

## Message from Rev Iain Lothian

Dear all

Sunday's service is a zoom service. It is a slightly shortened traditional Holy Communion so please have some bread and wine/juice with you at the start of the service.

Join the Zoom Meeting for a 10.30am start by clicking on the following link:

<https://zoom.us/j/92792783437?pwd=RkQyWWMybG1MZko1RlVZeTZPZ2FLQT09>

The meeting ID is 927 9278 3437 and the password is 522499. It will also be recorded and made available for a week on the St Columba web site.

The telephone only dial-in is 0330 088 5830. Use the same meeting ID and password.

Those joining by computer should use the join by computer audio option.

You can also hear the service via the **dial a sermon number 0114 4782335**.

The link to the night prayer which follows the usual compline pattern but we have left a 5 minute space for people to choose their own reading and reflection so that the service can be used nightly. It provides a lovely peaceful ending of the day for me and I'm hoping it might do the same for some of you <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XFI94iadXoY>

Stay Safe & keep well

*Iain x*

PS Recorded "Lockdown" services and sermons from previous weeks can be accessed at <http://www.stcolumbacrosspool.org.uk/>.

### Food bank

St Cuthbert's Food bank is very grateful for all the kind donations, all are needed and welcome but this week's special needs are:

Toothpaste Squash Sanitary items

Place any donations of cheques and cash in an envelope marked "Food Bank" and post in St Columba Church mailbox. Cheques should be made out to St Cuthbert's Church PCC and endorsed "food bank" on the back. Please, no money or cheques in the Food Bank box. To donate by bank card please go to <https://localgiving.org/firvalefoodbank>

**Please send any news or notices** for the notice sheet by Lunchtime on Wednesdays.

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Or

Email: [shgrapevine@gmail.com](mailto:shgrapevine@gmail.com) or ring Brenda : 2306918 or John : 2304960

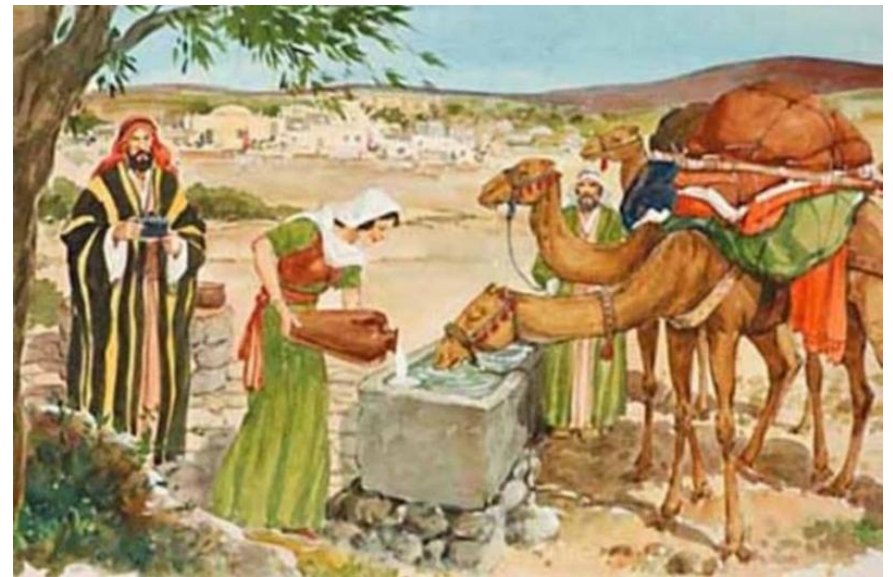
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**Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> July 2020**



### ***Lectionary readings for today***

**Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 and Psalm 45:10-17**

**or Song of Solomon 2:8-13**

**Zechariah 9:9-12 and Psalm 145:8-14**

**Romans 7:15-25a - Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

## Pastoral

The Pastoral Prayers Group is maintaining the prayer link. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with all the members of our Church families and the community who are unwell or have special needs at this very difficult time. Please continue to let Maureen Owen or George Wild know of anyone who should be included in our prayers.

## Praying for Crosspool

We pray for all the community in Crosspool and this week especially for the residents of Kersall Lawns, The Laurels and The Limes.

## Monday Coffee Morning Chats at 10.00am

The regular Monday virtual coffee at 10am via Zoom has changed meeting id and meeting number will now be 923 1274 9995 with password 'bob', or you can join by clicking on the following link:

<https://zoom.us/j/92312749995?pwd=WUtXb3ZrOGlrK25DSjZiSjJSazdWUT09>

The meeting can also be joined by telephone on 0330 088 5830 (same rate as dialling an 01 or 02 number) with same meeting id, skip participant id and password 480523.

## Cancellation of proposed Weekend at Willersley Castle

Sadly, Willersley Castle has now closed its doors permanently. Our church weekend away will therefore not take place. In this uncertain time it is not known whether we will look for another venue for a later date.

### St Columba Church open for private prayer

In accordance with the relaxation of some of the Covid-19 regulations we are trialling opening the Church for private prayer next week at the following times.

- Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> July - 5.00pm - 6.00pm and
- Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> July - 10.00am - 12.00noon

Personal safety is a priority and social distancing will be observed. Seating will be in designated areas in order to limit the possible spread of infection. Similarly, people should bring their own bibles / prayer books as the Church copies will be unavailable.

Please note that the kitchen and toilet facilities will not be in use.

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## Fairtrade - Nestlé and KitKat

Joanna Pollard lives near York, where KitKat was invented and is still made. And just three months ago, during Fairtrade Fortnight, she welcomed an Ivorian cocoa farmer to the city. Having heard how Fairtrade means that farmers have a stronger voice, empowering them and their community to build a better future, Joanna was appalled to learn a company, based in her community, plans to take all this away from vulnerable communities during the global Coronavirus crisis.

Joanna has started a petition which is being backed by the National Union for Students, CAFOD, Fair Trade Wales, the Scottish Fair Trade Forum and the Fairtrade National Campaigner Committee, among others. Support for farmers urging Nestlé to stick with Fairtrade has come from so many places - MPs tweeting and writing to Nestlé's CEO, charities and campaign groups speaking up and hundreds of people asking Nestlé questions on social media.

If you would like to add your voice to the protest, please click on the following link to access [Joanna's petition](#).

## To Bee or not to Bee

Usually the Beatitudes refer to the Sermon on the Mount.

A friend was observing a bumble bee in her flower bed one sunny day when she came up with some "Bee -attitudes"

The secret of the little creature's happiness, it seemed, lay in the following, and these are good thoughts for all of us to keep in mind, too:

Bee busy - doing what you love to do.

Bee true - to the dreams God has for you.

Bee sure - to taste the sweetness of the day.

Bee silly - laugh lots and take time off to play.

Bee bold - enough to trust your wings and fly.

Bee-lieve - the power of prayer will get you by.

Bee happy - keep your outlook bright and sunny.

Bee yourself - because you really are a honey!

## Taken from children's letters to God...

Dear God, I didn't think orange went very good with purple until I saw the sunset you made on Tuesday. That was cool. Eugene

Dear God, If I was God I wouldn't be as good at it. Keep it up. Michelle

Dear God, I want to be just like you when I'm your age. Tommy

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