

## PARISH OF THE UPPER SKERNE

*Before the service: speak to God*

*During the service: let God speak to you*

*After the service: speak to one another*

*Before the service please be respectful of those who wish for a moment of quiet prayer*

### SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2019 NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00 am Eucharist **St Edmund's** (*The Revd. Elizabeth Bland*)

10.00am Eucharist **St Edmund's** (*The Revd. Geoff Short*)

10.00 am Morning Worship **St Catherine's**

10.00 am Holy Communion (by extension) **St Michael's** (*Bill Armstrong*)

10.30 am Eucharist **St Mary Magdalene's** (*The Revd. Elizabeth Bland*)

### SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2019 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.00 am Eucharist **St Edmund's** (*The Revd. Martin King*)

10.00 am Holy Communion (by extension) **St Catherine's** (*Michael King*)

10.00 am Eucharist **St Michael's** (*The Revd. Geoff Short*)

10.30 am Eucharist **St Mary Magdalene's** (*The Revd. Malcolm Masterman*)

11.30 am Holy Communion (by extension) **St Alban's** (*Michael King*)

4.00 pm Evensong **St Edmund's** (*Michael King*)

Today at St Edmund's Church, Sedgefield we welcome into God's family, through the sacrament of Baptism Evie Mae Brown

#### Weekday Services

**EVERY MONDAY** – St Edmund's - 8.30 am – Morning Prayer

**EVERY TUESDAY** – St Alban's – 8.30 am – Morning Prayer

St Mary Magdalene's - 6.00pm - Eucharist (first Tuesday of the month – healing service)

**EVERY WEDNESDAY** St Mary Magdalene's – 8.30 am – Morning Prayer

St Edmund's - 10.00am - Eucharist, St Catherine's - 6.00pm - Evensong

St Catherine's (1st Wed of the month only) 6.00pm Eucharist

St Alban's (3rd Wed of the month only) 11.00am Eucharist or Holy Communion by Extension

**EVERY THURSDAY** St Michael's – 9.30 am Morning Prayer & 10.00am Eucharist.

**EVERY SATURDAY** – St Catherine's – 8.30 am – Morning Prayer

**Please take this bulletin home with you so that you can continue to pray for those who are sick and bereaved**

## Ninth Sunday after Trinity

*Collect* -Almighty God,  
who sent your Holy Spirit  
to be the life and light of your Church:  
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,  
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit  
in love and joy and peace;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

*Extra Collect* -Loving God guiding the people of Durham Diocese faithfully through the years: We thank you for saints who have marked our path, young and old, known and unknown, from all places and in all walks of life.

Help us to find your way in our generation: transformed by your truth,  
sharing your life, blessing our communities.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen**.

*First Reading - Jeremiah 23.23-29* <sup>23</sup> Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? <sup>24</sup> Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. <sup>25</sup> I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' <sup>26</sup> How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back - those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? <sup>27</sup> They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. <sup>28</sup> Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. <sup>29</sup> Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

*Psalms 82 (R.) Arise, O God, and rule the earth*

God takes his stand in the council of heaven;  
he gives judgement in the midst of the gods:  
'How long will you judge unjustly,  
and show favour to the wicked? R

Save the weak and the orphan;  
defend the humble and needy;  
Rescue the weak and the poor  
deliver them from the power of the wicked. R

They do not know, neither do they understand;  
they go about in darkness;  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken. R

Now I say to you, "You are gods,  
and all of you children of the Most High;

Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,  
and fall like any prince.”  
Arise, O God, and rule the earth,  
for you shall take all nations for you own. R

*Second Reading- Hebrews 11.29 - 12.2-*<sup>29</sup> By faith the people of Israel passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned.<sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days.<sup>31</sup> By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.<sup>32</sup> And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets -<sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions,<sup>34</sup> quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.<sup>35</sup> Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection.<sup>36</sup> Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment.<sup>37</sup> They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented -<sup>38</sup> of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.<sup>39</sup> Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised,<sup>40</sup> since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,<sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

*Gospel Acclamation* **Alleluia, alleluia!** Open our hearts, O Lord, to accept the word of your Son **Alleluia!**

*Luke 12.49-56* -Jesus said to his disciples:<sup>49</sup> ‘I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!<sup>50</sup> I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed!<sup>51</sup> Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division!<sup>52</sup> From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three;<sup>53</sup> they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.’<sup>54</sup> He also said to the crowds, ‘When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, “It is going to rain”; and so it happens.<sup>55</sup> And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, “There will be scorching heat”; and it happens.<sup>56</sup> You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?’

