

Notices

For further details on any of these events or activities,
please contact the Parish Office on 810616.
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Services this Sunday	Preacher
10.30 am Morning Worship	Peter Cantley
6.30 pm Holy Communion	Ben Mattinson

Cummersdale	
10.30am Morning Worship	Frank Tebbutt

Mon 14	10.00am Parent and Toddler Bible Study
	11.30am Women's Fellowship Lunch
Tues 15	6.30-7.30pm Carol Singing on Denton Street
Wed 16	10.15am Toddlers Christmas Service and Party
Thurs 17	10.30am - 11.30am Sticky Fingers
	11.30am Midweek Service
	12.30pm Christmas Leisurely Lunch
	7.00pm Bereavement Support
Fri 18	7.45pm Badminton/Table Tennis
Sat 19	8.00pm The Gap Christmas Party @ 118 Dalston Road

Services Next Sunday	Preacher
10.30 am Family Nativity	Eddie Scrase-Field
6.30 pm Carols by Candlelight	John Libby
Cummersdale	
3.00pm Carol Service	John Libby

Information

Carol Singing - Tuesday 15 December - This year we will be singing on the corner of Denton Street from 6.30-7.30pm. Please come along so that we can make a real impact in Denton Holme (also bring a torch or light if possible). Warm up afterwards at Wendy's house.



Christmas in the City - Thursday 17 December - flyers are available for this event from the back of church, please use these to invite friends along.

If you are able to provide **Mince Pies or Shortbread** for the services on 20th December please could you add your name to the sheet at the back of Church.

Christmas magazines are now available - could distributors please collect their bundle from the back of church.

Questionnaires regarding the Denton Street premises are available either from the Parish Centre, Op Shop, magazine or on the website. Please complete and return these as soon as possible to assist the new Vision Team.

Please Pray For:

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

SAINT JAMES CHURCH CARLISLE

Family Worship and Baptism
10.30am, Sunday, 13th December, 2009



Welcome to our service this morning and a special welcome to Lewis Graham and his family as he comes to join our Christian family through baptism. We continue our teaching series looking at our identity as Christians. What do you do that shows God's word at work in your life?

There is a programme in the Parish Centre for children up to the age of 12, and any children visiting us today are asked to join in those activities. The children will go over to the Parish Centre after the first part of this service. There is also a Creche available for parents and babies.

If you have a mobile telephone, please ensure that it is turned off and please refrain from flash photography during the service. Thank you.

If you are new to St. James please fill in one of the welcome cards on the pews.

Welcome and Notices

Opening Sentence:

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

James Chapter 1 verse 22

Songs

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You,

We turn to You.

Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You,

We long for You. 'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day;

In Your presence all our fears are washed away,

Washed away.

Hosanna, hosanna,

You are the God who saves us,

Worthy of all our praises.

Hosanna, hosanna,

Come, have Your way among us;

We welcome You here, Lord Jesus.

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You,

We turn to You.

In Your kingdom broken lives are made new,

You make all things new.

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Please feel free to take this service sheet away with you

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul,
In You I trust, O my God.
Do not let me be put to shame,
Nor let my enemies triumph over me.

*No one whose hope is in You
Will ever be put to shame;
That's why my eyes are on You, O Lord.
Surround me, defend me,
O, how I need You.
To You I lift up my soul,
To You I lift up my soul.*

Show me Your ways and teach me Your paths,
Guide me in truth, lead me on;
For You're my God, You are my Saviour,
My hope is in You each moment of the day.

Remember, Lord, Your mercy and love
That ever flow from of old.
Remember not the sins of my youth
Or my rebellious ways.
According to Your love, remember me,
According to Your love,
For You are good, O Lord.

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I will offer up my life

In spirit and truth,
Pouring out the oil of love
As my worship to You.
In surrender I must give my every part;
Lord, receive the sacrifice
Of a broken heart.

