

**ONLINE RESOURCES FOR DAILY PRAYER:**

praying with the church: <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-worship/join-us-in-daily-prayer.aspx>  
 Prayer of imagination: <http://www.pray-as-you-go.org/home/>

**FOODBANK** Thank you for your ongoing generosity and donations. The need for Foodbank is continuing to grow, so please help if you can. Particularly short of, dried mash potato, jam and tin's of fruit.

**SUMMER FAIR Saturday 7th July** Donations for raffles prizes, teddies and your time as helpers are needed. Please see Kim Doran or John Le Guen for more information

**ARCHDEACON VISITATION** Thursday 17th May, 7.30pm at St Andrews Clubmoor. All welcome.

**All sides people and Church wardens must be in attendance**

**BOTTLE SUNDAY** every Sunday until the summer Fair. Please bring a bottle for the bottle stall.



**ALNMOUTH RETREAT.** Everyone going on the retreat meeting on Sunday 13th May 10.15 to arrange details.

**SUNDAY 3rd JUNE CONFIRMATION SERVICE .**  
**One service only 10.30am at church. Bishop Paul.**  
 Please come along to support our candidates.

### Meetings and Events

#### Sunday 13th May

Junior Confirmation in Church, 4.30pm  
 SPARK.7.30pm

#### Wednesday 16th May

Bible Study 7.30pm in 18 Bowden Close

#### Thursday 17th May

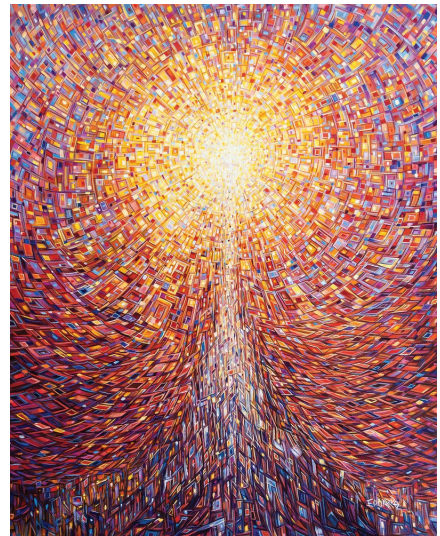
Archdeacon Visitation 7.30pm, St Andrews Clubmoor.

#### Sunday 20th May

Choir practice 10.30am  
 Junior Confirmation in Church, 4.30pm  
 NO SPARK 7.30pm.



# Welcome to St Cuthbert's



**Sunday after Ascension**  
**Sunday 13th May 2018**

### Intercessions

Ollie Holmes, Amy Blacklock and family, Louis Marshall, Julie Carroll, Stephen Wearing, Francis Davidson, John Ellis and James O'Keefe, Juan Buch-Turon, Neville & Patricia Jones, Carlo Regadas. Elaine, Dot, Audrey, Christopher Browne, Hilda and Stan, Mike and Liz.

### RIP-

### Years Mind:

Robert Ramsey, Millie Canavan, Joan Woods  
 Ronnie Winder, Peg Rieveley, Elizabeth Garlick  
 Olive Jones, George Winder  
 James Kendall Brownrigg

### Welcome to St Cuthberts Church

Thank you for coming today. We pray you are encouraged by the worship and teaching you hear, and by the people you meet.

We strive to be a welcoming, warm congregation, and we hope you sense that. Please let us know if you would like more information about us. We would be happy to answer any questions you might have and to get to know you better.

We hope you feel at home with us as together we worship God today. As a safe place all are welcome. Our motivation is the risen Lord Jesus whose safe and risky love took him to the cross and whom we seek to serve.

**The PCC are pleased to announce our vacancy has been advertised on the Church of England website <https://pathways.churchofengland.org/jobs/job/Vicar-Croxteth-Park-St-Cuthbert/545>**

Please pray for all involved as they continue the process to find our new minister.

We hope you have a wonderful week full of many blessings.

## COLLECT

(For The Sunday after Ascension)

Oh God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strength us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## FIRST READING

Acts 1. 1-11

(A reading from the Acts of the Apostles)

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

The Ascension of Jesus

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

## Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.**

He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

**He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

**Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.

**God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.**

The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted.

## SECOND READING

Ephesians 1. 15-end

(A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians)

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

## GOSPEL

Luke 24. 44-end

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.' Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