*Post Communion Prayer*

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son  
to share this meal with the whole household of God:  
in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace,  
gather people of every race and language  
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## A Prayer for the Nation

God of hope,  
in these times of change,  
unite our nation  
and guide our leaders with your wisdom.  
Give us courage to overcome our fears,  
and help us to build a future  
in which all may prosper and share;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## Parish Prayers

**Week beginning 18 August THOSE WHO LIVE IN:** (Mon) Winterton Avenue (Tue) Winterton Cottages (Wed) Wood View, TC (Thurs) Woodland Mews, S (Fri) Woodstock Terrace, BM (Sat) Wykes Close, S

## The Sick

*We remember those known to us who are ill at this time. We give thanks for those who are regaining their strength. This week our prayers are asked especially for-*

**St Alban's** – Ian Grint, Margaret Gowland, Joyce Teasdale, Mary Chapman **St Edmund's** – Emma Dawson, Keith Wells, Lily King, Anthony Eadsforth, George Morrison, Rosa Johnson, Briony Richmond, , Luke Spalding, Monica Wilkinson , Chris Fothergill, Gill McDade, Frank Simpson, Nidia Callin, Ian Midgley, Martin Smith, Ben Hetherington, Kim Sutton, Shirley Anderson, Freda Gunn , Arthur Pighills **St Mary Magdalene's** –Maurice Wilkinson, Angela Quinn, Daisy Sayers, **St Michael's**- Betty Dykes, Paul Gray.

## Thanksgiving for a measure of Recovery

**St Catherine's** - Norma Uren, Ivy Potts, Joan Ward, Rosa Johnson

## Recently Departed

**St Alban's** - James William Runciman, Joan Evans, Brian Clarkson **St Edmund's** – Jean Shann  
**St Mary Magdalene's** – Elizabeth Luke, Raymond Vaulks, John Robert Atkinson  
**St Michael's** - Emma Louise Mears

## Parish Notices

If you have anything you wish to be placed on next week notice sheet please contact the Parish Office on 01740 622012 by **Wednesday** morning. **Email** - [office@upperskerne.org.uk](mailto:office@upperskerne.org.uk)  
**Find us on Facebook** – Parish of the Upper Skerne **Website** – [www.upperskerne.org.uk](http://www.upperskerne.org.uk)  
**Clergy Contact Details**

**Team Rector** – The Revd Geoff Short, The Rectory, 2 Durham Road, Sedgefield, TS21 3DW.  
Telephone – 01740 620274 **Team Vicar** – The Revd Elizabeth Bland, St Alban's Vicarage, Salters Lane, Trimdon Grange TS29 6EX 01429 883151. **Clergy (retired)** – The Revd. Martin King - 01740 620424, The Revd. Malcolm Masterman 01740 644787

## **At home**

Elizabeth and Steve Bland will be At Home from 12-4 pm on Saturday 31st August. Please do call in at St Alban's Vicarage, Salter's Lane, Trimdon Grange TS29 6EX (first house on the right at the top of the hill!) for a chat, a drink and something to eat. Parking can be tricky so if you're fit and well you might find it more convenient to park at St Alban's Church and walk back.

## **Learning Labs**

The Church of England's Labs Learning roadshows are free day-long digital conferences to inspire and equip Church of England churches to share Good News, grow people's faith and bring more people to faith by harnessing digital and social media.

Next month one is taking place in the north of England - from 9am on Saturday 7 September at St George's Church, Great George Street, Leeds, LS1 3BR.

Digital experts will share best practice and give practical advice for using social media and websites to grow your church and welcome more people in our local worshipping communities. The day will also include panel discussions, workshops and a marketplace for resources and hands-on digital help.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/digital-labs/labs-learning-roadshow>

## **Do you know some from the congregation who is sick at home or in hospital?**

If so do please let the clergy know so we can visit. It is much better to be told by many people than not at all. If a person is in hospital please let us have the name of the hospital and the ward. It is difficult to get this information from hospitals. Thank you. Geoff and Elizabeth

## **Advanced Notice**

St. Michaels Church Bishop Middleham invites you to a Songs of Praise and Afternoon Tea Sunday 20th October at 3PM.

