

# *The Interchange*

*Come and share the bread of life!*



***The Parish Newsletter for the churches  
of  
St Cuthbert Durham  
and  
St. Aidan Framwellgate Moor***

**November 2016**

“For such a time as this” .....



On October 16<sup>th</sup>, we welcomed Revd. Fiona Collin to the Durham North Team.

As we look around us, signs of the autumnal season are evident as the leaves transform into many gorgeous colours and then gently fall to the ground. The cooler temperatures and the shorter hours of daylight also remind us that winter is just around the corner. Similarly, the events of this past week mark a new season in the life of Durham North Team Ministry. I join you with a real sense of anticipation (if not a little trepidation) One sign of that change is that I can now say publicly, “Hello, I am your new team Vicar!”

Both Neil and I are very thankful to God for the way He has led us on our journey thus far and are equally excited about how that will continue alongside you all. Bishop Mark reminded us, it’s very good to have thankful hearts and to recognise moments of blessing in the ordinariness of our days.

I chose the passage from Luke 24:13-35 “The Emmaus Journey” for my licensing service because I felt it identifies many aspects of journeying together that I believe will help shape my ministry with you and hopefully our lives together.

Illustrated for us in a dramatic and very poignant way, we heard that Jesus drew near and walked alongside. He enquired and He listened. He encouraged His companions to share their

story and enlightened them with stories from scripture. "Were not our hearts burning within us?"

Through this simple building of relationship came the offer of hospitality, connection and ultimately recognition in the breaking of bread." With joy filled faith, Jesus's travelling companions were inspired to carry on and witness to others.

At the Minster, a friend of ours called Clare, wrote the following song for our All Age "FEAST" service and it became a favourite of mine because of these words:

*We come from many different places*

*We live our separate lives,*

*But here we share our stories,*

*As the body of Christ.*

*Our story, your story, God's story,*

*Woven together in love,*

*Healing our wounds and transforming our lives,*

*Leading us on in faith.*

My prayer is that for us collectively, the Emmaus story, gives a blueprint that will inspire as we journey together. As this story touches our hearts afresh, may we reach out and invite others to join us along the way. I look forward to sharing in your stories and together telling others the Jesus story, which is after all, the greatest story ever told.

Revd. Fiona Collin

## ***Remembrance***

We come together as we do now each year to worship Almighty God in his presence, commemorate events that took place 100 years ago. The focus this year has been on the Battle of the Somme which began in July 1916. The horrific number of casualties suffered on the ground have been well documented but not so much is known of the part played by the Royal Flying Corps during the conflict. Its task was to establish and maintain superiority in the air to deny intelligence to the enemy and its bombers to carry out their mission. The fighting had largely died out by mid-November by which time the RFC had lost 782 aircraft and 576 pilots.

In 1918 the Royal Flying Corps and the Naval Air Service merged to create the Royal Air Force.

This year in September the 76<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Britain was commemorated, victory in which 544 British and Commonwealth airmen died in the air and delivered our country from the threat of invasion, although the conflict spread world-wide and continued for another five years, claiming many more lives before the dropping of atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki hastened the end, allowing us to enjoy the continuous blessings granted to us today.

The following words were written by an anonymous writer and can be sung to the tune of a well-known and easily recognised hymn:

## **O Ruler of the earth and sky**

O Ruler of the earth and sky  
Be with our airmen when they fly  
And keep them in thy loving care  
Amid the perils of the air  
O let our cry come unto thee  
For those who fly o'er land and sea.

Strong Son of Man, save those who fly  
Swift-winged across the uncharted sky  
Each anxious hour and lonely flight  
Serenely challenged day and night  
O'er land and ocean safely bear  
All those in peril in the air.

O Holy Spirit, God's own power  
Give peace in sudden danger's hour  
Being calm of heart and be Thou near  
To those who watch and those who fear  
To thee will rise the grateful prayer  
Of those who serve Thee in the air.

O Trinity of Love and Grace  
True guide of all who fly through space  
In peace and war 'mid friend and foe  
Be with them whereso'er they go  
So shall our praise with heaven's blend  
And joyful hearts to Thee ascend.

## **Lest we forget....**

Give thanks for The Royal British Legion

The RAF Association

The RAF Benevolent Fund

The Soldiers, Sailors and Air Forces Association

And other services' charities.

Bob Gordon



### The Children's Society

Thank you to all box holders. This year we have raised £602.67 .The work of this charity helps make lives better for thousands of children who are neglected,living in poverty or in fear of violence.Anybody wishing to become a box holder can contact me as follows:

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Judith Gaughy



## **Saints and Heroes: Josephine Butler**

Life in Victorian Britain for most working people was grim. Rented accommodation was cramped, devoid of sanitation, and poorly built. The tight-rope balancing act between subsistence living and appalling poverty was an everyday hazard. Rising at dawn and working from 7.45 until midnight was the lot of omnibus drivers, conductors, costermongers and many others; women employed in the 'slop trade' making cheap clothes, struggled by candlelight to complete enough shirts, so that they earned enough to put food on the table.

