

Notices

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Services this Sunday

10.30 am	Family Worship	Preacher John Libby
6.30 pm	Evening Worship	Eddie Scrase-Field

Cummersdale

10.30am	Morning Worship	Eddie Scrase-Field
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Mon 1 10.00am Parent and Toddler Bible Study

2.45pm Women's Fellowship

Tues 2 7.30pm Blokes Curry Night

Wed 3 10.00am and 1.30pm Toddlers

7.30pm Prayer and Praise

Thur 4 10.30am Sticky Fingers

7.00pm Bereavement Support

7.30pm PCC

7.30pm Music Practice

Fri 5 7.45pm Badminton & Table Tennis

Sat 6 9.30am CYFA & WF Coffee Morning

Services Next Sunday

10.30am	Family Worship	Preacher Elaine Thomas
6.30pm	Youth Service	Ben Mattinson

Cummersdale

10.30am	Morning Worship	John Libby
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Information

Revision of Electoral Roll - anyone wishing to be added to the electoral roll for 2010 can fill in a form at the back of church or download from the website.

Haiti Earthquake: Thanks to those who have given so generously - the total raised so far is £2,113.44. This is the final week that plates will be available at the back of church. (Gift Aid Envelopes also available)

**CHAMPION'S
CHALLENGE!**

**Holiday Club
15 - 19 February**

Can You Help: Do you have any National flags/football shirts/big old fashioned headphones for use during the week. (Please mark clearly so we can return to you)

There are loads of jobs to be done either working with children or behind the scenes. Please sign the sheet at the back of Church if you can assist.

Join us for prayer today at **5.30pm in the Parish Centre**. We would be grateful for your prayer support over the next few weeks as we approach this year's event!

Please Pray For:

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

Flowers in the Welcome Area: In loving memory of Stan Bell our beloved Husband, Dad, Father-in-Law and Grandad

SAINT JAMES CHURCH CARLISLE

**Family Worship and Baptism
10.30am, Sunday, 31st January, 2010**



Welcome to our service this morning and a special welcome to Isobel and Alexander Moxon and Max Beattie and their families as they come to join our Christian family through baptism. We continue our teaching series looking at "unsung heroes" from the Old Testament. Today we consider Abigail, wife of King David and her wisdom.

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:

"David said to Abigail, "Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel, who has sent you today to meet me. May you be blessed for your good judgment and for keeping me from bloodshed this day and from avenging myself with my own hands."

1 Samuel Chapter 25 verses 32-33

Songs

Praise my soul the King of heaven,
to His feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like thee His praise should sing?
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favour
to our fathers, in distress;
praise Him still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Glorious in His faithfulness.

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Please feel free to take this service sheet away with you

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Father-like He tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame He knows;
in His hands He gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Widely as His mercy flows.

Angels help us to adore Him;
ye behold Him face to face;
sun and moon bow down before Him;
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Come, now is the time to worship,

Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship,
Come, just as you are before your God. Come.

One day every tongue will confess You are God.
One day every knee will bow.
Still, the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose You now.

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We say sorry to God:

Lord Jesus, we are sorry for giving in to our own
desires instead of obeying your will.

In your love and mercy,

Please forgive us and help us to obey you better.

We are sorry for listening to the world around instead
of responding to your voice.

In your love and mercy,

Please forgive us and help us to listen better.

We are sorry for running after material things instead
of worshipping you.

In your love and mercy,

Please forgive us and help us to worship you better.

We are sorry for putting self on the throne instead of
bowing before you, the King of kings.

In your love and mercy,

Please forgive us and help us to serve you better.

For your own name's sake. 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.

Song

Our God is a great big God,

Our God is a great big God,

Our God is a great big God

And He holds us in His hands.

He's higher than a skyscraper
And He's deeper than a submarine.
He's wider than the universe
And beyond my wildest dreams.
And He's known me and He's loved me
Since before the world began.
How wonderful to be a part
Of God's amazing plan!

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Songs Before the Service

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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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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Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord.

We will wait upon the Lord,
We will wait upon the Lord.
(Repeat)

Our God, You reign forever;
Our hope, our strong deliverer.

*You are the everlasting God,
The everlasting God.
You do not faint, You won't grow weary.
You're the defender of the weak,
You comfort those in need.
You lift us up on wings like eagles.*

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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

Prayer ministry is available in the
front right pew after the service

Please join us for refreshments
in the Parish Centre

Baptism of a Child

Isobel Moxon
Alexander Moxon
Max Beattie

We rejoice today with Isobel, Alexander and Max's families as they thank God for the gift of life and bring them 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 Isobel, Alexander and Max and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

All: With the help of God, we will.

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

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

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 servants who are washed in this water, that they may be cleansed and delivered from all sin.

Send your Holy Spirit upon them, bring them to new birth in the household of faith, and raise them 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

Isobel Jane Moxon
Alexander James Moxon
Max Edward Beattie

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 Isobel, Alexander and Max grow up they will need the help and encouragement of the Christian community. As part of the Church of Christ, we all have a duty to support them by prayer, example and teaching. As parents and godparents, you have the prime responsibility for guiding and helping them in their 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 them in the way of faith.

Faithful and loving God, bless those who care for Isobel, Alexander and Max 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: Isobel, Alexander and Max, 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)

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise,
The city of our God, the holy place,
The joy of the whole earth.
Great is the Lord in whom we have the victory,
He aids us against the enemy,
We bow down on our knees.

*And Lord, we want to lift Your name on high,
And Lord, we want to thank You,
For the works You've done in our lives;
And Lord, we trust in Your unfailing love,
For You alone are God eternal,
Throughout earth and heaven above.*

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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:

1 Samuel Chapter 25 verses 1-42
(page 338 before the blue tag)

after the reading:

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Abigail : wisdom

Song

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

Before the Throne of God above,
I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is written on His hands,
My name is hidden in His heart;
I know that while in heaven He stands
No power can force me to depart,
No power can force me to depart,
When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Saviour died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb,
My perfect, sinless righteousness;
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace!
One with my Lord I cannot die,
My soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is safe with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Saviour and my God,
With Christ, my Saviour and my God.