



The Parish Church of St Cuthbert

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The Feast of St Cuthbert of Lindisfarne

The Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday 23 March 2025

A warm welcome to worship.

Today we celebrate our patron saint, **St Cuthbert**, as Thursday past – 20 March – was **St Cuthbert's Day**. Today is also the **Third Sunday of Lent**. In keeping with the Lenten season of self-denial, preparation, and penitence, no Alleluias are sung. The penitential liturgical colour of **purple**, however, gives way to **white** and **gold** for this celebratory day.

During the Director of Music's leave of absence, we welcome **Mr Graeme Brownlee** as Organist and Choirmaster during the month of March.

Hymns are unannounced and sung standing unless otherwise indicated. Please ask one of the Duty Elders if there is not a hymnbook (purple Church Hymnary) near your seat.

The text of the **Psalms** can be found in this Order of Service. The **Creed** and the **Lord's Prayer** can be found in the hymnbook at the numbers indicated in this Order of Service.

Bible Readings are taken from the New Revised Standard Version. Please ask one of the Duty Elders if you would like a copy.

Congregational responses are printed in **bold**. The congregation is encouraged to join in with the saying of '**Amen**' at the end of prayers.

Please join us after the service in the Lammermuir Hall for tea and coffee.

Please note this service is being filmed and broadcast live on the church's website and YouTube channel. If you do not wish to be seen, please make your wishes known.

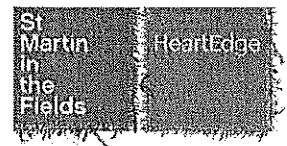


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APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT

How bright these glorious spirits shine!
Whence all their bright array?
How came they to the blissful seats
of everlasting day?
Lo! these are they, from sufferings great
who came to realms of light,
and in the blood of Christ have washed
those robes which shine so bright.

Church Hymnary, Fourth Edition, Hymn 745: 1
Scottish Paraphrases, 1781, Paraphrase 66, Revelation 7: 13
Music: 'St Asaph', possibly by Giovanni Giornovich (1745-1804)
published in Smith's *Sacred Music*, Edinburgh, 1825

OPENING SENTENCE

The saints are those who keep the commandments of God
and hold fast to the faith of Jesus.

Revelation 14: 12

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

741 Glory to thee, O God

CALL TO PRAYER

please remain standing

PRAYERS OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

please be seated

COLLECT FOR THE FEAST OF ST CUTHBERT

**Almighty God,
who called your servant Cuthbert
from following the flock to follow your Son
and to be a shepherd of your people:
in your mercy, grant that we, following his example,
may bring those who are lost home to your fold;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you
and also with you.

HYMN

744 Hark how the adoring hosts above

Paraphrase 65

THE WORD OF GOD

OLD TESTAMENT

Ezekiel 34: 11-16

EPISTLE

Romans 15: 17-21

PSALM 149

**1 Praise ye the Lord: unto him sing
a new song, and his praise
in the assembly of his saints
in sweet psalms do ye raise.**

Tune at Hymn 6

**2 Let Isr'el in his Maker joy,
and to him praises sing:
Let all that Zion's children are
be joyful in their King.**

**4 For God doth pleasure take in those
that his own people be;
and he with his salvation
the meek will beautify.**

**3 O let them unto his great name
give praises in the dance;
let them with timbrel and with harp
in songs his praise advance.**

**5 And in his glory excellent
let all his saints rejoice:
Let them to him upon their beds
aloud lift up their voice.**

**6 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom we adore,
be glory, as it was, and is,
and shall be evermore. Amen.**

The Scottish Psalter, 1929, Psalm 149: 1-5

THE GOSPEL

St Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20

THE SERMON

The Revd Suzie Stark

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

O Thou whose all redeeming might
crowns every saint in glory bright,
on this commemoration day
hear us, good Jesu, while we pray.

Contending for thy holy name
thy servants earned their saintly fame,
which pious hearts with praise revere
in constant memory year by year.

Earth's fleeting joys they counted naught,
for higher, truer joys they sought,
and now with angels round thy throne
unfading treasures are their own.

O grant that we, most gracious God,
may follow in the steps they trod;
and, freed from every stain of sin,
as they have won may also win.

To thee, O Christ, our loving King,
all glory, praise and thanks we bring;
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Ghost for evermore. Amen.

