

Sunday 16th July, 2023, 6th Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah Ch 55 vv 10 - 13

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy,
 and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
 shall burst into song,
 and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
 instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
 and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
 for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Matthew Ch 13 vv 1 – 9, 18 – 23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach.

³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ Let anyone with ears listen!'

'Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹ yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. 22 As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. 23 But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

Collect:

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** **Those asking for prayer:** Catherine, Katrina, Ann, Eleanor, Maureen, Tilly, Maurice, Joe, Angelika, Glen, Chris, Shirley, Nita and Ivy.

Those who have died

Today: 16th July, 6th Sunday after Trinity

09:30 Holy Communion St John's, Hipswell

11:00 *The Colburn Gathering Service*, St Cuthbert's, Colburn 12:15 Gathering in hall for 12:30 celebratory **Cake-cutting & refreshments** for the 50th Anniversary of **Oak Tree Court.**

Monday 17th July

18:00-19:00 Wardens' Hour St Cuthbert's meeting room

Tuesday 18th July

09:30 Hipswell Primary School end of year service, St John's 10:00-12:00 Veterans' & Community Art Group, in the hall 19:00 Bible Course Session 4 St Cuthbert's Community Hall

Next Sunday, 23rd July, 7th Sunday after Trinity:

09:30 **Holy Communion** St John's, Hipswell 11:00 **All age worship**, St Cuthbert's, Colburn



Wellbeing Café Presentations: There were two presentations at Monday's well-attended Wellbeing Café. Jo-Ann Eastwood (pictured, left, on behalf of Colburn Community Support) received from Pauline Fenwick (pictured, right) four beautifully crafted knitted & crocheted blankets made by members of the Wellbeing Café, to be passed on to folk in the wider community in the autumn.

Then we welcomed *Louise Finnegan*, also a former St Cuthbert's Church member, who gave a great flower-arranging demonstration, preparing a lovely colourful arrangement for the floral part of the **Colburn Gathering**, this weekend. There were plenty of ideas shared and compliments about the bouquet.

Remember: All-age Worship....

Next week: 11am, Sunday 23rd July, St Cuthbert's and Sunday 30th July, 9.30am, St John's Do come along!

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Safeguarding: Safeguarding Children, Young People, Victims/perpetrators We are committed to supporting victims of Domestic Abuse and Vulnerable Adults.

If you are suffering as a result of present or past experiences, we would encourage you to seek help. Various helpline numbers are shown below, or on the relevant web pages, on our website.

Hipswell Parochial Church Council (PCC) has adopted the Church of England's policy and best practice on Safeguarding, which may be found on the Church of England's website:

https://www.churchofengland.org/more/safeguarding

Our *Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO)* is Marie Smalley, can be contact by email: mariesmalley02@gmail.com or by phone: 07852156134.

Our **Diocesan Safeguarding Advisers** (DSA) can be accessed by mail: safeguarding@leeds.anglican.org or by phone T: (0113) 3530 257

If a child or adult is at immediate risk of significant harm, in the first instance you should always contact your local Social Services team North Yorkshire (01609) 780780 or the local police (call 101).

National helplines:

Childline: 0800 1111 NSPCC: 0808 500 8000 Domestic Violence Helpline: 0808 200 0247 MACSAS (Ministers and clergy sexual abuse survivors): www.macsas.org.uk

