St Cuthbert's Parish Church Amble www.stcuthbertsonline.com

Please note that the church building will be closed during the renewed national lockdown which began on November 5th and will be reviewed by December 2nd.

15th November 2020 2nd Sunday before Advent.



Readings (see attached Readings sheet.)

Zephaniah 1: 7; Psalm 90: 1 - 8, (9 - 11) 12. Thessalonians 5: 1 – 11. Matt. 25: 14 – 30.

Keeping in touch

St Cuthbert's website:

https://www.stcuthbertsonline.com

On Social Media via facebook and twitter Rev John and the team are sharing prayer and reflection each day on facebook & twitter

A short Eucharist service will be available via Facebook and the church website each Sunday

St. Cuthbert's Parish Church, like many other organisations, has found its income has collapsed because of the impact of Corona Virus.

We can no longer take collections at services: hold fundraising events or let out the Parish Hall. Sadly, the bills still come in! Please help if you can. Via www.give.net/20305167 or if you are able to give on a regular basis please contact our treasurer, Mike Dixon; email: treasurer@stcuthbertsonline.com

Many thanks to those of you who are already giving to us through www.give.net

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Mack Hetherington - 712154

Please note because of current restrictions all services apart from funerals cannot proceed.

Please remember in your prayers our friends and neighbours Who live in South Avenue & Central Avenue.

See page 2 of the newsletter for information about plans for Christingle by Zoom & the article in November's Parish magazine.



Christmas Toy Appeal

Rachel Cook of "Isolation Support in Amble" is co-ordinating a Christmas collection of **new** toys for children of all ages (and adult gifts too.) Can you

Contact Rachel via the Isolation in Amble Facebook page or Penny Horseman can give you her phone number. Thank You!



2020 - by Zoom! 3 sessions on offer: -

Tuesdays 24th November, 1st and 8th of December between 3:00 pm & 4:00 pm

The aim is to read again the story of Mary and relate it to our own lives, experiences and concerns. If interested please contact: either

Sarah: sarahagmitchell@gmail.com Mari: mari.mander@gmail.com

The course can be accessed via computer, tablet, smartphone or landline telephone.

For the Zoom links please contact Penny Horseman: pennyhorseman@gmail.com

Details will be sent to you later.

This week's readings.					
Monday 16 th November	Tuesday 17 th November	Wednesday 18 th November	Thursday 19 th November	Friday 20 th November	Saturday 21 st November
Revelation 1: 1 - 4. Psalm 1. Luke 18: 35 - end.	Revelation 3: 1 - 6, 14 - end. Psalm 15. Luke 19: 1 - 10.	Revelation 4. Psalm 150. Luke 19: 11 - 28.	Revelation 5: 1 - 10. Psalm 149: 1 - 5. Luke 19: 41 - 44.	Revelation 10: 8 - 11. Psalm 119: 65 - 72. Luke 19: 45 - 48.	Revelation 11: 4 - 12. Psalm 144: 1 - 9. Luke 20: 27 - 40.

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No services apart from funerals can be held in church. For the duration of the renewed lockdown there will be no other services in St. Cuthbert's.

On line services will continue.

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Don't forget St Cuthbert's Amble is also on Facebook and twitter. **On line services continue.**



We would now like to extend this to sharing your prayer requests on Fridays.

So if anyone would like someone or something prayed for then please let us

Please email our vicar, Rev. John McDermott, at:

vicar@stcuthbertsonline.com



Amble Food Bank Appeal

Can you help Amble Food Bank raise £5,000 to make sure they can continue to support local families in need of food during the coming months while Covid 19 is prevalent?

Please donate to the Just Giving Crowd Funding page;

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/amble -foodbank-1?utm term=Ed8yVr957



Remembrance 2020

The usual acts of Remembrance are not possible this year but if you want to help the poppy appeal go to:

www.britishlegion.org.uk

Amble Library

Is now offering a "select and collect" service;

Reservations now available.

For details please contact the Library **Telephone 01665 710419. Email:**

amble.library@northumberland.gov.uk

OPENING HOURS (which may vary because of Covid) Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Or check the County Council webpage which includes details of how services are impacted by lockdown:

www.northumberland.gov.uk

Light

Lord Jesus.

you have said that your followers must be the light to the world.

Light propagates itself, dispels darkness. It sows rays of joy and hope. It is life-giving.

Help me, Lord, to be a light to this world, so that my life radiates your message of love, hope, and joy.

May I be the beacon leading to You those who seek truth.

Salt

You also said, Lord Jesus, that your disciples must be the salt to this earth. Salt gives taste to food.

It retards spoilage.

It is also a healing agent.

Lord, may I be the salt

that takes away the blandness in the routine of living, that prevents the rottenness of hatred and greed from expanding around me,

that brings compassionate healing to anguished souls I encounter.

Lord, help me to be "worth my salt."

And infuse your "saltiness" in me,
so that I do not become "flat" and useless.

Shared by Sarah Mitchell.



Christingle by Zoom

Will be happening on Christmas Eve.
Advance bookings are essential to allow planning.
There will be an on-line collection to support the work of the Children's Society.

If you are interested please contact:

pennyhorseman@gmail.com

Thank you!

COLLECT

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:

grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and

we may be made like him

in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 1:7. 12-18

A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah.

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

PSALM Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12

R Satisfy us by your loving-kindness; so shall we rejoice and be glad.

Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another. Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God. You turn us back to the dust and say, "Go back, O child of earth." R

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night. You sweep us away like a dream; we fade away suddenly like the grass. In the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered. R

For we consume away in your displeasure; we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance. R

[When you are angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end like a sigh. The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; yet the sum of them is but labour and sorrow,

for they pass away quickly and we are gone.

Who regards the power of your wrath? Who rightly fears your indignation? R]

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. R

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

GOSPEL Matthew 25:14-30

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples, "The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and

entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

POST COMMUNION

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

