registers

Baptisms:

24th March Shae Campy at St Hilda's Church
Jackson Campy at St Hilda's Church



Wedding blessing:

11th March Nigel and Liane Glen at St Cuthbert's church

This month we pray for those who live and work in:

Lorton Road; Lingmell Road; Kirby Walk; Ayton Drive; Roxby Close;
Ellerby Close;

Easby Close; Moorsholm Way; Mulgrave Walk; Newholm Way;
Greenhow Walk; Newton Road;

Broughton Green; Ventnor Court; Roseberry Road & Shops;
Roseberry Court; Low Farm Drive;

Mablethorpe Close; Cromer Walk; Rushpool Close; Rockpool Court;
Shell Walk; Bylands Close

APRIL CALENDAR

Tuesday, 02 April 2024	10.00am - 1.00pm
Shop/Café & Ecoshop	St. Hilda's
Monday, 08 April 2024	7.00pm - 8.30pm
Standing Committee	Zoom
Tuesday, 09 April 2024	10.00am - 1.00pm
Shop/Café & Ecoshop	St. Hilda's
Tuesday, 09 April 2024	7.00pm - 8.00pm
Revitalise Prayer Meeting	St. Hilda's
Thursday, 11 April 2024	7.00pm - 8.30pm
Connect Group	16 Yew Tree Avenue
Tuesday, 16 April 2024	10.00am - 1.00pm
Shop/Café & Ecoshop	St. Hilda's
Sunday, 21 April 2024	3.00pm - 4.00pm
Prayer walk	TBC - check weekly sheet
Monday, 22nd April 2024	7.00pm - 9.00pm
Revitalise Meeting	St Hilda's
Tuesday, 23 April 2024	10.00am - 1.00pm
Shop/Café & Ecoshop	St. Hilda's
Thursday, 25 April 2024	7.00pm - 8.30pm
Connect Group	16 Yew Tree Avenue
Saturday, 27 April 2024	10.00am - 2.00pm
Table-Top	St. Hilda's
Tuesday, 30 April 2024	10.00am - 1.00pm
Shop/Café & Ecoshop	St. Hilda's

Generous Giving Sunday

On 25th February, we looked at how we might respond generously to God's generosity to us. I want to say a huge thank you to those of you who have filled in your response form which we gave out on Generous Giving Sunday. We have had people offering to serve the church in new ways and others giving a one off donation or increasing their regular giving.

We asked you to return your form by Easter Sunday. But if you haven't done so it is not too late. And if you have lost yours, or didn't get one, please ask Jane or a church warden. Or just let us know how you would like to serve. Because serving each other and our community is truly an act of worship to God.



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Generosity in Kirkleatham Parish

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according to the riches of his glory in
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If you would like to contribute to the magazine in the future, please talk to Rob or Louise on a Sunday or email us at kirkleathammag@gmail.com .

We welcome articles on many subjects. If you have an interest in gardening or cooking, please share your tips and recipes. If you're interested in local history, it would be lovely to hear about Redcar, Kirkleatham and the area. Maybe you've read a book or seen a film that's inspired you? Please share your experiences and knowledge with the parish family.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Louise

Little Seeds Community Toddler Group



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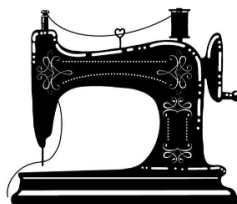


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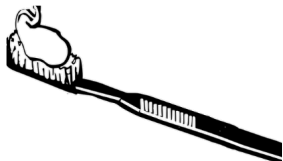
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Sundays

09:30 St Hilda's Family Communion with Sunday School*

11:15 St Cuthbert's Eucharist

**First Sunday of the month: Café Church with breakfast from 09:15*

Thursdays

10:00 St Hilda's Communion

Details of other services can be found on the calendar pages

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