*Second Reading Philippians 2.6-11*

6 Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, 7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, 8 he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Gospel Acclamation* **Alleluia, alleluia!** The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God **Alleluia!**

*John 3.13-17*

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 13 ‘No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14 And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16 For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 17 Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.’

*Post Communion Prayer*

Faithful God,

whose Son bore our sins in his body

on the tree

and gave us this sacrament

to show forth his death until he comes:

give us grace to glory

in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,

for he is our salvation, our life and our hope,

who reigns as Lord, now and for ever.

**The Parish of Whitby with Ruswarp**

**Sunday 14th September**

**Holy Cross Day**

9.30am Eucharist at St Hilda’s

10.30am Folk Service at St John’s

11.15am Eucharist at St Mary’s

Tuesday 10.00am Eucharist at St Hilda’s

Thursday 10.00am Eucharist at St John’s

Friday 10.00am Morning Prayer at St Hilda’s

2.00pm Celtic Prayer at St Hilda’s

Saturday 10.30am Eucharist at St Mary’s

**Sunday 21st September**

**St Matthew**

9.30am Eucharist at St Hilda’s

11.15 am Eucharist at St John’s

11.15am Eucharist at St Mary’s

**Evening Prayer**

Evening Prayer is normally said on Zoom at 5pm on most weekdays and 6pm on Saturday and Sunday and available on Facebook afterwards For a link to the Zoom services and Study Group please email Fr Michael

**Coffee Morning at St Hilda’**s

Tuesday 16th September 10.30am to Noon.

Offers to bake cakes would be much appreciated and very helpful! Just as often as you are able. Please have a word with Sue Murray

**Hope and Light**

Journeying with faith and hope in a time of loss. The next meeting is on 18th September **from** **11am until 1pm** at St Hilda’s Priory

**Saturday, 20th September at 7.00pm,**

**St Hilda’s Festival Orchestra**

Haydn: ‘Clock’ Symphony, Hummel: Trumpet Concerto, Mozart: Symphony No 40

**Heritage Open Day Saturday 20th September**

St John's  open 10am -Noon, 2pm -4pm

St Mary's :  Service at 10.30am  church open for viewing 11.15am to 3pm

St Hilda's   open Noon to 4pm

**The Blessing of the Boats**

will be on Sunday21st September at 2.00pm at Whitby Lifeboat Station. All welcome

**Celebration of Lay Ministries service at York Minster on 27th September at 10.30pm**

during which Suzanne Shute will be recognised as an Authorised Lay minister. All welcome. If you’re able to come please let Suzanne know so the Minster has an idea of numbers for refreshments afterwards. Please remember Suzanne in your prayers and all those being authorised and Licensed for ministry. We shall also recognise Suzanne’s ministry at St Hilda’s on the 28th September

As a number of us will be at this service there will no Eucharist at St Mary’s on 27th September

**Harvest Thanksgiving**

**Sunday 28th September**

We will holding a special collection for **the Christian Aid Middle East Humanitarian Appeal** services as part of our Harvest celebrations

Leaflets about the **2026 Free Will** offer to the York Diocese are available`. They show how this contributes to the cost of ministry and what is hoped for each parish to have a stipendiary priest. The PCC will be deciding on our offer at a meeting on 24th Sept. Please let members have any views. Our current offer is £37, 000 though we also receive extra funding as the parish is classed as a low income Community

Many thanks to Jenny Hill and all the performers in the recent **concerts at St John's.** They were extremely successful and enjoyable and raised over £1300.

**Car Parking passes** for St Hilda’s are now available please see Suzanne Shute

**Readings for next Sunday : St Matthew**

Proverbs 3:13-18, 2 Corinthians 4:1-6, Matthew 9:9-13

Please include these people in your prayers:

*Those who are sick:* Nona Laughton, Amanda, Margaret Clarkson, Peter Cannon, Carol Mitchell, Daphne Tindale, Grant Smith, Mark Oates, Laura Smith, Edwin Gobbett, Pam Barton Richard Thomas, Gerry Angel, Roger Dalladay, Brian Thomas, , Tracy Gregory, Anne Donaghue

*Departed* Pat Storr, Charles Arnett, Alan Booth Lorraine Young

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*Collect*

Almighty God,  
who in the passion of your blessed Son  
made an instrument of painful death  
to be for us the means of life and peace:  
grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ  
that we may gladly suffer for his sake;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*First Reading Numbers 21.4-9*

4 The Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. 5 The people spoke against God and against Moses, ‘Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.’ 6 Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. 7 The people came to Moses and said, ‘We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.’ So Moses prayed for the people. 8 And the LORD said to Moses, ‘Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.’ 9 So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

*Psalm 78:1-2, 34-38*

R **Never forget the deeds of the Lord**

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