

Saint Cuthbert's Church, Amble

Parish News

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Rachael's Ramblings

In my first 'Rachael's Ramblings' I thought I'd start where you might expect to find me...in the church.

Your church building is open every day, not just Sundays. We're open for services on Sundays and for weddings, baptisms and funerals. We are also open for coffee mornings, creative activities, bereavement group, prayer groups and private prayer. Your Church building is open for you and we are here to support you.



This photo was a Sunday morning, by the door where I was welcoming everyone. It's a reminder of how we care for creation and each other. The first thing you see are these gorgeous flowers, grown by one of our congregation who grows and shares these

stunning beauties. Better to bring joy than on the compost heap!

We all get to enjoy the wonders of creation and the skill of the grower. Next, you can see a recycling sign on a tub. This is where we recycle items, because this is our small but important way of caring for creation, and our commitment to being an EcoChurch. To the right you can see cornflakes, they are not there randomly but in a tub we have for donations to our local Foodbank. We know that times are tough and some need to use our Foodbank to help during a very difficult period. This is where we can help, quietly but faithfully.

At the door of your Church you'll be given a warm welcome and see how we care for others and God's beautiful creation. You may have walked past this collection of tubs but now you know what we are doing and why. God bless you today.

Revd Rachael

Caring for God's Creation

St Cuthbert's Church is part of a worldwide Christian effort to contribute towards the healing of creation.

A few years ago we became an 'eco church' which means we think carefully about the environmental impacts of everything we use and do. We were recently awarded a silver award but we know we must not become complacent. We still have much to do.

Coordinating all these efforts is an organisation called A Rocha. You can learn more about it and its work at <https://arocha.org.uk>

Every year, throughout September, we join with churches across the world, to celebrate and pray for the beautiful creation of which we are part. We lament the way we humans have abused the gift we have been given and how we have betrayed our fellow creatures.

Peter Mander

Greener Amble Network

“Greener Amble Network is a local community volunteer-led group focused on the environment, biodiversity, sustainability and coastal resilience. They meet at the Amble Youth Project building at Dilston Terrace on Wednesday evenings at 7pm once a month.

I have been a regular attendee for over a year now and it has been so good to hear from and share with people who are passionate about matters affecting our environment.

As a group we have visited (some members volunteer to help) the Amble Youth Project's Allotment and have seen the progress made there. We have also visited the Women's Workshop on the Industrial Estate where they are sowing, growing, harvesting and cooking together as well as trying out practical skills. On Wednesday each week they have green/eco sessions for women from 11am - 2pm.

They are very friendly and welcoming if anyone would like to visit and see first hand what these groups do.

Margaret Riches

St Francis, Harvest and Creation



Harvest celebrates the gifts of God and the goodness of the earth. St Francis of Assisi, by his life and example lived that Godly generosity.

In the "Canticle of the Creatures" St Francis highlights a universal relationships with all 'creatures' whether animate or inanimate. He describes this interdependence as a sibling relationship showing the all-embracing love of God who relates to a family of creation as well as to us as individuals. In Francis' imagery, the air the water, the earth, the sun, the moon and the stars, are regarded by him as brothers and sisters.

All creation is precious and valued, all elements and beings are familial children of the loving God.

St Francis offers a broad vision, one where we share and have a connection with the abundant wealth of the world and with life itself. We harvest our own skills and abilities to focus on a right relationship with the earth. This is St Francis' gift, a vision of love, blessing and generosity given at harvest.

Ian MacKarill TSS

Church Life



Parishioners recently celebrated the 150th anniversary of the Mothers' Union. Founded in 1876 by Mary Sumner, this Christian-inspired organization has contributed much to the protection of women and the promotion of family life in many parts of the world.



Services and events in October

Thursday 1 October

11:00 a.m. Julian Meeting

Saturday 3 October.

10.00 a.m. Coffee Morning

Sunday 4 October

10:30 a.m. Parish Communion.

Wednesday 7 October

10:30 a.m. Creating soul space

Sunday 11 October

10:30 a.m. Parish Communion.

4.00 p.m. Cafe Church Coquet Tea Rooms

Wednesday 14 October

9.30 a.m. Said Communion

10.30 a.m. Mothers' Union Meeting

Saturday 17 October

10.00 a.m. Coffee Morning

Sunday 18 October

10:30 a.m. Parish Communion.

4.00 p.m. Take Time for meditation

Tuesday 20 October

2:30 p.m. Bereavement Drop In

Wednesday 21 October

10:30 a.m. Creating soul space

Sunday 25 October

10:30 a.m. Parish Communion.

Morning Prayer, every Thursday at 8.00 am

MORNING PRAYER,
EVERY THURSDAY
AT 8.00 AM.

NOTES FOR OCTOBER

Harvest Thanksgiving Service
Sunday 4 October at 10:30 am.
Donations for Mission to
Seamen

Amble Parish Hall

Highlights' Presents
'Every brilliant thing'
Friday 2 October 7:30 pm

Bring and share Harvest Supper
Saturday 31 October 6:00 pm

LOOKING FORWARD TO NOVEMBER

All Souls; a special service to
remember those who have died.
Sunday 1 November 6:00 pm

Communion for Remembrance
*Sunday 8 November **10:00 am***

Amble Parish Hall

Christmas Fayre
Saturday 21 November 11:00 am

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