

ST PETER & ST JOHN

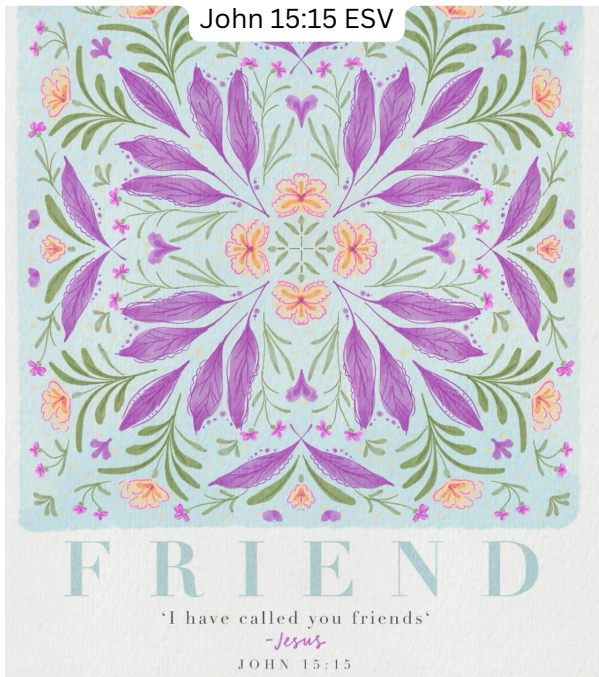
WEEKLY NOTICES

The Church in the Heart of the Community of Kirkley

Sunday 4 May - Saturday 10 May 2025

No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.”

John 15:15 ESV



WELCOME!

Come, celebrate the freedom found in Jesus.
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WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?

We welcome you to come, open to all.

Sunday 4th May: Third Sunday of Easter

10:30am Sung Eucharist

Alice Tuke on the organ bench

Monday 5 th May:

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

Tuesday 6th May:

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

Visitors to the Pantry by invitation only, please

Wednesday 7th May:

9:30 Holy Communion

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

7:30pm Compline

Thursday 8th May: Julian of Norwich, 1417

Friday 9 th May:

10:00am Choir Practice

Saturday 10 th May:

10:00am Prayer Gathering in the Rectory

Sunday 11 th May:

Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:30am Sung Eucharist

John Overton on the organ bench

FROM THE RECTOR

To Mow or not to Mow; that is the Question!

When you look out at long grass studded with bluebells, what do you see? As I look out at the Rectory Garden, the early spring flowers have gone over, the bluebells are out in full force, and Comfrey and Dandelions abound. The more intentionally-placed perennials are spreading rapidly; there are Peonies, California Poppies, and Aquilegia. Snow-in-Summer (Cerastium) has suddenly provided a white carpet outside the dining room window!

The grass is getting longer. Should I mow it? The phrase “no-mow May” resonates in my consciousness. In April, I read that it was too early to mow because frosts were still possible, and the health of the lawn (?) might be compromised. Am I simply happy to listen to excuses I can use to justify not getting the grass cut?

Last spring, John and I consulted with a local landscaper. They wanted hundreds of pounds to get the Rectory Garden into shape, and then hundreds more each month to maintain it! Quite apart from the cost being way beyond our budget, I am not really one for a “show-piece” garden. When the grass got too long and I began to feel overwhelmed, I took some advice and cut down swathes for grass to create paths and patterns within it. That seemed intentional!

There are some treasured Roses at strategic points around the gardens. John and his late sister Rosie planted them. John's working with our more elemental and naturalistic gardener to move the key bushes to our new garden. The Laurel bush by the boiler room, entwined with Honeysuckle, has been a great source of greenery for our flower team to help create their amazing displays. There are fig trees that have never produced figs, bamboo grasses that have grown sky high, and the faithful Hellebores that present a quiet show under the lime tree! To return to my opening question, "When should I get the grass cut?"

I put CoPilot to work to generate some internet search text on the subject. It came up with pros and cons for cutting the grass in May. Here is what it came up with as a conclusion:

"Ultimately, whether you should mow your grass in May depends on your specific lawn care objectives and the environmental conditions in your area. Both mowing and not mowing have their benefits, so consider what aligns best with your goals. Remember, healthy lawn practices contribute not only to the appearance of your lawn but also to the local ecosystem."

Even though I had specifically used the term "grass", it seems that the idea of a "lawn" was more the focus. The Rectory Garden most definitely does not have a lawn! When will I get the grass cut? It hasn't quite reached the overwhelm stage yet, but when it does, I'll call the Council and hopefully they are still charging the same reasonable rates as last year!

In the meantime, the flowers will provide for beautifying the space inside the Rectory.



Blessings, Helen.

NOTICES

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.



LITURGY FOR THE RITUAL OF MORNING COFFEE
BY DOUG MCKELVEY

Meet me, O Christ
in this stillness of morning.
Move me, O Spirit,
to quiet my heart.
Mend me, O Father,
from yesterday's harms.

From the discords of yesterday,
resurrect my peace.
From the discouragement of yesterday,
resurrect my hope.
From the weariness of yesterday,
resurrect my strength.
From the doubts of yesterday,
resurrect my faith.
From the wounds of yesterday,
resurrect my love.

Let me enter this new day,
aware of my need
and awake to your grace,
O Lord.
Amen



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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

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