

Christmas Services

Further information from the Parish Office 01228 810616

This evening 6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight	Preacher John Libby
Christmas Eve 11.30pm	Holy Communion	Eddie Scrase-Field
Christmas Day 10.30am	All Age Christmas Celebration	Wendy Downey
Cummersdale 9.00am	Holy Communion	Eddie Scrase-Field

Sunday December 27th 2009

10.30am	Family Worship	John Libby
6.30pm	Evening Worship	Paul McVittie
Cummersdale 10.30am	Morning Worship	Paul McVittie

JUST LOOKING!

Just Looking is just what it says: it's an opportunity to take a closer look at the Christian faith, but with no pressure to do anything more than just look. Please join us for a meal, a talk, a time for discussion, and a chance to make new friends.



**Next course starts, Thursday 14 January 7:30pm
(and then for each Thursday evening for four weeks)
in the Parish Centre.**

Information

Free Will Offering: Envelopes are now ready for collection from pigeon holes at the back of church.

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.

Flowers on the table today: H. Hardcastle

Happy Christmas!

John, Daphne and family,
Eddie, Hannah and Samuel,
Wendy, Ben and Kate
would like to thank everyone for their
cards and greetings, and together
wish you all a joyful Christmas
and a peaceful
New Year.



Please feel free to take this service sheet away with you
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SAINT JAMES CHURCH

CARLISLE

**All-Age Family Nativity Service
10.30am Sunday, 20th December, 2009**



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

If you have a mobile telephone, please ensure that it is turned off. Thank you.

Welcome & Notices

Jesus, You are King of heaven, yet you were born a tiny baby. This Christmas time

We worship and adore you.

You were worshipped by angels, and by humble shepherds. This Christmas time

We worship and adore you.

The whole world is yours, but you slept in a cold, stone manger. This Christmas time

We worship and adore you.

You are Lord of all, yet you came to earth crying and helpless. This Christmas time

We worship and adore you.

Carol

Long time ago in Bethlehem,
so the Holy Bible say,
Mary's boy-child, Jesus Christ,
was born on Christmas Day.

*Hark now, hear the angels sing -
a new King born today!
And we may live for evermore
because of Christmas Day.
Trumpets sound and angels sing
listen to what they say,
that we may live for evermore
because of Christmas Day.*

While shepherds watch their flocks by night,
them see a bright new shining star,
then hear a choir sing
the music seems to come from afar.

Continued...

Now Joseph and his wife Mary
come to Bethlehem that night.
She had no place to bear her child,
Not a single room was in sight.

Hark now . . .

By and by they find a little nook
in a stable all forlorn,
and in a manger, cold and dark,
Mary's little boy was born.

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so the Holy Bible say,
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Hark now...

We say sorry to God

Jesus gave up his home in heaven to live as an ordinary human being. For the times when we have refused to give up our comforts for your sake, Father,

We are sorry. Please forgive us

Mary and Joseph were obedient to what God wanted to do in their lives. For the times when we have not been obedient to you, Father.

We are sorry. Please forgive us

Shepherds and wise men journeyed, gave gifts and worshipped Jesus. For the times when we have held back our gifts and our worship, Father

We are sorry. Please forgive us.

For we ask in the name of Jesus. 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.

Reading

Luke Chapter 2 verses 8-11 (Good News Bible)

There were some shepherds in that part of the country who were spending the night in the fields, taking care of their flocks. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone over them. They were terribly afraid, but the angel said to them, "Don't be afraid! I am here with good news for you, which will bring great joy to all the people. This very day in David's town your Saviour was born - Christ the Lord!"

after the reading:

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Carol

See Him lying on a bed of straw,
A draughty stable with an open door;
Mary cradling the babe she bore;
The Prince of glory is His name.

*O now carry me to Bethlehem,
To see the Lord appear to men;
Just as poor as was the stable then,
The Prince of glory when He came.*



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Closing Prayer and Blessing

May the humility of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the joy of the angels, and the peace of the Christ child be God's gifts to us this Christmas time and always. And may the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with us now and evermore. **Amen.**

Please join us for coffee and mince pies in the Parish Centre after the service.

There will be a retiring collection for any who wish to contribute to the work of St James Church.

Star of silver, sweep across the skies,
Show where Jesus in the manger lies;
Shepherds, swiftly from your stupor rise
To see the Saviour of the world.

Angels, sing again the song you sang,
Bring God's glory to the heart of man;
Sing that Bethlehem's little baby can
Be salvation to the soul.

Mine are riches, from your poverty,
From your innocence, eternity;
Mine, forgiveness by your death for me,
Child of sorrow for my joy.

O now carry me. . .

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Action Creed

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

**We believe and trust in God the Father, source of all
being and life, the one for whom we exist.**

We declare

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

**We believe and trust in Jesus, God's only Son, who took
our human nature, died for us and rose again.**

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**We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit, who gives
life to the people of God and makes Jesus known in
the world. We declare**

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Prayer Time

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**

Carol

**This Child, secretly comes in the night,
this Child, hiding a heavenly light,
this Child, coming to us like a stranger,
this heavenly Child.**

*This Child, heaven come down
now to be with us here,
heavenly love and mercy appear,
softly in awe and wonder come near
to this heavenly Child.*

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This Child, rising on us like the sun,
this Child, given to light everyone,
this Child, guiding our feet on the pathway
to peace on earth.

This Child, raising the humble and poor,
this Child, making the proud ones to fall;
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Children's Nativity

Carol

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay;
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes:
I love You, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus: I ask You to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in Your tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with You there.

Talk

Is Christmas Worth Celebrating?

Carol

Hark! the herald angels sing:
'Glory to the new-born King!
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With the angelic host proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem.'

*Hark! the herald angels sing:
'Glory to the new-born King!'*

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel.

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings.
Mild, He lays His glory by;
Born that men no more may die;
Born to raise the sons of earth;
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