

November 10th: Remembrance Sunday



Today is our special **Service of Remembrance**. Once again, I am grateful to the **Jenny & Chris**, from **St John's**, for decorating the church. Thanks, also, to **Marie** and her **Girl Guiding** colleagues for organising the refreshments; to **Mike** for helping us with Last Post and Reveillé, and to **Adrian Bramley**, playing the organ for us today. We are also grateful to **Chris** for inviting representation from our local schools, uniformed- and voluntary organisations, as well as those from **HM Armed Forces**, the **Emergency Services** and **local government**. We appreciate those who commemorate lost loved ones by laying private wreaths or placing wooden crosses. Today is about looking back, with both sadness and gratitude – that friends', family members' & forebears' sacrifice has helped secure the freedoms we enjoy today. It is also an important annual reminder that, as we sing in the second verse of the famous hymn, 'I vow to thee, my country', there is another country – God's eternal Kingdom, where God is in charge – a place where there will be no more death or crying or pain. Jesus offers each of us this amazing and *free* gift of salvation, bought at the terribly high price of his own life; and he urges each of us to accept and embrace it fully *now* – and to know his full assurance and love, both for this life on earth & for the life of eternity.



Other reasons to be thankful: We are really delighted to have heard just this week that this year's **Coop Local Community Fund** grant to us at St Cuthbert's will be **£1836.07!** *Huge thanks* to **all** those who took the time to vote for us, by assigning their community bonus to us.. We had said, in the original application, that we would use the money to help us develop **St Cuthbert's Community Hall**, by installing a PA system that could be used for community events & for helping to pay for a cross-cultural community celebration – something which **Jag Sharma**, our **Colburn Town Mayor**, has been proposing for some time.

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Many thanks also to the staff of our local **Coop** store at Colburn Broadway for their support – especially to **Andrea**, the charity support coordinator, and to **Will**, the manager.

We're grateful to **Kelly** of **King's Church** for leading last Sunday's **Praise & Worship Service** and to **Len Hutchinson** for preaching on Jesus' saying, 'I am the True Vine'. Many thanks, too, of course, to **Jo**, **Katie** & **Andrew Stevens** for leading our times of worship & prayer so thoughtfully.

Alpha: Our **Alpha** series tomorrow at 7pm with **Session 7**, under the title, '**Does God heal today?**' Then the **Alpha Away Day** is on Saturday 16th November, 9.30 – 4pm at Tunstall Village Hall. We are very much looking forward to these wonderful times of learning and sharing together.

Natalie Harker RIP. We continue to give thanks for the life of **Natalie**, and to hold her parents, brother & friends in our prayers, as we prepare for her funeral on Wednesday. It will take place at St Cuthbert's, Colburn, at 12.30pm, followed by a private Committal at Darlington Crematorium. The family have asked everyone to wear **bright colours** in memory of Natalie's bright & bubbly personality.

Again, please would anyone with *any* information which might help the **North Yorkshire Police** with their enquiries still call the **Major Crime Unit** on (01609) 643147.



This week in the Parish:

Mon: 1pm **Act of Remembrance** Rosedale Care Home

7pm **Alpha Session** St Cuthbert's Community Hall

Tues: 6-7pm **Warden's Hour** Meeting Room

Wed: 9 – 11.30am **Drop-in** – St Cuthbert's Hall

12.30pm **Funeral of Natalie Harker** St Cuthbert's, followed by private Committal at Darlington Crematorium
7pm **PCC Meeting Room**

Thurs: 1.45pm **Funeral of Mrs Jean Roughton**, Darlington Crematorium

7pm **Prayer for the world** meeting room

Sat: 9.30-4pm **Alpha Away Day** Tunstall Village Hall

Prayers For those seeking comfort & healing:

Kayleigh, Katrina, Stuart, Shirley, Graham, Angelika, Gracie, Lee, Eve, Derek, Tricia & Pauline.

We also pray for the families & friends of those who have died: **Natalie Harker**, **Ian Drew**, **Josephine Ditchburn** and **Jean Roughton**.

Next Week: 2nd Sunday before Advent

St John's – 9.30am **Service of the Word**

St Cuthbert's – 11am **Holy Communion + KFC**