## **St Catherine's Church, Fishburn**

### **Flowers**

If anyone would like to donate flowers to be put in the church in memory of a loved one or to mark a special occasion, either as a one off, monthly or annually, please speak to Margaret Mason 620261

## **St. Edmund's Church, Sedgfield**

### **St. Edmunds 4pm Sunday Services**

Following a review of the 4pm Evensong and Eucharist at St. Edmunds a decision has been made, after consultation with regular members of the congregation, to cease offering these two services with effect from the end of August. The 8am traditional language Eucharist at St. Edmunds on Sundays will continue and all are welcome at this quiet early morning service. Geoff

### **Sedgefield Calendar will aid Church conservation**

The work of nine local photographers is featured in this year's eye-catching Sedgefield Calendar produced by the Friends of St Edmund's Church which goes on sale at the weekend. The slim line, month-per-page, hang-anywhere Calendar includes both colour and monochrome pictures of scenes and events in and around the town during the past year. People who have seen a proof have described it as 'just as good as the very successful 2018 calendar' and say it would make an ideal Christmas present for anyone associated with the town. As last year, it has been produced with the enthusiastic support of Friends' member and artist-designer Kev Stevens, Principal of The Art Room North East Ltd in Fishburn. Ron Eyley, Chairman of the Friends commented: "The selection panel had a really difficult time choosing the pictures to use this year. The standard was extremely high." They will then be available from secretary Alison Hodgson (01740 620912), membership secretary Brian Mutch (01740 622302) or any member of the Friends' committee. Profits from the sale of the calendars will be used to help maintain the fabric of Sedgefield's ancient parish church.

### **Altar Flowers**

Anyone wishing to donate towards altar flowers in memory of a loved one please speak to Audrey Flanagan or Brenda Moore, there would be a £20 donation & the flower arrangements will be done by flower ladies

### **Harvest Thanksgiving**

We are celebrating harvest thanksgiving on Sunday October 13th. As has been our practice for a number of years all gifts of food received are donated to the charity 'Justice First'. This is a small charity based in Stockton but serving the Tees Valley and provides support, advice and help to asylum seekers and refugees, some of whom have had the 'right to remain' denied, so have all welfare benefits withdrawn and are not allowed to work. Please support this charity through gifts of non-perishable food items this harvest. Many thanks.

## **St Mary Magdalene's Church, Trimdon Village.**

### **100 Club**

Members can join any time and pay £12 per year. A number is drawn each month which currently wins £32 and church also benefits by £32. Information contact Glennis Defty.

## **St Michael's Church, Bishop Middleham**

### **Altar Flowers**

Anyone wishing to donate towards altar flowers in memory of a loved one please speak to Yvonne Houston, there would be a £20 donation & the flower arrangements will be done by flower ladies. Donations can be taken to Yvonne's home address, 8 Kiln Crescent, or given to Bill Armstrong who will pass them on to her.

## **Information and Regular Events**

### **Bookings for Baptisms**

All baptisms can be booked through the Parish Administrator at the Parish Office on 01740 622012 Email [office@upperskerne.org.uk](mailto:office@upperskerne.org.uk) . Explanatory leaflets about the system are available at the back of each Church.

### **Bookings for Weddings**

St Edmund's & St Catherine's - Please contact the Parish Office - e mail [office@upperskerne.org.uk](mailto:office@upperskerne.org.uk) tel 01740 622012. St Alban's & St Mary Magdalene's Please contact Mrs Doris Robson on 01429 881183 to arrange to meet in St Mary Magdalene church to make a booking. St Michael's- please contact Mr Bill Armstrong Tel: 0191 377 3847

### **Bereavement Support Across the Parish**

Trimdon Bereavement Support Group The first Tuesday of the month from 7-8 pm. Please contact Joan Clifford on 01429 880313 for further information One step Forward  
Sedgefield Bereavement Support Group. On Thursdays from 3pm to 5 pm in the Welcome Room, please contact Panny Pighills on 01740 620909. The Bishop Middleham Bereavement and Loss Meetings (BALM) Monthly meetings - first Wednesday of each month from 7 – 8.30 pm at the Village Hall. For further information please ring Janet Deane on 01740 656391.

### **St Catherine's Friday Café**

St Catherine's hold an informal drop-in café on most Fridays in St Catherine's Church Hall between 9.30 and 12.00 noon, all are welcome

### **Bookings for St Edmund's Church**

To book any event/service at St Edmund's please contact Brenda Moore on 620758. **This applies to every event**, please don't assume all regular annual events are in the Diary – you will need to check with Brenda.

### **Parish Projector**

The Parish Projector is kept in the vestry at St Edmund's, if you wish to use it for a church event please e mail the Parish Office to book it out.

### **St Alban's Luncheon Club**

If anyone from the Trimdon Grange, Village or Station would like to come along to the Luncheon Club at St Alban's , Trimdon Grange on Wednesdays please contact Irene Grint on 01429 880366. The session lasts from 10.25am – 1.25pm; a bus can pick you up & drop you back home. Also if you would like to help with this club please contact Irene

### **St Edmund's Aumbry Candle**

If you would like to donate towards a candle, which would burn for a week, perhaps in memory of a loved one or in Thanksgiving for a particular event, then please see Brenda Moore. The suggested donation is £5