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Maundy Thursday
1st April 7.30pm
Holy Communion

Good Friday
2nd April 10.30am
All Age Service

Easter Sunday 4th April
9.00am Holy Communion
at Cummersdale
10.30am All Age Service
6.30pm Holy Communion



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April Diary

Particular dates to note:

Fri 2 - Sat 3	7.00pm	Passionate About Prayer
Sun 4	6.30am	Sunrise Service at Carlisle Cemetery
Wed 14	7.30pm	Prayer and Praise
Thurs 15	7.00pm	Bereavement Support
Mon 19	7.30pm	PCC
Tues 20		Ladies Guild
20/21/22		Homegroups as arranged
Thurs 29	11.30am	Midweek Service
	12.30pm	Leisurely Lunch



Our regular groups meet in the Parish Centre, as follows:

Parent & Toddler Bible Study meeting **Mondays** at **10.00am**

Toddlers meet every **Wednesday** at **10.00am & 1.30pm**

Sticky Fingers (craft for toddlers) meet on **Thursdays** at **10.30am**

Boys' Brigade Mondays 6.45-9.00pm Contact section leaders or office for more info (see p22)

Rainbows/Brownies/Guides Fridays 6.00 - 9.15pm Contact leaders for more info (see p22)

Music Group meet at **7.30pm** every Thursday in Church (all welcome)

Badminton & Table Tennis Group meet **Fridays** at **7.45pm** (all welcome)

Women's Fellowship meet **Mondays** at **2.45pm** - all women welcome.

Bereavement Support Group this month will only meet on **Thursday 15th April** from **7.00-8.30pm** (NB: There will not be a meeting on the first Thursday of this month).

Hunger Grows in West Africa



Fears are growing that several West African states are facing a major food crisis as millions struggle with shortages after poor harvests.

Severe hardship is looming notably in Niger where the country's new leader has said lack of food threatens the existence of Nigeriens in virtually all regions.

The UN estimates that at least 200,000 children are facing severe malnutrition and the Famine Early Warning Network is predicting that 2.7 million people will this year be extremely food insecure. Another five million out of Niger's population of 14 million have less than two months of food supplies left after poor rains saw the worst level of cereal production in two decades.

Slanwa Gaston, Tearfund's Country Representative for Niger, said, 'Food production this year has been very poor compared to the last two years. The crisis is now the top priority for the government.'

In neighbouring Chad, the government says that poor rains last year led to cereal production falling by nearly a third. This has led to prices being at their highest in five years.

Levourne Passiri, Tearfund's Country representative for Chad, said, 'The rains stopped in September last year and extra assistance will be needed from April to September this year.'

Food shortages are also being reported in the west of Burkina Faso and it's expected food prices will rise sharply.

In Mali, where there are traditionally food shortages between May and September, prices are already higher than normal.



Tearfund is initially sending £25,000 to partners in these West African states- which collectively cover the Sahel region which stretches from the Atlantic to the Red Sea – which will enable their partners to start responding to the food crisis. Annually, 300,000 children aged under five die from malnutrition in the Sahel region, according to Unicef.

Continued

David Bainbridge, Tearfund's Disaster Management Director, said, 'The problems being reported are more severe than in previous years. As best as we can, we will be working closely with our partners to take measures now to prevent the situation getting worse for those who are most vulnerable.'



Tearfund Trip to Cambodia

Tearfund is organising a trip to Cambodia between **7 – 17 November 2010** to visit one of their partners TASK which was established as a non-government organisation on October 1st 2004.

TASK's vision is to see lives of the poor transformed through the love and salvation of Christ, improved health and living conditions, and stronger community relationships

Task is currently involved in eight main projects: Nutrition; The Little Conquerors (for children with disabilities); Women's health; AIDS Home Care; HIV/AIDS Prevention; Community Sanitation and Development; Teenage Drug Users Rehabilitation and Hope Assistance and Love for Orphans (HALO) which we as a church are helping to support through Tearfund.

