

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
10.30am Morning Worship	Wendy Downey
6.30pm Holy Communion	Eddie Scrase-Field

Cummersdale

10.30am	Holy Communion	John Libby
Mon 22	10.00am	Parent and Toddler Bible Study
	2.45pm	Women's Fellowship
Tues 23	6.30pm	Ladies Guild
23/24/25		Home Communions
		Homegroups
Wed 24	10.00am and 1.30 pm	Toddlers
Thur 25	10.30am	Sticky Fingers
	11.30 am	Midweek Service
	12.30pm	Leisurely Lunch
	7.30pm	Music Practice
Fri 26	7.45pm	Badminton & Table Tennis

Services Next Sunday	Preacher
10.30am Morning Worship	Rob Saner-Haigh
6.30pm Evening Worship	Peter Bye

Cummersdale

10.30am	Morning Worship	Wendy Downey
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Information

The Gap (18-30's) are meeting after tonight's service - See Eddie for details.

Prepare for Easter: During Holy Week there will be three short Services of Reflection in Church on Monday 29th, Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st March, 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Easter Services/Passionate About Prayer: We are hoping to put a leaflet through every door in the parish. Could distributors please collect their bundle from the office or from the back of church next Sunday.

Get Passionate About Prayer 24 Hours of Prayer



7pm Fri 2nd April - 7pm Sat 3rd April,
at St James Parish Centre.

St James Church is holding a day of prayer. An opportunity for us to gather together as a church; to meet God and pray for our City. There will be a number of prayer rooms offering interactive, thoughtful, loud and quiet times of prayer. Starting with a time of music led worship and prayer at 7pm in the Parish Centre.

Please sign up for an hour: Sheets at back of church and in the office.

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 Joyce Mason.

Flowers on the table today:

In loving memory of a dear husband, dad and grandad,
Eric McCubbing

SAINT JAMES CHURCH CARLISLE

Family Worship and Baptism
10.30am, Sunday, 21st March, 2010



Welcome to our service this morning and a special welcome to Harrison Ridley and his family as he comes to join our Christian family through baptism. We continue our teaching series looking at some of the people Jesus encounters on his way to the cross ... as we consider Peter and his denial.

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:

"I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times." But Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the other disciples said the same.
Matthew Chapter 26 verses 34-35

Songs

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.

Continued

Please feel free to take this service sheet away with you

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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We say sorry to God:

Lord Jesus Christ we confess we have failed you as did
your first disciples. We ask for your mercy and your
help.

Our selfishness betrays you: Lord, forgive us.

Christ have mercy.

We fail to share the pain of your suffering: Lord, forgive us.

Christ have mercy.

We run away from those who abuse you: Lord, forgive us.

Christ have mercy.

We are afraid of being known to belong to you: Lord,
forgive us.

Christ have mercy. 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

Let everything that,
*Everything that,
Everything that has breath
Praise the Lord.*
(Repeat)

Praise You in the morning, praise You in the evening,
Praise You when I'm young and when I'm old.
Praise You when I'm laughing,
Praise You when I'm grieving,
Praise You every season of the soul.
If we could see how much You're worth,
Your power, Your might, Your endless love,
Then surely we would never cease to praise:

Let everything that...

Praise You in the heavens, joining with the angels,
Praising You forever and a day.
Praise You on the earth now,
Joining with creation,
Calling all the nations to Your praise.
If they could see how much You're worth,
Your power, Your might, Your endless love,
Then surely they would never cease to praise:

Let everything that...

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Songs Before the Service

Blessèd be Your Name

In the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow,
Blessèd be Your name.
And blessèd be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness,
Blessèd be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord,
Still I will say:

*Blessèd be the name of the Lord,
Blessèd be Your name.
Blessèd be the name of the Lord,
Blessèd be Your glorious name.*

Blessèd be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's 'all as it should be',
Blessèd be Your name.
And blessèd be Your name
On the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering,
Blessèd be Your name.

You give and take away,
You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say:
Lord, blessèd be Your name.

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O sacred king, O holy King,

How can I honour You rightly,
Honour that's right for Your name?
O sacred Friend, O holy Friend,
I don't take what You give lightly,
Friendship instead of disgrace.

For it's the mystery of the universe,
You're the God of holiness,
Yet You welcome souls like me.
And with the blessing of Your Father's heart,
You discipline the ones You love,
There's kindness in Your majesty.
Jesus, those who recognise Your power,
Know just how wonderful You are,
That You draw near.

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Jesus, Jesus,

Holy and anointed One,
Jesus.
Jesus, Jesus,
Risen and exalted One,
Jesus.

Your name is like honey on my lips,
Your Spirit like water to my soul.
Your word is a lamp unto my feet;
Jesus I love You, I love You.

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Talk

On the way to the cross Jesus encounters Peter
(Denial)

Song

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

Draw me closer, precious Saviour,
Nearer to Your holy throne;
Let me know Your cleansing power,
As I wait on You alone.
I am nothing without You, Lord,
I am naked, weak and poor;
But in You I find a fullness,
Nothing else can give me more.
When the waters of destruction
Try to sweep me far away,
Jesus, You are still my anchor;
I need never be afraid.
I will cling to You, my Master,
Holding on with surety.
Pressing onward, looking upward,
Until Jesus, You I see.
Help me listen to Your whisper,
Help me live obediently.
Give me courage in the battles,
Strength to face uncertainty.
Help me never to deny You,
But to cross that finish line.
Moving forward, never backward,
To claim the prize as mine.

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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

Harrison Ridley

We rejoice today with Harrison'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 Harrison and uphold him in his new life in Christ?

All: With the help of God, we will.

Parents and godparents, the Church receives Harrison 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.

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

Harrison Noah Ridley

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 Harrison 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 Harrison 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:
Harrison, 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.

Continued

*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

Matthew Chapter 26 verses 31-35 & 69-75

(Page 39 after the blue tag)

after the reading:

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Song

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You

To receive the food of Your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
All Your purposes, for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
As the earth is filled with Your glory.

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