

Notices

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Services this Sunday

10.30am Family Worship
6.30pm Youth Service

Preacher

Elaine Thomas
Ben Mattinson

Cummersdale

10.30am Morning Worship John Libby
Mon 8 10.00am Parent and Toddler Bible Study
2.45pm Women's Fellowship
9/10/11 Homegroups as arranged
Wed 10 10.00am and 1.30pm Toddlers
Thur 11 10.30am Sticky Fingers
7.30pm Music Practice
Fri 12 7.45pm Badminton & Table Tennis

Services Next Sunday

10.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evening Worship

Preacher

John Libby
Eddie Scrase-Field

Cummersdale

10.30am Morning Worship Elaine Thomas

Information

The Gap Group (18-30) are meeting tonight at Ana and Michele's home, 51 Nelson Street.

Advance Notice

Wednesday 24 February: Annual Parochial Church Meeting, 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

Saturday 27 February: WAG's Breakfast, 10.00am in the Parish Centre

**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)

Join us for prayer today at **5.30pm in the Parish Centre**. We would be grateful for your prayer support over the next week as we finalise details for 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, Peggy Yarker and Joyce Mason.

S A I N T J A M E S C H U R C H

CUMMERSDALE

**Morning Worship
10.30am, Sunday 7th February, 2010**



Welcome to our service this morning. We continue our teaching series looking at "unsung heroes" from the Old Testament. Today we consider Abigail, wife of King David and her wisdom.

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

Hymn

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.

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.

Please feel free to take this service sheet away with you

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We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Time of confession:

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.

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.

Collect for the Third Sunday before Lent

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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**

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.**

Followed by:

**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.**

Hymn

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,
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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,
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In perfect harmony,
The Man who is God.
Lord of eternity
Dwells in humanity,
Kneels in humility
And washes our feet.

*O what a mystery,
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For this is your God,
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Father's pure radiance,
Perfect in innocence,
Yet learns obedience
To death on a cross.
Suffering to give us life,
Conquering through sacrifice,
And as they crucify
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Wisdom unsearchable,
God the invisible,
Love indestructible
In frailty appears.
Lord of infinity,
Stooping so tenderly,
Lifts our humanity
To the heights of His throne.

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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

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