

Great Ayton, Newton, Stokesley & Seamer

Service for Passion Sunday  THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Welcome by Rev Pev

A prayer of approach

We come to worship as we are, known by God and called by name. We come with our doubts and our fears to a Lord who knows doubt and fear too. We come weary and weighed down, to the Spirit who breathes new life into us and sends us on our way rejoicing. Amen.

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen**

A prayer of confession

After a silence, we pray:

As our souls and minds wait for you, O God, we offer all of our lives: the things we have done and the things we have not done; the things of which we are ashamed and the ways in which we have hurt other people. In your steadfast love, forgive and redeem us, as we claim the promise that in Jesus our sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

The Minister Proclaims God's forgiveness for us.

The Prayer for the Day

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading John 11.1-45

¹A certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' ⁸The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' ⁹Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' ¹¹After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' ¹²The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' ²³Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' ²⁴Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' ²⁵Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' ²⁷She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' ³⁷But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.' ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you

that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' 41So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. 42I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' 43When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' 44The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

45Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Address - Rev Pev

There is a green hill far away
without a city wall,
where the dear Lord was crucified,
who died to save us all.

We may not know, we cannot tell
what pains He had to bear;
but we believe it was for us
He hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiven,
He died to make us good,
that we might go at last to heaven,
saved by His precious blood.

There was no other good enough
to pay the price of sin;
He only could unlock the gate
of heaven, and let us in.

O dearly, dearly has he loved,
and we must love Him too,
and trust in His redeeming blood,
and try His works to do.

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

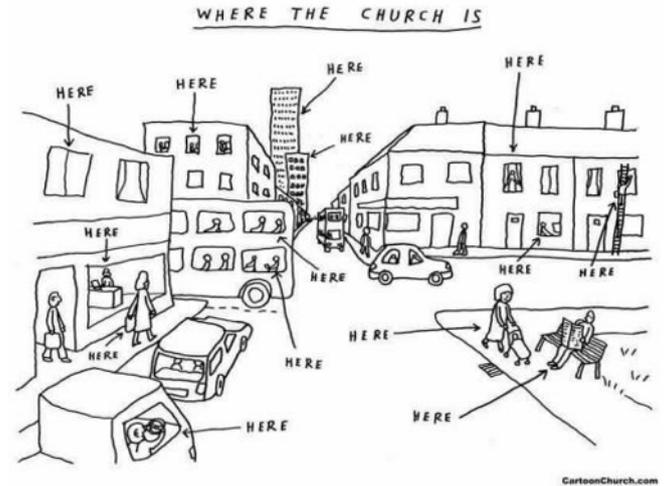
Final Prayers

**Visit, we beseech you, our homes.
Drive far from them all the snares of the enemy,
and let your Holy Angels dwell within to keep us
in safety. We ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

**The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of
God and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with
us all. Amen**

Notices & News

All of our Church buildings have now been closed for services and Private Prayer, and this applies to the clergy too. This doesn't mean that our buildings have somehow become dangerous for the Vicar to enter, but as all the people have now to cope with living their faith outside the building, so should the Vicar and staff. It will help us all realise just where the Church really is.



Streaming Services

Mondays at 8.45am	Prayer for the Day - Paul
Tuesdays at 9.30am	Little Fishes - Geoff & Angela
Wednesdays at 8.45am	Prayer for the Day - Paul
Fridays at 8.45am	Prayer for the Day - Paul
Sundays at 9.30am	Sunday Service - Paul

ZOOM Services

(Zoom allows interaction between participants. You may need to download an App on your phone. I hope we can get to do both at once.)

Tuesdays at 9.30am	Prayer for the Day
Thursdays at 9.30am	Prayer for the Day
Fridays at 9.30am	Prayer for the Day

CONTACT POINTS

The Great Ayton Church Office is manned 2pm - 4pm for people to contact in emergency. Please let us know of anyone who just needs some one to talk to, as we have a list of volunteers willing to ring folk regularly. Contact Rosemary on 01642 722451.

Stokesley folk, please check the TS9 Group and the Community Care Association, and look out for your neighbours.

Keep Safe and Keep Well.