



Kirkleatham Parish
St Cuthbert's & St Hilda's

Parish News

May 2024



The Peace Bell stands near the DMZ between North and South Korea. It was erected in 2000 to pray for peace on the Korean peninsula and the whole human race.

Vicar's letter



Will you join us?

May marks our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). A time when we celebrate what happened in the previous year and look forward to the challenges and opportunities of the coming year. But this also means that we are looking for people to join us in leading the church forward. In other words we need people to join us on the Parochial Church Council (PCC).

What is the PCC?

At its best, a PCC is a dynamic assembly of dedicated volunteers, bound together by a common purpose: to support and enhance the life of our churches and the wider community we serve and to maintain our buildings. At the most basic level, the PCC makes the decisions about what we do as a parish and how we maintain our lovely buildings. We meet six times a year to review what has happened and what is going to happen. It is a 'formal' meeting, but that doesn't mean it is boring. We do have legal, financial and safeguarding decisions to make. But we always invite God to be part of our deliberations and we always try to remember that we are not here to run a club or a business – we are here to share the gospel and meet the needs of those who worship with us and those who live within our parish.

So what sort of people do we need on our PCC?

Think of the PCC as a collaborative symphony, where every member plays a crucial role in composing harmonious solutions to challenges and opportunities alike. We need a diverse group of people with different skills and strengths, and different ways of looking at the world and the church. We need a whole orchestra!

People with a story

Are you new to the parish? You need to have been on the electoral roll for 6 months, but your experience in other churches will be really valuable.

Have you been coming for decades? Your understanding and knowledge of the history of the parish will help us discern where God has moved in the past so that we can build on it.



People with organisational skills

Are you good at planning? Well we really need you to help us achieve what we want to do!

Are you good at trouble shooting or error identification? Then your attention to detail could help us avoid problems in our more practical decisions.

Do you have transferable skills from current or previous employment or volunteering? Please do share them with us!

People with a passion for outreach

Do you long to see people saved? Do you have ideas how we can reach out with love to all who need to hear the good news? We need you to join us to remind us that we are only here to obey Jesus' command to make disciples of all people.

People with a heart for prayer

Do you pray for the work of our churches and the parish and regularly seek God's will for us? If so we need you to join us to keep our eyes fixed on God. And you will be better informed as you intercede for our work.

People with vision

Are you an ideas person? Are you always thinking of opportunities and how we can make the most of them? Do you long to see us growing and obeying God's call on our churches? Join us and share your ideas so that we keep moving forward with God.

People with compassion

Do you have a burden for those who are hurting or excluded? Do you long for us to grow in love and fellowship? In which case we need you to help us identify those we are not yet serving and to help us to build up the body of Christ.

Join us!

Do any of these describe you? If so, please come to talk to me or anyone else already on the PCC. And most importantly – fill in a nomination form and come and join us! Together we can move forward and make the next year even more exciting and fulfilling. If you can't join us – then please pray for us and for those who take on this vital role in the life of the Church.

Rev Jane

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?



FRIENDSHIP EVANGELISM TRAINING

13 – 17 May 2024

Be equipped to share your faith with confidence at training sessions across the region in three different locations.

SIGN UP

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.

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 :

PARKINSON'S^{UK}
CHANGE ATTITUDES.
FIND A CURE.
JOIN US.

Here in Kirkleatham Parish we support the local branch of Parkinson's UK. This year £300 of our Charitable Giving Budget is being sent to the Redcar Support Group

Parkinson's UK website states:

'Our work wouldn't happen without the money you raise and donate. Every pound and penny helps bring real breakthroughs closer for people with Parkinson's.

Every hour 2 people are diagnosed with Parkinson's ie 18,000 per year.

Find out what your generous donations fund.

You fund pioneering research. From repurposing existing drugs to treat Parkinson's to investigating the causes.


You make it possible for us to provide personalised information and support to everyone with Parkinson's, whenever it's needed.

You help us lead the fight for fair treatment and better services for everyone living with Parkinson's'.

In Redcar, there is a weekly 'Chair based exercises' for Parkinson's sufferers on Tuesdays in 25K. A qualified trainer leads the sessions and the attendance is between 12 and 15 people. Consideration is being given to running a second group.

In November a Coffee Morning with raffle and Tombola is held in St. Hilda's by the Redcar Support Group and much needed funds are raised.