Text: 8th century hymn,
translated by R.M. Benson SSJE (1824-1915), altered
Music: plainsong, mode viii, arranged by David Blackwell (b.1961)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

*the text can be found at **Hymn 628***

HYMN

739 The Church's one foundation

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

One of the following responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Lord, hear us: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

THE OFFERING *is collected, and received during the singing of:*

DOXOLOGY

**To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, three in one,
praise, honour, might and glory be
from age to age eternally. Amen.**

Hymn 812

SURSUM CORDA

The Lord be with you.
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYERS OF
THANKSGIVING and
THE LORD'S PRAYER

the text can be found at Hymn 652, second form (b)

DISMISSAL HYMN

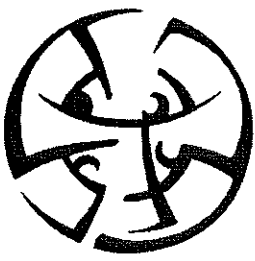
742 Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!

Tune at Hymn 127

DISMISSAL and BLESSING

plainsong Amen

ORGAN RECESSIONAL



The Parish Church of St Cuthbert, Edinburgh
23rd March 2025

Weekly Intimations

Next Sunday: 30th March

Please note that the 10.30am service on the 30th of March is a joint service to be held at Greyfriars Kirk. There will be no worship here at St Cuthbert's on that day.

Monday 14th April, 2pm: Service of Thanksgiving, Jeanette Shiels

A warm invitation is conveyed to all the congregation and friends of St Cuthbert's to attend the Service of Thanksgiving for Jeanette Shiels. This will be held in the Main Sanctuary at 2pm, with light refreshments available afterwards in the Hall.

Saturday Coffee Morning Dates and Times

Saturday 29th March – 10am-1pm

Saturday 26th April – 11am-2pm

Tuesday Coffee Morning, 10.30am – noon

Pop along for a coffee and a chat in the Lindisfarne Room.

Prayer Circle

Prayer requests should be made to **Irene Gill** on **226 2727**. For longer term prayer, please add names to the purple book in the vestibule. If you could be part of the Prayer Circle and spend time praying for others, please contact Irene.

Lenten Study Group, Thursdays at 7pm – New Town Church

All are welcome to join in the Lenten Study group being held at the New Town Church between 13th March and 10th April. This is a Christian Aid Course exploring the issue of poverty.

April Life and Work

The April edition of Life and Work has arrived, and can be found on the magazine table in the corner of the Lammermuir Hall

Steps to Hope

Our charity partner continues to provide, on Sunday and Monday evenings, a hot home-cooked meal for people who find themselves in difficult situations. Would you be interested or do you know of anyone who would like the opportunity to support the local community and volunteer to assist with the Sunday Meals at St Cuthberts? The main duty is to open and close the building to ensure that our Charity Partners can continue to provide their meal service. Please get in touch with the church office for more details.

Bible Fellowship group

We meet every Thursday during term time at 7.30pm via Zoom to which all are invited. The group is currently studying each day of Holy week as we approach Easter. Please join our discussions.

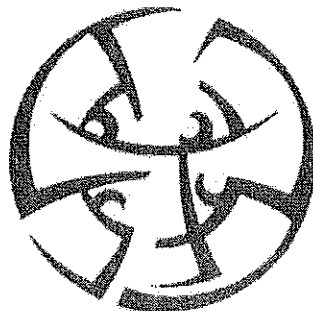
Zoom details from martin.pearce2109@outlook.com

FreshStart

FreshStart are very grateful for all our donations of household items and non-perishable food. Please continue to place your donations in "The Big White Box" in the vestibule. If you are unable to deliver them, please telephone Jim McLean on **0131 332 5114** and leave a message with your name, phone number and that the call is about FreshStart, or email jamesangusmclean@gmail.com

Saturday 12th April, 7.30pm: Edinburgh Bach Choir Concert

We will be singing the amazing immersive Bruckner Mass in E minor for choir and wind players, and some beautiful motets and works by Bach and Byrd. Tickets available on the door - £18, and £5 for concessions.



"As long as poverty, injustice and gross inequality persist in our world, none of us can truly rest."

Nelson Mandela



Lent Course 2025

This Lent, we are running a Christian Aid course that delves into the issue of poverty. There will be:

A brief Bible study,

Discussion,

And inspiring stories from people dedicated to combating poverty.

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13 GEORGE STREET

THURSDAY EVENINGS @ 7PM

From 13 March to 10 April

No preparation is needed and all are welcome to one or all of the sessions.

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