The approximate cost (excluding flights and visa) will be £800. All costs are subject to change; this is due to the variable nature of overseas travel expenses. The cost includes all food, accommodation, in country transport, insurance and pre trip orientation day.

Anyone interested in making enquiries about the trip please speak to **David Bowie** of the **Mission Committee**.



This Easter Meet Your Maker

Perhaps you struggle to keep in touch
with your creator.

Or you're just longing to find the space to
lift up others; this city; this world, in prayer.

Maybe you've never truly found space to
receive from God.

You might know a lot about him.

You might know nothing about him.

Wherever you are with God, this is for
you:

Come and experience prayer as
you've never seen it before and be
part of a movement that is
sweeping the globe and changing
the world.

Get Passionate About Prayer

2 Chronicles 7:14

*"if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves
and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will
I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land"*

St James' Church are hosting 24 hours of *continual prayer* – just like the biblical greats who prayed ceaselessly, day and night.

We'll be kitting out the Parish Centre, with various rooms open for interactive, creative, thoughtful and reflective prayer, kicking off with a time of music led worship at 7pm. We'll also be heading out on some prayer outreach on the Saturday.



This is your opportunity to see for yourself why the Christians of Carlisle are so passionate about spreading the awesome truth of our living God.

Where: St James' Parish Centre

When: 2nd and 3rd April

7pm - 7pm

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Getting to know.....

(WAG's) Women And God

About a year ago, a few of us, due to work commitments, felt we were lacking the opportunity for women's fellowship in church so a group started meeting up for breakfast on Saturday mornings every few months or so. We found it really encouraging and didn't want it to be an exclusive thing and keep it to ourselves, so the natural thing was for us to organise something for all the women of St James.



We've had two WAGs mornings now. Julia Powley spoke on Philippians in November and inspired us to "shine like stars in the universe". In February Kim Hoelterhoff challenged us to run the race that God has set out for us and not to compare ourselves to others.

As well as the talks we've shared breakfast and fellowship; prayed for each other and worshipped together. One of the most encouraging things for us has been to see women of all ages coming together and getting to know one another better.

Our hope for WAGs is to continue meeting together on Saturday mornings to pray and to build one another up. We'd also like to have a full day event, where we can spend more time exploring deeper what it means to be a woman of God. And perhaps a social event sometime that we can invite our friends to. Ultimately, we really want to see friendships and relationships develop so that wherever we are in our lives at the moment we can help each other to grow in our relationships with God.

If you haven't been before, watch this space for the next event, we'd love to see you there!

Some feedback we've had so far..

"A great morning for fellowship – thank you so much."

"Brilliant, I really enjoy it."

"Found this so refreshing, uplifting and encouraging."

"Thank you, this was so needed in St. James, keep going."

"Appreciate the opportunity to get to know better acquaintances we meet in church."

Love, *Anna, Gemma and Jo x*

Green hill, Green Zone?



Most of us are familiar with the “green hill outside a city wall” and others will know of the “Green Zone” (“the best protected gated community in the world”) that covers 10 square km inside the city of Baghdad. This high security area was set up by the coalition forces and is now the title of a film starring Matt Damon.

Interestingly, if you see the film, you can spot the tussle between all the authorities - religious, military, social and political. To my mind, surely unintended by the director, you can even identify modern equivalents of Caiaphas, Pilate, Herod, even some disciples, perhaps better appreciating the tensions and limitations on key characters in the Easter narrative.

One Trustee of one of our mission partners, Kepplewray Trust, spent six months in Iraq as a senior civil servant, and another friend is vicar of Christ Church Baghdad (between the Green Zone and the airport). They each had living quarters in the Green Zone and could only leave it if protected by an armoured vehicle and four armed escorts. If you have to pay for private security outside the Zone it costs about \$10,000 per day. Their reflections are interesting and challenging!

For instance, they would confirm that you can't even engage, let alone win the battle for hearts and minds (and souls?) without moving outside the security and comfort of your protected areas and enclaves. There are possibly parallels for you personally and certainly for all of us corporately at St James. We can be well taught, well “prayed” for and well protected from opposition but lose the ambition and ability to engage. Hence the importance of Denton St, Op Shop(s), workplace and leisure contacts. We are called to live out our faith away from the zone, outside the city.

