

ST PETER & ST JOHN WEEKLY NOTICES

The Church in the Heart of the Community of Kirkley
Sunday 11 May - Saturday 17 May 2025



WELCOME!

Come, celebrate the freedom found in Jesus.
We're an Inclusive Church, open and welcome to all.
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WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?

We welcome you to come, open to all.

Sunday 11th May: Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:30am Sung Eucharist John Overton on the organ bench

Monday 12th May:

9:30am – 1:00pm Pantry deliveries – please visit the team

Tuesday 13th May:

Kirkley Pantry open 10:00 – 12:30 and 5:00 – 6:00pm

Visitors to the Pantry by invitation only, please

Wednesday 14th May: St Matthias the Apostle

9:30 Holy Communion

10:30am – 1:00pm PJs Lunch Club – Hall

7:30pm Compline

Friday 16th May:

4:00pm Choir Practice

Saturday 17th May:

10:00am Prayer Gathering in the Rectory

Sunday 18th May: Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:30am Sung Eucharist

John Overton on the organ bench

12:00 noon APCM (Annual Church Meeting)

Revd Helen is on leave from 19th – 23rd May

FROM THE RECTOR

Witness & Testimony

My experiences and my reading of scripture have demonstrated that Jesus shows up in the everyday activities of our lives. When he shows up there are very often three indicators:

- a miracle
- hospitality, or sharing in community, with an invitation to participate
- a sense of peace

Where does Jesus show up in your life? A miracle is a very personal event; it may not seem miraculous to others, but it is to you. You may put it down to good luck, or rationalise it in another way, but was it just luck or fate?

In St John's gospel, there is a story of Jesus appearing to some disciples after the resurrection (John 21.1-14). The disciples have been out all-night fishing and have caught nothing. In the morning, as they approach the shore, they see Jesus, but do not recognise that it is him. He calls to them and tells them to cast their nets on the other side. When they do so, the nets are not only filled with fish, but they also do not break. Simon Peter realises it is Jesus and rushes ashore. Jesus is cooking breakfast of fish with bread, and he invites them to bring some of the fish they have caught. This story is depicted on a sculpture on South Pier. The sculpture is the most easterly way-station on the pilgrimage route known as the Via Beata (Way of Blessings). The next way-station is in St Peter and St John churchyard. Have you seen it?

More information about the pilgrimage route can be found on this website: www.viabeata.co.uk.

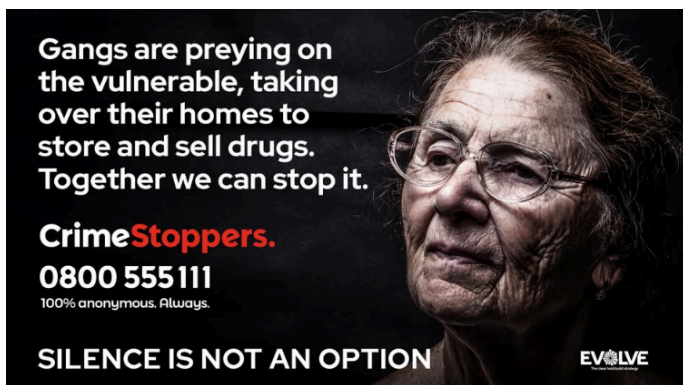
Jesus appears several times after his resurrection, and whenever he does, the people experience a sense of peace and Jesus often says, *"Peace be with you."* We read the gospel of the miraculous catch of fish in the church service last Sunday. At the end of sermon time, I invited people to come forward to share a testimony of how God/Jesus had shown up in their life during the week.

Three people came forward with very different stories. One was personal and work-related, one was about family, and one was witness to a friend's miracle.

It was powerful witness, and I thank the three people for having the courage to step forward to share. It is not something we do readily in our tradition, and they stepped outside the box in doing it!

How do we reach out to people who are experiencing difficulties in their life to let them know that it is possible to experience a miracle, whatever that looks like for them, to find fellowship and hospitality, love, and gratitude in community?

On the bus, I saw a sign that said, "Criminals use money, exploitation, and violence to control and recruit vulnerable people." Are you worried someone you know might be caught up with the wrong crowd?



This is not something that is happening somewhere else. This is happening everywhere. We can be the messenger helping Jesus to show up for someone who is vulnerable.

Like the poster says, Silence is not an option. However big or small the concern may seem, we need to speak up.

Jesus spoke up against injustice.

We are called to action.

Blessings, Helen



The Glory of God Gives It Light, Kirkley.

Via Beata is a pilgrimage with a difference... with a dream to span Great Britain from Lowestoft to St Davids, from East to West at its widest point.

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ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY 18TH MAY

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be held in Church after the service on Sunday 18th May. If you are on the Electoral Roll you are eligible to attend and vote, and if you feel called to be nominated for the Parochial Church Council (PCC). This is an important meeting in the life of the Parish as we look back at 2024 and also look to the future.

RECTORY GARDEN PARTY! SATURDAY 5TH JULY

The Rectory Garden Party will be on Saturday 5th July.

We need lots of help... !

..People to run stalls (bring a friend to help),

...People to set up and clear away.

...Please also could you sort through your cupboards? As we'll will be needing bric-a-brac, jewellery, books, clothes, bottles and prizes for the raffles.

If you are able to help please speak to
Paulette Holland (07972 297512) or one of the PCC.

ST PETER & ST JOHN'S SPRING BANK HOLIDAY FLOWER FESTIVAL

24th – 26th May 2025
at St Peter & St John, Kirkley

Organ Recital
Saturday 24th May 7:00pm



Open:
Saturday & Monday
10:00 – 5:00
Sunday 12:00 – 5:00

Refreshments:
tea/coffee/wine
homemade cakes
light lunches

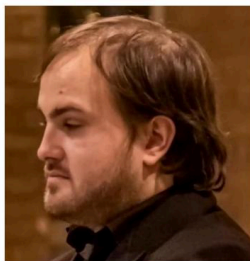
Raffle
Organ Concert Tickets
£7.50
including glass of wine

In aid of church building repairs



St Peter & St John's Church
Kirkley

Organ Recital



Organist: **David Ballard**

Saturday 24th May 7pm

Tickets £7.50 including glass of wine

From Donna Page 07961634478 or

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