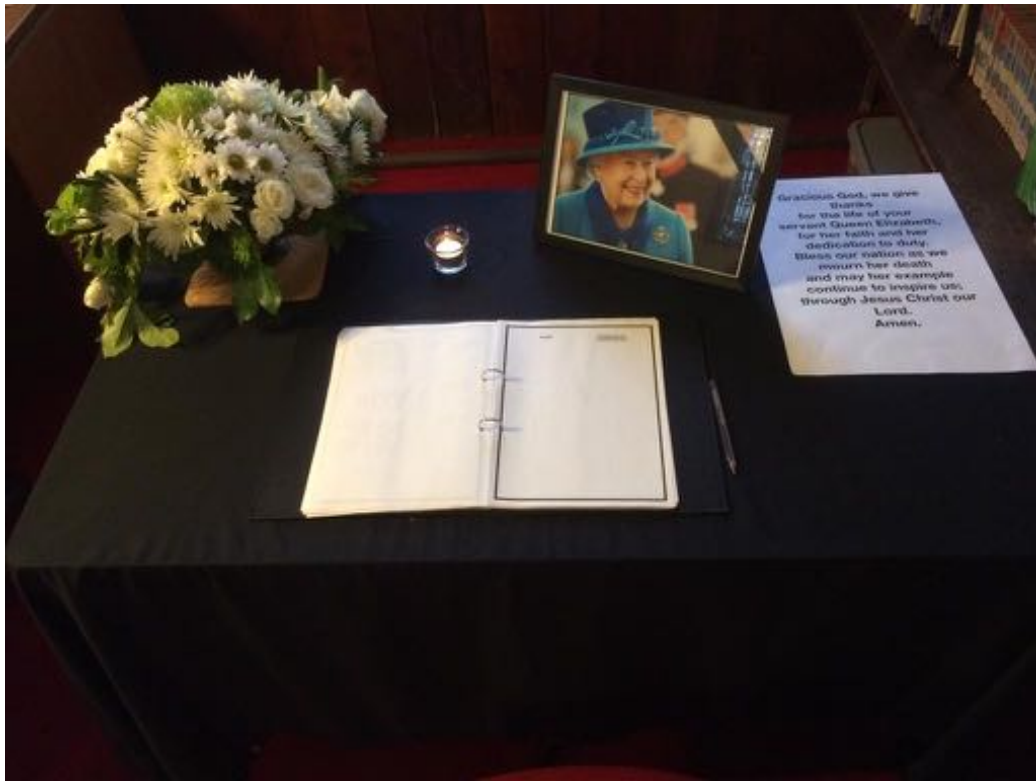

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST NEWS

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II



A Book of Condolence was opened and placed in St John the Baptist Church on the day of Her Majesty's death and remained in place until the day after the State Funeral. A large number of comments were written on behalf of almost 200 people, contributors included many from the village as well as visitors from the UK and Europe. The church was used for quiet reflection and prayer.

The book will remain in the Parish and be held in the Church archives for future generations.

Bank Holiday Monday Summer Fete

2022

The sun shone and there was only a light breeze. The Church Green was full of happy and helpful people busily preparing for the big event of the Church Bank Holiday Monday Fete!

Everywhere people were putting up gazebos, tables and chairs, bunting for the stalls and the teas. The Band (10th Avenue from Newcastle) arrived in glorious coloured outfits and prepared their many instruments, and kept us all entertained throughout the Fete with wonderful happy and exciting music.



The queue outside the church waiting to come in was very heart-warming.

The gates opened at 2.00pm and admission was by donation.

Rev. Barrie Cooper, our Assistant Priest, opened the Fete and a huge crowd of people, (locals and visitors) began to visit the stalls, games and activities on the Green.

It was lovely to see the children enjoying themselves, buying from the toys, books & games stall, trying to win a prize on the gift tombola, winning a coconut on the coconut shy and having fun with the sponges and water pistols, with poor volunteers in the stocks! Stalls offered lovely homemade cakes etc, a bottle tombola, produce and wood turning to watch.



Wonderful teas and scones were served outside the Church. The children were enjoying dancing to the band.

The raffle was drawn and people were pleased with their prizes then was followed by the amazing compere, Martin, who auctioned some lovely items to a very enthusiastic crowd.