The green hill without/outside the city wall shows the immediate risks - “where our dear Lord was crucified, who died to save us all”. Yet we are each called to take up our cross - and not simply to carry it around our own comfort zone or amongst people whose instinct is to support us. Rather we need to risk the ridicule and abuse, even the danger of proclaiming the Easter victory to those whose initial attitude could be to oppose with varying degrees of violence. But only then do we live up to our Christian vocation and can life get exciting!



Happy Easter, *John Libby, Vicar*



St James Church Carlisle & Cummersdale Services, April 2010



Denton Holme
(10.30am)

Cummersdale
(10.30 am)

Denton Holme
(6.30pm)

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|--------|--|------------------------|---|
| 1 Apr | (7.30pm) Maundy Thursday Service
The king!
Matthew 27:27-44 | | John Libby |
| 2 Apr | ... the Centurion
(the penny drops!)
Matthew 27:45-56
Kate Davidson | | |
| 4 Apr | .. the women (Worship)
Matthew 28:1-10
Wendy Downey | 9.00am
Wendy Downey |
"On the third day"
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Eddie Scrase-Field |
| 11 Apr | A heap of ruins
Haggai 1:1-15
John Libby | | The power of the Resurrection
1 Corinthians 15:12-34
Joan Yarker |
| 18 Apr | The Architect
Haggai 2:1-9
Paul McVittie |
John Libby | A body to die for!
1 Corinthians 15:35-58
John Libby |
| 25 Apr | Making a solid start
Haggai 2:10-23
Eddie Scrase-Field | Paul McVittie | Love's reprise
1 Corinthians 16:1-24
John Libby |

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

- who are they and what do they do?

Each year the church fellowship has the opportunity at the Annual General Meeting to elect members to serve on the PCC. 11 appointments were made this year to fill vacancies and so the current membership is as follows:

Lyn Bainbridge	Lucy Goldie	Jean Reay
Jane Clark	Adrian Hamilton	Raymond Ridley
Pat Cottingham	Mary Hetherington	David Robinson
Kate Davidson	Alan Johnston	Stewart Rowe
Wendy Downey	John Libby	Stephen Salmon
Pat Doyle	Paul McVittie	Eddie Scrase-Field
Lucy Fuggle	Keith Morris	Laura Webster
Julie Graham	Joanna Rae	Joan Yarker

Our newly elected Parochial Church Council have now had their first meeting of this year at which the following appointments were made:

PCC Secretary:	Jo Rae
PCC Treasurer:	David Robinson
Vice Chairman:	Alan Johnston
Standing Committee Rep:	Pat Doyle

The PCC meet approximately once a month to consider a wide variety of issues relating to the running of the church and strategic developments. Members act as your representatives so do speak to a PCC member if you have any concerns or matters that you wish raised.

At the March meeting we were joined by Robert Westgate from the Music Group, and Gordon Ellis from the Sound Team and a very useful and enlightening discussion followed regarding some of the challenges faced by the music group and sound team to ensure that our services are well resourced musically and that a comfortable listening environment is achieved. We are extremely grateful for the gifts and skills that members of these teams bring to our services and as a PCC are keen to support them in any way we can.

Please remember to pray regularly for all members of your PCC – our next meeting is scheduled for **Monday 19 April**.

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My City Council colleagues, Paul Atkinson (545026) and Joan Southward (520183), will also be in attendance.

