

Notices

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Services this Sunday

10.30 am Family Worship
6.30 pm Memorial Service

Preacher

Paul McVittie
Eddie Scrase-Field

Cummersdale

10.30am Holy Communion Joan Yarker

Mon 26 2.45pm Women's Fellowship

27/28/29 Homegroups as arranged

Thurs 29 7.30am -Denton Street Prayer meeting

11.30am Midweek Service

12.30 pm Leisurely Lunch

Sat 31 9.30am Daddy & Me

Services Next Sunday

10.30 am Family Worship
6.30 pm Mission Evening

Preacher

Eddie Scrase-Field
Garry Ion

Cummersdale

10.30am Morning Worship Paul McVittie

Information

Christmas in the City - Thursday 17 December

Pray for the City are organising an event to proclaim the true meaning of Christmas through the singing of carols, other music and drama. Alongside this, we will show God's love through the serving of free mince pies, warm drinks, gift wrapping and an opportunity to seek prayer. If you are interested in getting involved with this then please go along to **St Paul's Church on Monday 26 October at 7.30pm** Choir Master(s), singers, musicians, servers, leaflet and card distributors are all needed.

'Origins and Lemons'

Saturday 28 November @ 7.30pm

Riding Lights Theatre Company is going back to traditional biblically-inspired entertainment - an evening of songs, stories, sketches and laughter. Tickets available now from the Parish Office or the Riding Lights Box Office. Priced £11.00 (concessions available)

Please Pray For:

Those who are ill or in hospital at this time, especially Fiona Hurley, Peggy Fluck, Glenda Davidson, Maureen Richardson, Joyce Mason, Betty Rudman, Rosie Thwaites, Thompson Bowerbank and Nora Klein.

SAINT JAMES CHURCH CUMMERSDALE

Holy Communion

10.30am, Sunday, 25th October, 2009



Welcome to our service of Holy Communion this morning. We invite all who are baptised and love the Lord to join us at His table. This morning we continue our teaching series looking at our identity as Christians. Are you an ambassador for Christ?

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Opening Sentence:

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians Chapter 5 verse 20

Hymn

I will sing the wondrous story

Of the Christ who died for me;
How He left His home in glory
For the cross on Calvary.

I was lost but Jesus found me,
Found the sheep that went astray;
Threw His loving arms around me,
Drew me back into His way.

I was bruised but Jesus healed me,
Faint was I from many a fall;
Sight was gone, and fears possessed me,
But He freed me from them all.
Days of darkness still come o'er me;
Sorrow's paths I often tread,
But the Saviour still is with me,
By His hand I'm safely led.

He will keep me till the river
Rolls its waters at my feet,
Then He'll bear me safely over,
All my joys in Him complete.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ who died for me;
Sing it with the saints in glory,
Gathered by the crystal sea.

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Collect for Purity

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

We pray for strength to keep Jesus' commandments:

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind, with all your soul and with all your strength:

Lord, help us to obey.

Love your neighbour as yourself:

Lord, help us to obey.

Love one another as I have loved you:

Lord, help us to obey.

In your mercy strengthen us

and move our hearts to do your will. Amen.

Confession:

Father God, we want to say sorry for all the times when we have not behaved as you want, and when we have let you down.

For the wrong things we have done, Father God

Forgive us, for we are sorry

For the wrong things we have said, Father God

Forgive us, for we are sorry

For the wrong things we have thought, Father God

Forgive us, for we are sorry

And for the things we should have done, should have said, and should have thought, but didn't, Father God

Forgive us, for we are sorry.

We ask in Jesus name. Amen

Promise of forgiveness:

Listen to God's promise to all who are truly sorry: As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who respond to Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our sins from us.

Psalm 103:11-12

Collect for the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

God, the giver of life,
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ
and make us eager to do your will,
that we may share with the whole creation
the joys of eternal life;
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**

Hymn

We have a gospel to proclaim,

Good news for all throughout the earth;

The gospel of a Saviour's name:

We sing His glory, tell His worth.

Tell of His birth at Bethlehem,

Not in a royal house or hall

But in a stable dark and dim:

The Word made flesh, a light for all.

Continued

Prayer after Communion

**Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son, and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn

(During the singing of this song there will be a collection to support Christian mission and ministry through St. James'.

If you are a guest or visitor please feel free to pass the plate along)

**Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.**

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then Thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place;
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love and praise.

Charles Wesley.

Offertory Prayer

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you. Amen.**

Closing Prayer and Blessing

Tell of His death at Calvary,
Hated by those He came to save;
In lonely suffering on the cross
For all He loved His life He gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
Empty the tomb, for He was free.
He broke the power of death and hell
That we might share His victory.

Tell of His reign at God's right hand,
By all creation glorified;
He sends His Spirit on His Church
To live for Him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name Him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel message we proclaim:
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

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Intercessions

We close our our time of prayer with the prayer that Jesus taught us, saying:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Grace

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Notices

Reading:

2 Corinthians Chapter 5 verses 11-21

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after the reading:

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Ambassadors

Hymn

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak

in living echoes of Thy tone;
as Thou has sought, so let me seek
Thy erring children, lost and lone.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead
the wandering and the wavering feet;
O feed me, Lord that I may feed
Thy hungering ones with manna sweet.

O strengthen me, that, while I stand
firm on the rock, and strong in Thee
I may stretch out a loving hand
to wrestlers with the troubled sea.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
the precious things Thou dost impart;
and wing my words, that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with Thy fulness, Lord,
until my very heart o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.

O use me, Lord, use even me,
just as Thou wilt, and when, and where,
until Thy blessed face I see,
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.

Holy Communion

Hear the words of comfort our Saviour Christ says to all
who truly turn to him:

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I
will give you rest. *Matthew 11.28*

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten
Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but
have eternal life. *John 3.16*

Hear what Saint Paul says: This saying is true and worthy
of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world
to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1.15*

**Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit even to eat the crumbs
from under your table.
But you, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.**

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.
When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his
friends he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him;
His body is the bread of life.**

At the end of the supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new
covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of
sins; do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him;
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may
be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

**With your whole church throughout the world we
offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voices to
join the eternal song of heaven, saying:**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Glory be to you, O Lord most high.**

The Administration

*To minimise the risk of Swine Flu communicants are
asked to retain their piece of bread and then to dip this
into the cup.*

These words are said at the administration of the bread:
May the body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given
for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life.
Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for
you, and feed on him in your heart by faith with
thanksgiving.

These words are said at the administration of the cup:
May the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed
for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life.
Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed
for you, and be thankful.