



Living churches at the heart of their communities...

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

**Ninth Sunday After Trinity**



2 Samuel 11.1-15  
John 6. 1-21

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 2024**

## **Collect**

Almighty God,  
who sent your Holy Spirit  
to be the life and light of your Church:  
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,  
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit  
in love and joy and peace;  
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.

***All - Amen***

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **A reading from the Second Book of Samuel**

#### **2 Samuel 11.1-15**

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, 'This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite.' So David sent messengers to fetch her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, 'I am pregnant.'

So David sent word to Joab, 'Send me Uriah the Hittite.' And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, 'Go down to your house, and wash your feet.'

Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, 'Uriah did not go down to his house', David said to Uriah, 'You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?' Uriah said to David, 'The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing.' Then David said to Uriah, 'Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back.' So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, 'Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die.'

For the Word of the Lord.

***All - Thanks be to God***

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

### **John 6. 1-21**

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.'

One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Post Communion**

Holy Father,  
who gathered us here around the table of your Son  
to share this meal with the whole household of God:  
in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace,  
gather people of every race and language  
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

***All - Amen***

## Church Notices

For your diaries – **St Mary's Patronal** joint service of Holy Communion will be on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August at **10.00**.

**Morning Prayer** will resume from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July until mid-October, when we can all evaluate and decide whether to keep it going through winter:

Monday 08:00 **St Giles'**

Tuesday 09:30 **St Mary's**

Wednesday 08:00 **St Giles'**

Thursday 08:30 **St Cuthbert's**

### **Benefice welcome evening for Rev Anne Robertson**

at **St Mary's** on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August at 18.00 with refreshments. Do come along and welcome Anne to our church family. *Can people bring food – quiches, sandwiches, cakes etc? Speak to Paul for further information.*

**Dalby Forest Retreat** – 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> October. For those interested in embarking on this journey of retreat, or simply looking to reset and find new aspirations, please consider coming along. There are a couple of spaces left for this spiritual retreat led by Fr John. The cost is £230 – not including transport. If you are interested, speak to Fr John or the office.

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

## Prayers

Please pray for the recently deceased - Betty Hewitt - and others who have recently died and for their families and friends. Please also pray for those who are sick or alone.

Please continue to pray for people affected by the ongoing wars and conflict, especially in Ukraine, the Holy Land and parts of Africa. 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.

## General Notices

### St Mary's

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July – Evensong service at 16.00** – to celebrate the blessing of the new Lady Chapel stained-glass window. It's a joint service for the benefice so do come along and support this event.

**St Mary's** next mid-week Holy Communion will be on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August** at 10.00.

**St Mary's Open Day and History Day** - Saturday 10th August 10.00 – 16.00. Please come along to view the fantastic new stained-glass window and look and learn about the history of the church; hear the 150-year-old organ and look at all the church treasures, many of which have been donated by the local community over many years. There are refreshments and a raffle, so do come along because there is something for everyone. *We are looking for volunteers to help us at the open day - if you are free, please let Alison or Paul know your availability, thank you.*

**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

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

**Thank you** to all those who supported the coffee morning last Saturday. A total of £272 was raised for our diminishing church funds.

### St Giles'

**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.

## **Year's Mind**

If you would like to have the name of a loved one added to the list of Year's Mind and it's their anniversary, please contact the office.

## **St Mary's**

Doris Blanch, Doreen Middlemass, Maureen Hall, Tom Meredith, Tim Hedley, Robert Smith, Bobby-Joe Stuart, Edward Wallace, Stephen Colin Day

## **St Cuthbert's**

Eileen Smith, Reverend Martin Vaizey, Jeffrey Turnbull, William Fisk, Diane Charlton, Colin Handy and Diane Beeby

## **St Giles'**

Geoff Bird, Olive Reeves, Beryl Sykes