*Jesus, what can I give, what can I bring
To so faithful a friend, to so loving a King?
Saviour, what can be said, what can be sung
As a praise of Your name
For the things You have done?
Oh, my words could not tell, not even in part,
Of the debt of love that is owed by this thankful heart.*

You deserve my every breath
For You've paid the great cost;
Giving up Your life to death,
Even death on a cross.
You took all my shame away,
There defeated my sin,
Opened up the gates of heaven,
And have beckoned me in.

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Baptism of a Child

Lewis Graham

We rejoice today with Lewis's family as they thank God for the gift of life and bring him for baptism. Faith is the gift of God to His people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom He is calling. People of God, will you welcome Lewis and uphold him in his new life in Christ?

All: With the help of God, we will.

Parents and godparents, the Church receives Lewis with joy. Today we are trusting God for his growth in faith. Will you pray for him, draw him by your example into the community of faith, and walk with him in the way of Christ?

Parents and godparents: With the help of God, we will.

When we've been there a thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.

John Newton.

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.**

Closing Prayer and Blessing

**Please join us for refreshments
in the Parish Centre**

Songs Before the Service

The Lord is gracious and compassionate

Slow to anger and rich in love

The Lord is gracious and compassionate

Slow to anger and rich in love

And the Lord is good to all

He has compassion in all that He has made

As far as the east is from the west

That's how far He has removed our transgressions
from us

(repeat)

Praise the Lord, oh my soul

Praise the Lord

Praise the Lord, oh my soul

Praise the Lord

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Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You, (page 1)

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

Answer: I reject them

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

Answer: I renounce them

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

Answer: I repent of them

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

Answer: I turn to Christ

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

Answer: I submit to Christ

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

Answer: I come to Christ

Let us affirm, together with parents and godparents, our common faith in Jesus Christ:

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Amen.

Praise God who made heaven and earth.

All: Who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Almighty God, whose son Jesus Christ was baptised in the River Jordan: we thank you for the gift of water to cleanse us and revive us.

Bless your servant who is washed in this water, that he may be cleansed and delivered from all sin.

Send your Holy Spirit upon him, bring him to new birth in the household of faith, and raise him with Christ to full and eternal life; for all might, majesty, authority, and power are yours, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The party moves to the font

Lewis Graham

I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Christ claims you for His own. Receive the sign of His cross. Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

All: Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of His glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

As Lewis grows up he will need the help and encouragement of the Christian community. As part of the Church of Christ, we all have a duty to support him by prayer, example and teaching. As parents and godparents, you have the prime responsibility for guiding and helping him in his early years. This is a demanding task for which you will need the help and grace of God. Therefore let us now pray for grace in guiding him in the way of faith.

Faithful and loving God, bless those who care for Lewis and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith. Pour upon them your healing and reconciling love, and protect their home from all evil. Fill them with the light of your presence and establish them in the joy of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
Lewis, by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

**All: We welcome you into the fellowship of faith.
We are children of the same heavenly Father;
We welcome you.**

Talk

Song

(During the singing of this song young people up to the age of 12 are invited to leave for their own activities in the Parish Centre)

We bow our hearts, we lift our hands

we turn our eyes to you again
And we surrender to the truth
that all we need is found in You

*Receive our adoration Jesus lamb of God
Receive our adoration, how wonderful you are*

We choose to leave it all behind
and turn our eyes towards the prize
the upward call of God in Christ
you have our hearts, Lord take our lives

*Receive our adoration Jesus lamb of God
Receive our adoration how wonderful you are*

Every soul you've saved sings out
everything you've made resounds
all creation's standing now
lifting up your name
We're caught up in the angel's song
we're gathered to your ancient throne
children in our Father's arms
shouting out your praise

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We say sorry to God:

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.

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, Amen.**

Assurance 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.

Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

**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 for ever. Amen**

Reading

James Chapter 1 verses 19-27

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after the reading:

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Talk

Not just hearers - but Doers

Song

(During this song the offering will be taken up to the front)

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;

'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

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