Doreen Arkle



Serve Teesside.

LOVE OUR REGION. MAKE AN IMPACT.

1 – 19 MAY 2024

Festival Teesside has a slogan—A Church united, a region transformed. One of the ways that the united Church can play a part in seeing area-wide transformation in the build-up to Festival Teesside is through serving our communities. There is significant power in sharing God's love in both word and deed. That's why we're encouraging local churches to join in with Serve Teesside.

For maximum impact and to truly add momentum to the bigger festival timeline we've allocated 1–19 May 2024 as the window of opportunity for churches to run social action projects in their local context. There is no better way of identifying the missional opportunities in any area than working directly with the local church, as you are the ones who know the needs of your communities better than anyone else. We are not prescriptive as to what you decide to do but ask that you plan to do it within the Serve Teesside timeframe and let us know what you plan. Keep reading to learn more!

As part of Serve Teesside we have decided to keep things simple and will be taking part in litter picks. We are working with the ward councillors in both of the wards in our Parish and would really like to do a litter pick in both Newcomen and Kirkleatham wards. To do this obviously we need volunteers for the day. We have decided to do this on Saturday 4th May and hope to do one in the morning and one in the afternoon, but this depends on numbers. If you can spare some time on that day and would be willing to help please have a word with Sue Nicholson or Revd. Jane Robson. We've booked the sunshine so please come along if you can, the more the merrier!

My journey to community ministry

Sometime ago, I was asked if I would like to take part in a stepping up programme - through the mustard seed project with the diocese of York. At the time I was very unsure about whether this was the right thing for me to do or even the right time, however I felt God was saying "yes you can, step out in faith and everything will be ok".

After taking the leap and joining the programme I was faced with the decision of how I felt God was calling me to serve as a community minister. It was then that I started to feel the pull to youth work.

Whilst taking time to think and pray on this; Blank Canvas (an ecumenical youth charity working to support young people in Redcar) were visiting parishes and asking churches in the area if there were



any ways that they could help support and or resource hosting young people in a way that just wasn't happening in Redcar at the time.

It was from this, that the partnership between myself and Blank Canvas was formed and in September of 2022, our youth club opened its doors for the first time. We were full of excitement and luckily, so were the young people. We regularly host around 20-30 young people each week; and have really bonded as what feels like a family, even if it is sometimes a little on the wild side. We are providing these young people with things that they do not always have present at home, consistency, kindness, love and compassion.

In the almost two years we have been together, we have hosted fashion shows, family style dinners, beach trips and are excited about the prospect of our summer weekend away in Wydale, where we hope to be able to share with them a little more of who we are as Christians and why Jesus is so important to us.

If you find yourself with some free time on a Thursday evening, please do take a moment to pray for us as a team and for our young people.

God bless
Sue G

Diary May 2024



Readings

Easter 6 5th May

Acts Ch. 10 vs. 44-48;
1 John Ch. 5 vs. 1-6;
John Ch. 15 vs. 9-17

Pentecost 19th May

Ezekiel Ch. 37 vs 1-14;
Acts Ch. 2 vs. 1-21;
John Ch. 15 vs. 26-27, Ch. 16
vs. 4b-15

Easter 7 12th May

Acts Ch. 1 vs. 15-17, 21-26;
1 John Ch. 5 vs. 9-13;
John Ch. 17 vs. 6-19

Trinity 26th May

Isaiah Ch. 6 vs. 1-8;
Romans Ch. 8 vs. 12-17;
John Ch. 3 vs. 1-17

From the Registers



Baptisms:

14th April

Lauren Kendall in St. Hilda's

14th April

Adam Fowler in St. Hilda's

14th April

Noah Fowler in St. Hilda's

14th April

Arabella Jaylor in St. Cuthbert's

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

Falmouth Close; Milford Walk; Fleetwood Walk; Riverdale School;
Tenby Road

Overcombe Way; Newquay Drive; Yarmouth Drive; Lowestoft Way;
Exmouth Close

Whitstable Gardens; Dawlish Close; Ilfracombe Drive; Southwold
Close; Hambleton Avenue; Cambrian Avenue; Pentland Avenue;
Mendip Drive; Brecon Drive; Whitehaven Court