So a huge thanks to all the volunteers who worked on the stalls, contributed and made items. Set up and ran the children's games and thanks again to all the volunteers who had to clear all the tables, chairs, gazebos, bunting etc, after the all the fun and get them all put away to the storage areas.



So, another Fete that was a great success because it brought the people of the village and area together, working for the Church.

The final total raised was staggering, just over £3,000.

So a huge thankyou to all those who gave their support in so many ways to help raise such a grand total.



Church Services

Sunday September 25th 4pm

Harvest and Thanksgiving service

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Sunday October 2nd 9.15am Parish

Communion

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Sunday October 9th 10.30 am Family

Worship

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Sunday October 16th 9.15 am Parish

Communion





HARVEST AND THANKSGIVING SERVICE


St John the Baptist Church, Alnmouth

Sunday 25th September 2022
4pm followed by refreshments

This year we are inviting many friends that our church community want to thank as well as giving thanks to God for Harvest.

We will again be supporting the work of Self Help Africa, West Africa Senegal project for Planting Mangoes and our own Local Food Bank in Alnwick.

There are Gift Aid Envelopes in Church for Self Help Africa and we would also ask you to bring Non Perishable pre packed produce which will be given to the Food Bank.



Bible Study

Exploring Discipleship and Vocation in Scripture

ACT JUSTLY **LOVE MERCY** **WALK HUMBLY**

Thursday 2-4pm
Howick Village Hall
6 weeks
Beginning Thursday 20th October

For more information contact Rev Nathanael:
rev.n.hayler@gmail.com or 07305 242974

Prayerful – Open - Informal

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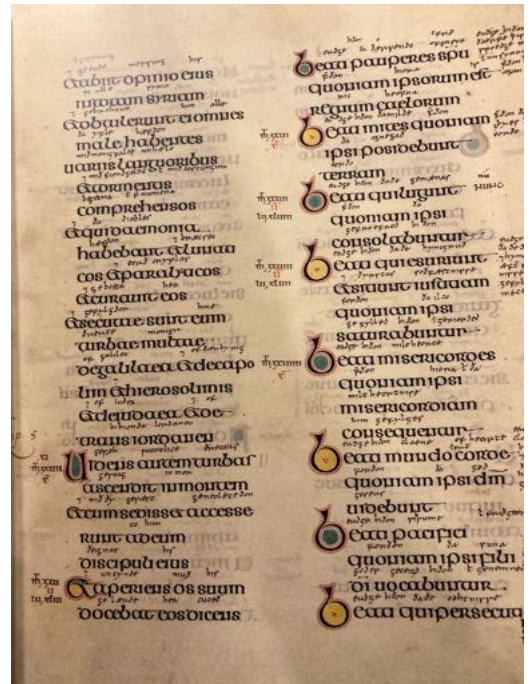
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All are welcome to this prayerful, open and informal space for study, reflection and discussion.

More info or questions to Rev Nathanael: rev.n.hayler@gmail.com or [07305 242974](tel:07305242974)



There is so much to discover in the North East! On Tuesday evening (20th) some of us met up with a small group of Pilgrims who are



walking from the River Tees to Lindisfarne, celebrating the life and faith of St Cuthbert, telling the story at schools and churches on the way, and sharing their faith with many others they meet as they journey from place to place. Their carefully planned route included staying at Alnmouth overnight, and a lovingly prepared meal was shared in the Chapel, together with Celtic prayers and good fellowship.

After the meal we all went up to the church where they showed us the facsimile of the Lindisfarne Gospels, so beautifully written and illustrated by the monks 1200 years ago, and we were able



to turn the pages – something you can't do in the British Museum! And we also saw the beautiful carving on the replica of Cuthbert's coffin, and learned how the monks escaped from the marauding Vikings, carrying the coffin which contained both Cuthbert's body and the precious Gospels – a miracle in itself!

So, during the 12 days of the Pilgrimage they are telling the story of Cuthbert and the Gospels – the Good News which is the same today as in 715AD! And they are also raising funds for Feeding Families which works to tackle food poverty in the North East.

Altogether a great time!

Anne & David Curnock



May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields and
until we meet again,

may God hold you in the palm of His
hand.