

INTERCESSIONS

Please pray for:-

- **the sick, and those who care for them** including Fiona Rose and Ged Ellis
- **those who have lit candles and those for whom candles have been lit**
- **those who have recently died** including Jane Burrows, Margaret Florence Longbone and Jean Timmins
- **those whose anniversary of death falls at this time** including Muriel Goldsworthy, Helen Cowling, Elizabeth Pape, Gerald Woodhead, Thomas Cordery, Sue Boag and Norah Clark

NOTICES

Confirmation

It is hoped to hold a Confirmation Service later in the year. Young people of an acceptable age and adults (no upper age limit!) who might be interested in becoming candidates should have a word with Fr. Michael Sinclair or one of the churchwardens.

Open the Book

The Open the Book team will be meeting at 2 pm next Friday, 31st August, at the Methodist Church, Potter Hill. If you would like to know more about this exciting ecumenical project, which takes stories of the Bible into our local primary schools, please have a word with Hazel Page or Pam Lindsay. Better still – just come along to the meeting! New members of the team are always very welcome.

Pickering and District Churches Together

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 5th September, at 7.30 pm at the Friends' Meeting House. This is an open meeting to which everyone is welcome. Do come along and learn something of how local Christians work together, rejoicing in what we share but respecting our differences. There will be a guest speaker to talk about Hope Central's 'Lift the Lid' project and the work done in local schools to support the teaching of RE.

VISIT TO DURHAM CATHEDRAL

The Walsingham Cell is arranging a visit to Durham Cathedral on September 8th, for the service to mark the Translation of St Cuthbert. The coach will leave Eastgate car park at 8.30am. The visit is open to everybody, as are all the cell meetings, and should make a good day out. The cost would be about £20 but could go down if numbers justified a larger coach. Contact Mike and Veronica Linskill on tel. 01751 432843 email mikelinskill@googlemail.com

100 Club

Join now to be in with a chance of winning a cash prize next month. Forms are available from David Billett and Ali Holmes.

Please send any notices for next week's pew sheet by Wednesday to

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SERVICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY, 26th AUGUST, 2018

At 8 o'clock the readings for the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity can be found in the Prayer Book.

At 10 o'clock we use the printed service booklet

Sunday, 26th August *Trinity 13*

8.00 am Holy Communion
9.00 am Holy Communion *at Levisham*
10.00 am Holy Communion
6.00 pm Evensong

Wednesday, 29th August

10.00 am Holy Communion
11.15 am Funeral of Jean Timmins at Woodlands Crematorium, Scarborough

Sunday, 2nd September *Trinity 14*

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist
6.00 pm Evensong
6.00 pm Patronal Festival and Pets' Service *at Lockton*

Please have a word with a sidesperson before the service if you require a gluten free wafer



READINGS AND PROPERS

Collect

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading: Joshua 24. 1-2a, 14-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods.

'Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.'

Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

Psalm 34. 9 - 14

Response: O taste and see that the Lord is gracious

Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones,
for those who fear him lack nothing.
Lions may lack and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good. R

Come, my children, and listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
Who is there who delights in life
and longs for days to enjoy good things? R

Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from lying words.
Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it. R

Second Reading: Ephesians 6. 10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the

cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life.

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Gospel: John 6. 56-59

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**