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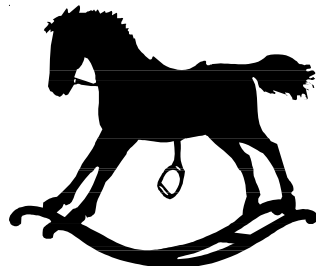
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Youth Page

Hi there readers- Welcome to another St James' youth page! Spring is in the air and new life promises to burst forth all around us. With God, new life is springing forth all the time and last month has been no exception



I've been totally blessed and encouraged in our 8-12's Sunday morning club 'Chill Out', as two of our regular attending lads decided they wanted to say a prayer to accept what Jesus had done for them personally and invite Him to live in their hearts as Lord. No truer life is there than that which Our Saviour brings to the hearts of all those who turn to Him for forgiveness and a brand new start. Praise God ☺



Following on with the theme of new beginnings, Kate our kids worker and myself have been working towards setting up a new group for those youngsters from Chill Out, TBC youth club and the holiday club who personally responded to Jesus' offer of forgiveness and new life by inviting Him into their lives. We've had the privilege of talking to some of the parents of the kids in their own homes already and hope to get round more homes soon in order to get the discipling group rolling after Easter

Elsewhere, across the city, new life is breaking forth for members of various congregations who have been blessed to attend CCF's new monthly, all-age worship event 'The Stand'. Our CYFA group have attended the first two and it's been such a blessing to see them meeting with their God and praising him along with Christian's of all ages from across the city's churches. The next one is on 25th of April at 8pm - maybe we'll see you there after our evening service at St James' ☺ God bless



EASTER QUIZ



Well Easter time is nearly upon us, so I thought you might like an excuse to relax for a couple of minutes with a cuppa and an Easter Quiz. Only a bit of fun, so enjoy.

All of the answers are words related to Easter (and I apologise for the groaners!) (*Answers in next months magazine*)

- 1 Irate
- 2 Sounds like a hairstyle added to a knobby part of the body
- 3 The rate of moving goes before an online bank, I hear
- 4 Sounds like the confluence of a river which flows from the Cairngorms to Aberdeen and the longest river in the world.
- 5 This one wasn't 'hanging in Babylon'
- 6 To survive a eating opportunity
- 7 Looks like a toothed device used in hair care minus it's Roman 100 and plus a small hot drink
- 8 Not old death
- 9 Sounds like Admiral Nelson
- 10 Alison Moyet hit without the emotion
- 11 A derogatory name for soldiers of the Australian Army Reserve, not early
- 12 Hopefully we're not as 'thick as these'
- 13 A garment which covers the hand, minus phonetic sport
- 14 Quant and Shelley
- 15 Army famous for 'Anna and her banner'

Wendy x



ELECTION HUSTINGS

Churches Together in Carlisle, Carlisle One World Centre and Sustainable Carlisle have got together to organize an **Election Hustings (Carlisle Constituency)**, on Thursday 29 April 2010 at 7.00pm in the Learning Gateway, University of Cumbria, Fusehill Street.

This is your opportunity to ask questions about local, national and world issues to local representatives from all political parties. Background information and suggested questions are available on the following websites: -

<http://www.churchestogethercumbria.co.uk/latest%20news.htm>

<http://www.tearfund.org/Campaigning/Election+2010/>

<http://www.ctbi.org.uk/CFH/427>

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Correction

March Magazine:
'Getting to know...'

Apologies to Daniel and
Becky from OM.
Becky's surname is
Gillen and not Fairhead.



Thank You

Pat and I would like to thank the fellowship for their thoughts and prayers prior to, and following, my knee operation. Your kindness was appreciated.

Roger Watson

???

BIBLE NOTES



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Walking with God and the Dog

The Birds in the Tree Tops



It is March the 1st, and it feels like the beginning of Spring. There isn't a cloud in the sky, and the sun has already begun to melt the early morning frost. Already enough to lift my spirits on a Monday morning, but then I hear the birds singing. I am not sure why, but they are singing at the tops of their voices. I can only see one in the trees, but it sounds like dozens. I love the sound of birds singing. We don't have a garden, so I maybe go over the top when I hear them, but it makes me want to sing and praise my Creator God for the wonder of His creation.

I am reminded of a song we used to sing in Sunday School –



"The birds in the treetops sing their song,
They fill the air with music all day long.
The flowers in the garden blend their hue,
So why shouldn't I, why shouldn't you
Praise Him too?"



When you read this, it might be raining, and you may not be able to hear the birds singing, but can I encourage you to try praising God anyway?

Rosie Thwaites

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