

bought lots of printed copies of a Prayer Journal produced by Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York. Hard copies are available in Cockfield but we'd be very happy to deliver copies to anyone. Please let Sharon, Richard or Malcolm know. There will be a special 'Thy Kingdom Come' prayer group meeting on Wednesday 19th May at 2pm.

This week the prayer group will be hosted by Brian Poulson, it will be at the normal time of 2pm on Wednesday 5th May.

Below is the zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/6870917214?pwd=b3pvbDVEUXdOUVh2RXFKd2JsK2oyUT09>

Meeting ID 687 091 7214

Notices

Don't forget the Benefice **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** which takes place on Wednesday 26th May at Cockfield Church. Do come along and support your local Church, and even better, stand for election to the PCC! If you'd like a copy of your PCC's accounts then please do let me know.

For those of you who would like a copy of Cockfield's accounts prior to the meeting by email, please let Mike Swiney know at michael.swiney@btinternet.com

If you'd like a 'tea box' to be delivered to your door by Christine Stainer during Christian Aid week (10-16 May) then please contact her by phone 01284 388175 or email christinestainer57@gmail.com. The box will cost you a minimum £10 donation in aid of Christian Aid, and consists of sandwiches, homemade scones and a selection of fairtrade biscuits, cakes and a fairtrade teabag.

Next week's service – Sunday 9th May
6th Sunday of Easter - Christian Aid Sunday

Morning Prayer at Cockfield Church at 10am and on facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/cockfieldbenefice/live/>

If you have any notices or news for the weekly service/pew sheet, or for the monthly issue of 'Reaching Out', then please do contact Canon Sharon at revsharon2@gmail.com or telephone 01284 828599 or 07825 086063. For details on all our services visit the Benefice website at www.cockfieldbenefice.com and visit our facebook page.

Cockfield Benefice



Communion in the Easter Season

Welcome and Notices

We hear a hymn

1 Alleluia, Alleluia!
hearts to heaven and voices raise;
sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise:
he who on the Cross a victim
for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ the King of glory,
now is risen from the dead.

3 Christ is risen, we are risen;
shed upon us heavenly grace,
rain and dew, and gleams of glory
from the brightness of thy face;
that we, with our hearts in heaven,
here on earth may fruitful be,
and by angel-hands be gathered,
and be ever, Lord, with thee.

2 Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits
of the holy harvest field,
which will all its full abundance
at his second coming yield;
then the golden ears of harvest
will their heads before him wave,
ripened by his glorious sunshine,
from the furrows of the grave.

4 Alleluia, Alleluia,
glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Saviour,
who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit,
fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia, Alleluia,
to the Triune Majesty.

Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

All

Alleluia. Christ is risen!

All

He is risen indeed. Alleluia

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
He has given us new life and hope.
He has raised Jesus from the dead.

All

Alleluia. Christ is risen!

All

He is risen indeed. Alleluia

Please sit or kneel

For your own prayers in the coming week

A personal prayer:

Yesterday I was crucified with Christ;
Today I am glorified with him.
Yesterday I was dead with Christ;
Today I am sharing in his resurrection.
Yesterday I was buried with him;
Today I am waking with him from the sleep of death.

Gregory of Nazianzus (389)

Praying for the world:

- For the 45 people killed and thousands of others injured at Meron in Israel as the Jewish festival of Lag B'Omer was commemorated
- For the 30 people killed in a car bombing in Afghanistan
- For India, as it continues to struggle with Covid-19

Praying in our diocese:

- Colneys Deanery: Walton and Trimley: the Revd Paul Clarke, the Revd Wendy Smith
- Chaplains to the hospitals in the diocese
- Pray for the people of Myanmar suffering as a result of the military coup. Pray for comfort for those who have lost loved ones and for the restoration of democracy and peace.

Praying in our benefice, we pray for:

- the Benefice Council meeting taking place on Wednesday
- Felsham & Gedding PCC meeting on Thursday
- Christian Aid Week distributors of envelopes, starting 10th May
- those who are sick or recovering from illness: Margaret Ratcliff, Henry Ford and David Williams
- those who have died, we remember George Horrex, David Bamber and Roberta Kebbell
- Rev Richard Stainer and Helen Grover preparing for ordination

'Thy Kingdom Come'

This annual international prayer event takes place from **13th – 23rd May** (more info at [Thy Kingdom Come](#) | [Thy Kingdom Come](#).)
We'd love everyone in the Cockfield Benefice to be involved too! There's much to pray for, locally, nationally and globally, and to inspire us, we've

4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Stuart Townend (born 1963) and Keith Getty (born 1974)

The Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Alleluia!**

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Prayer of Preparation

All **Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayer of Penitence

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and
confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

1 Corinthians 5.7-8

We keep a moment in quiet

Jesus Christ, risen master and triumphant Lord,
We come to you in sorrow for our sins,
And confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,
And not by the power of your resurrection.
In your mercy, forgive us.

All **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
As faithless and not believing.
In your mercy, forgive us.

All **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,
And doubted our home in heaven.
In your mercy, forgive us.

All **Lord, hear us and help us.**

Absolution

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord

All **Amen**

We stand to say the Gloria in Excelsis

Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

**Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect

All **Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

We hear the closing hymn

- 1 In Christ alone my hope is found,
he is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.
- 2 In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save:
till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied -
for every sin on him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.
- 3 There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine -
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us –

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Giving of Communion

You are warmly invited to come to the altar rail and share in the bread or to receive a blessing.

Post Communion Prayers

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please sit for the readings

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

New Testament Reading: Acts 8.26-40

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.
In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

At the end of the reading

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

We hear a hymn

1 Love is his word, love is his way,
feasting with kin, fasting alone,
living and dying, rising again,
love, only love, is his way.

*Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:
better than splendour and wealth.*

2 Love is his news, love is his name,
we are his own, chosen and called,
family, brethren, cousins and kin.

Love, only love, is his name. *Richer than gold...*

3 Love is his name, love is his law.

Hear his command, all who are his:
'Love one another, I have loved you.'

Love, only love, is his law. *Richer than gold...*

4 Love is his law, love is his word:

love of the Lord, Father and Word,
love of the Spirit, God ever one,

love, only love, is his word. *Richer than gold...*

Luke Connaughton (1917-1979)

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I
was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

All **Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of
the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the
forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance
of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty
resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your
kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of
Christ your Son our Lord.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

All **Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of
thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the
presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us
with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ
our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we
worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

All **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you because you raised him gloriously from the dead. For he is the true paschal lamb who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has restored to us everlasting life.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

John 15.1-8

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

At the end of the sermon, a short silence is kept, following which we stand for the Creed.

The Creed

My brothers and sisters in Christ I invite you to affirm your faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All **Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe. Amen.**

We sit or kneel for the Prayers of Intercession

Prayers of Intercession

These responses may be used

Lord hear us

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray to the Father

All **Hear our prayer**

and at the end

Merciful Father,

All **Accept our prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia!
John 20.^{19,20}

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table

We hear a hymn

1 O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou for ever near me,
my Master and my friend:
I shall not fear the battle
If thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide

3 O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmers of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.

5 O let me see thy foot-marks,
and in them plant mine own;
my hope to follow duly
is in thy strength alone:
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heav'n receive me,
my Saviour and my friend.

2 O let me feel thee near me;
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.

4 O Jesus, thou hast promised,
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end:
O give me grace to follow
my Master and my friend.

John Ernest Bode (1816-1874)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Risen Lord Jesus Christ, we believe you, and all we have heard is true. When you break bread may we recognise you as the fire that burns within us that we may bring light to your world. **Amen**