This was the historical stage upon which the happily married and privileged Josephine Butler stepped, a young woman from a prominent Northumberland family. She could have spent her life insulated from the desperation of women trapped by desperate poverty, misfortune and the abuses of the sex trade. But she didn't.

In about 1853, Josephine witnessed the death of her youngest child, Eva, who fell from the top-most bannister of the stairwell onto the tiled floor below. The tragic loss of her child left a very deep scar on the mind and soul of Josephine. She threw herself into supporting women in local workhouses, paupers with lives of utter misery. 'My sole wish was to plunge into the heart of some human misery and to say...'I understand. I too

have suffered.” But that was just the start of a dedicated journey to campaign for the most marginalised of women, supported by her husband, who was a priest. She became president of the North of England Council for the Higher Education of Women. Although suffering from periods of depression and ill health, she persuaded Cambridge University to set up a college (Newham) exclusively for women.

Not only was Josephine Butler keen to promote educational provision for women, she also worked tirelessly for the repeal of the Contagious Diseases Act 1864 and 1869. These Acts authorised the authorities to take draconian measures to inspect women living near ports and garrisons of soldiers. Poor women, the authorities assumed, would be ‘fallen’ women liable to spread sexually-transmitted disease. Finally, Parliament repealed the Acts in 1886.

Josephine Butler was moved by her profound faith in a compassionate and loving God, though she was not always supported by the Church. Her influence and campaigns for the equal rights of women of all classes, extended to many countries in Europe. Her courage and daring to challenge the ruthless exclusion of the most vulnerable in society, provides an enduring example of Christian social radicalism.

She was buried nearby at the little church in Kirk newton, Northumberland, on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. 1907.

Kirsty Thomas



# ***Regular Events***

## **Worship at St Cuthbert's**

Sunday Holy Communion at 8:00am (Book of Common Prayer)

Sung Communion at 11:00am (Common Worship).

First Sunday of the month Come and Praise at 11am

Evening Worship at 6pm

Wednesday Holy Communion at 9.30am (Common Worship)

## **Worship at St Aidan's**

Sunday Holy Communion at 9.15am (Common Worship)

Third Sunday of the month Evening Worship (BCP) at 6pm

## **Upcoming events**

8<sup>th</sup> Nov (Tues) The Social Committee will meet in the Parish hall at 9.30am

26<sup>th</sup> Nov (Sat) The Christmas Fair will be held in the Parish hall 10am-12pm

29<sup>th</sup> Nov (Tues) 7.30pm 40th anniversary of Gordon Harper's priesting at St Cuthbert's

30<sup>th</sup> Nov (Wed) "Memory Lane" Dementia Café. Melbury Court Care Home 2pm-3pm.

## **Advance Notice**

Thursday 8th Dec 6.00pm St Nic's Nativity in the Marketplace

Sunday 18th Dec 3.30pm Police Carol Service in St. Cuthbert's

Carol Services will take place on 11 December in St. Cuthbert's 4pm and 18 December in St. Aidan's 6pm and the Crib Service in St. Cuthbert's on Christmas Eve 4pm.

## Regular Groups

Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade Derick Jackson  
Tuesdays 6pm-8.45pm, Parish Hall 0191 386 3820

Mothers' Union June Kirby 0191 386 9288  
*Meets on the third Monday of the month 2pm, Parish Hall*

Bumps & Babies Olwyn Daghish 0191 383 1556  
Tuesdays 10am-12pm in the Community Room

Art Group Shirley Whiteley 0191 660 1408  
*Meets on alternate Saturdays at 9.30am, Parish Hall*

St. Aidan's Choir Ann Marshall 0191 386 5091  
*Rehearsal after morning service at St. Aidan's Church*

Amblers Group Ann Marshall 0191 386 5091  
*Every third Saturday, meet at the Church Hall at 9.30am*

Aidan's Kitchen Parish Office 0191 384 7825  
*Fellowship & Refreshment: tea, coffee, scones & bacon butties*

# ***From the Parish Registers***

## ***Holy Baptisms at St. Cuthbert's***

11/9/16 Grayson James O'Riorden

18/9/16 Lora Louise Curry

25/9/16 Joseph Richard Alderson

## **Weddings at St Cuthbert's**

19/9/16 Leigh Goodman and Holly Peacock

## **Christian Committal at St. Cuthbert's**

15/9/16 (Died) Philip Richard Milligan Williams



## ***Quick Contact List***

Please make all enquiries for the clergy, as well as for baptisms, weddings and the calling of banns at:

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