



Living churches at the heart of their communities...

## **St Giles', Durham, St Cuthbert's, Shadforth and St Mary's, Sherburn**

### **The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

There is no greater  
love than to lay  
down one's life for  
one's friends.

JOHN 15:13

***Acts 10. 44-end; John 15. 9-17***

**5<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

## **Collect**

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us  
he may raise us to eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **A Reading from the Book of Acts**

#### **Acts 10. 44-end**

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God.

Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

For the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel**

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**

## **A Reading from the Gospel According to John**

### **John 15. 9-17**

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Post Communion Prayer**

God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns,  
now and for ever.

***All Amen.***

## Church Notices

**St Mary's - please note that mid-week Holy Communion will be the first Thursday of the month commencing Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July.**

**St Cuthbert's Sunday services will resume Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June – the pattern being every second and fourth Sunday of the month.**

**St Cuthbert's weekly Wednesday Mass is at 18.00.**

**The Bereavement Group** meets every Friday 10.30 to 12.00 in the church hall at St Giles'.

## General Notices

Please continue to pray for all of those who have recently died and for their families and friends - for Ronald Turnball, Christine Henderson, Betty Dodd and Ann Chipchase. Please also pray for those who are sick or alone. Please continue to pray for people affected by the ongoing wars in Ukraine, Israel, Gaza and the Holy Land. Pray for the dead, the families and all those affected, an end to conflict and the work towards reconciliation. Please also pray for all victims of man-made and natural disasters across the world.

## St Mary's

The **St Cuthbert's / St Mary's annual church meeting (APCM)** with an open invite to all will be held on **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May** straight after Holy Communion.

**St Mary's Summer Fair is on 29<sup>th</sup> June.** Donations for new items for the Tombola stall would be most appreciated.

Last week's coffee morning raised £303 for church funds – thank you all for your support.

**St Mary's Mothers' Union Coach Trip to Whitby on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June** leaves St Giles at 08.45 and Sherburn Village at 09.00. The coach is full – thank you for your support – please can you pay as soon as possible.

**St Mary's Food Bank** - please drop your food donations for Durham Food Bank on the table in the Narthex at the back of the church. Thank you.

## **St Cuthbert's**

The **St Cuthbert's / St Mary's annual church meeting (APCM)** with an open invite to all will be held on **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May** straight after Holy Communion.

The next **coffee morning** will be held on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May** between 10.30 and 12.30. At this time there should be many bluebells in the churchyard.

## **St Giles'**

**St Giles' Summer Fair is on 18<sup>th</sup> May.** Donations for new items for the Tombola stall would be most appreciated. If you like to help, especially in the distribution of flyers and sharing on your Facebook pages, please can you contact the social events team.

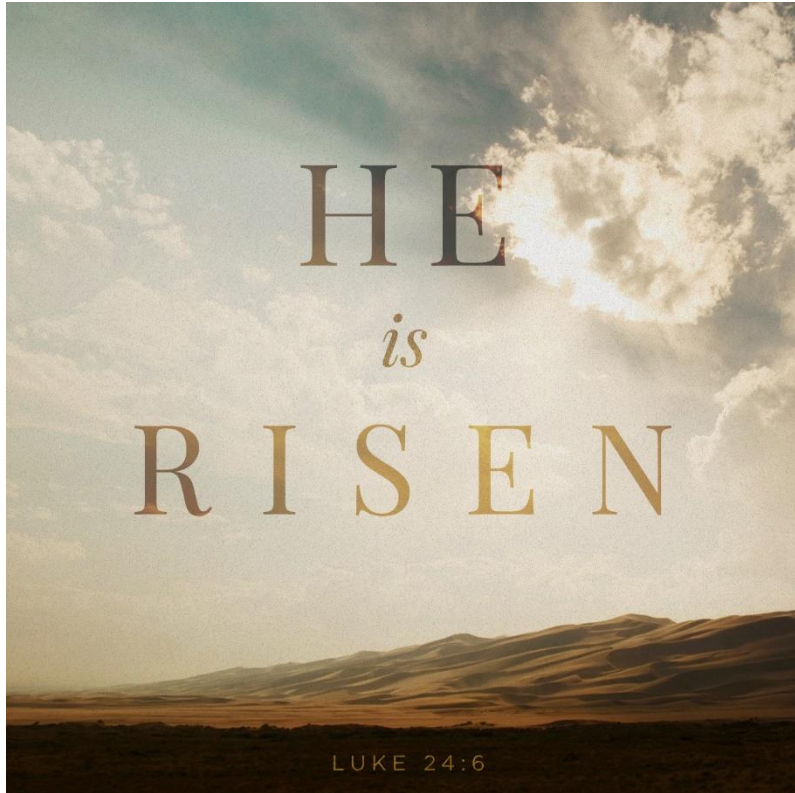
**Every Sunday Evening** – Evening Prayer at St Giles' at 18.00. You can also take part on Zoom.

**Every Wednesday at St Giles'** - a service of Holy Communion at 10.00.

The next **St Giles' PCC** is on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May** at 19.00 in the parish centre.

The **St Giles' annual church meeting (APCM)** with an open invite to all will be held on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May** straight after Holy Communion.





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