MAY CALENDAR

Saturday, 04 May 2024

Serve Teesside Litter Pick

Time and location TBC

Sunday, 05 May

Confirmation service

10.30 am

St Hilda's (joint service)

Tuesday, 07 May 2024

Shop/Café & Ecoshop

9.30am - 1.00pm

St. Hilda's

Tuesday, 07 May 2024

Revitalise Prayer Meeting

7.00pm - 8.00pm

St. Hilda's

Thursday, 09 May 2024

Ascension Day Service

10.00am

St. Hilda's

Thursday, 09 May 2024

Connect Group

7.00pm - 8.30pm

15 Pentland Avenue

Saturday, 11 May 2024

Craft Fayre

10.00am - 2.00pm

St. Hilda's

Sunday, 12 May 2024

Joint Service and APCM

9.30am

St. Hilda's

Monday, 13 May 2024

Standing Committee

7.00pm - 7.45pm

Vicarage

Monday, 13 May 2024

Finance Committee

7.45pm - 9.00pm

Vicarage

Tuesday, 14 May 2024

Shop/Café & Ecoshop

9.30am - 1.00pm

St. Hilda's

Sunday, 19 May 2024

Revitalise meeting - bring packed lunch

12.30pm (after the service)

St. Cuthbert's

Sunday, 19 May 2024

Prayer Walk

4.00pm

TBC

Monday, 20 May 2024

PCC

7.00pm - 8.30pm

St. Hilda's

Tuesday, 21 May 2024

Shop/Café & Ecoshop

9.30am - 1.00pm

St. Hilda's

Thursday, 23 May 2024

Connect Group

7.00pm - 8.30pm

16 Yew Tree Avenue

Saturday, 25 May 2024

Table-Top

10.00am - 2.00pm

St. Hilda's

Tuesday, 28 May 2024

Shop/Café & Ecoshop

9.30am - 1.00pm

St. Hilda's

Revitalisation St Cuthbert's style – 19th May

Pentecost is often referred to as the Church's birthday, marking the transformative moment when the fearful disciples, numbering only 120, were filled with the Holy Spirit. This divine empowerment emboldened them to leave their locked room and share the good news of the risen Lord Jesus with all who might listen. And as a result the kingdom of God expanded to over 3000 and the Church was born. This Pentecost we have the opportunity to explore how the Holy Spirit may wish to empower those of us who worship at St Cuthbert's, and how we can contribute to the expansion of God's kingdom in Kirkleatham Parish.

The worship style and architecture of St Cuthbert's are special and distinctive. This historic, grade 1 listed building, nestled in a conservation area, holds significance for those marking life's milestones with weddings, baptisms, and funerals. Situated in Kirkleatham village, it welcomes both passing visitors and intentional pilgrims, drawn to its renowned Mausoleum.

But most importantly, St Cuthbert's has been a centre for Christian worship for centuries, with the potential to continue this legacy for many more. So we must seek God's guidance in discerning the best path forward. We wish to be both true to his faithfulness over the centuries and our heritage, as well as seeking to move on with our God who is both never changing and infinitely creative. To this end, the Ven John Day will be joining us to explore these possibilities.

Might this mean opening the church more frequently or in different ways? Might it mean making the interior more welcoming, or offering more opportunities for personal reflection? Are there ways in which we can offer spiritual input into activities occurring in the Village? How can we make the most of the missional opportunities presented by weddings, baptisms and funerals? Are we being a blessing to our neighbours and bringing glory to God? And how can each of us contribute to St Cuthbert's enduring role as a worship hub for generations to come?

John Day will be preaching at our 11:15 service on Pentecost Sunday, 19th May. We invite you to bring a packed lunch, as following the service, we will engage in discussion and prayer, contemplating the future of St Cuthbert's and our unique role within the parish. Your presence would be greatly appreciated, as we endeavour to include as many voices as possible in this important conversation.

Rev Jane

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Contributions to the magazine

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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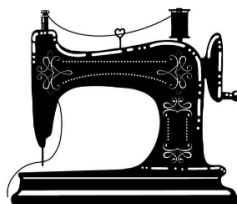


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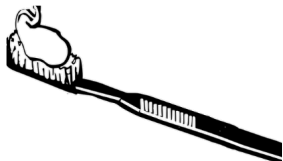
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Worship in the Parish of Kirkleatham

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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