

## Notices

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**Services this Sunday**                      **Preacher**  
**10.30am** Morning Worship              John Libby  
**6.30pm** Evening Worship                Keith Mallon

**Cummersdale**  
**10.30am** Morning Worship              Paul McVittie

**Mon 26**    **10.00am** Parent and Toddler Bible Study  
              **2.45pm** Women's Fellowship

**Wed 28**    **10.00am and 1.30 pm** Toddlers

**Thur 29**    **10.30am** Sticky Fingers  
              **11.30am** Midweek Service  
              **12.30pm** Leisurely Lunch  
              **7.30pm** Music Practice

**Fri 30**     **7.45pm** Badminton & Table Tennis

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## Information

'The Gap' and CYFA are attending 'The Stand' after tonight's service. 8.00pm at CCF - open to all.

**Election Hustings (Carlisle Constituency), 29 April at 7pm** in the Learning Gateway, University of Cumbria, Fusehill St; organised by Churches Together in Carlisle, Carlisle One World Centre and Sustainable Carlisle. Plan to attend and ask questions about local, national and world issues.

**OMNIVision Bookshop** (the Christian bookshop on wheels) will be at The Bobbin Coffee Shop, Shaddongate, CA2 5TZ, every Saturday from 1st May.

**Saturday 8th May, 7 for 7.30pm** 'An evening of food and fun' to raise money for Lucy Goldie's year away with Operation Mobilisation. Find out what's coming up for Lucy in August. Peter Maiden, International Director for OM and our OM link missionary will also be joining us.

Meal will cost just £7.50, including a glass of wine. If people would like to give any other donations, this would really help Lucy's pre-departure financial costs for when leaving in the summer. Sign up on the list at the back of Church. - or ring the Parish Centre.

If you would like more information on what Lucy is doing or how to support her, please catch her in Church.

**Diary Date : Living Word 2010: Tuesday 11 - Thursday 13 May (10.30am and 7.30pm)** at Wigton Road Methodist Church. Further details to follow.

Congratulations to Matt and Laura Webster on the birth of Benjamin Thomas.

## Please Pray For:

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

# SAINT JAMES CHURCH CARLISLE

**Family Worship and Thanksgiving**  
**10.30am, Sunday, 25th April 2010**



Welcome to our service of morning worship, and a special welcome to Starr-Elizabeth Brand and her family as they come to say thank you to God for the gift of their child. We conclude our short teaching series looking at the book of Haggai and the "Project that God built". How do we respond to the challenge to be the people God wants us to be?

*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

Opening Sentence:

"From this day on I will bless you"

*Haggai Chapter 2 verse 19b*

## Songs

**Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;**

With awe and with reverence, bow to adore.

You are my Lord, You are my holiness,

Jesus, my righteousness, I worship You, Lord.

*I'm living for Your glory,*

*I'm living for the Name above all names.*

*No one else is worthy,*

*No one else can ever take Your place.*

I worship You, Lord, in beautiful holiness;

Lifting up reverence, I bow to adore.

I give You my all, surrendering everything;

My everyday offering, to worship You, Lord.

You are high and lifted up,

High and lifted up,

High and lifted up.

*(Repeat)*

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**This is my desire, to honour You:**

Lord, with all my heart I worship You.  
All I have within me, I give You praise:  
All that I adore is in You.

Lord, I give You my heart,  
I give You my soul;  
I live for You alone.  
Every breath that I take,  
Every moment I'm awake,  
Lord, have Your way in me.

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*We say sorry to God:*

For times when we have chosen not to follow you,  
**Lord God, we are so sorry**

For times when we have deliberately done things which  
we know you have forbidden  
**Lord God, we are so sorry.**

For times when we knew the right thing to do, but  
decided not to do it  
**Lord God, we are so sorry.**

For times when our words and actions have hurt those  
who love us,  
**Lord God, we are so sorry.**  
**Please forgive us, for we ask in Jesus' name. Amen**

*Assurance of forgiveness*

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a  
kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive us our sins,  
open our eyes to God's truth, strengthen us to do God's  
will and give us the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Thanksgiving for the birth of a child**

Starr-Elizabeth Brand

We are here today to give thanks for Starr-Elizabeth, with  
her family and friends, and to support her parents in  
their responsibilities with prayer and love. God became  
one of us in Jesus, and understands all that surrounds  
the arrival and upbringing of children. It is God's  
purpose that children should know love within the  
stability of their home, grow in faith, and come at last to  
the eternal city where his love reigns supreme.

Loving God, you hold all things in life and call us into  
your kingdom of peace; help us to walk the path of your  
truth and fill our lives with gratitude and faith, through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Do you receive Starr-Elizabeth as a gift from God?  
*Parents and supporting friends: **We do.***

Do you wish to give thanks to God and seek his blessing?  
*Parents and supporting friends: **We do***

God our Creator, we thank you for the wonder of new  
life and for the mystery of human love.  
We thank you for all whose support and skill  
surround and sustain the beginning of life.  
We thank you that we are known to you by name and  
loved by you from all eternity. We thank you for Jesus  
Christ, who has opened to us the way of love.  
We praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

**Songs Before the Service**

**A thousand times I've failed,**  
Still Your mercy remains.  
And should I stumble again,  
Still I'm caught in Your grace.  
Everlasting,  
Your light will shine when all else fails.  
Never ending,  
Your glory goes beyond all fame.

Your will above all else  
My purpose remains:  
The art of losing myself  
In bringing You praise.  
Everlasting,  
Your light will shine when all else fails.  
Never ending,  
Your glory goes beyond all fame.

*In my heart, in my soul,  
Lord, I give You control.  
Consume me from the inside out, Lord.  
Let justice and praise  
Become my embrace,  
To love You from the inside out.*

Everlasting,  
Your light will shine when all else fades.  
Never ending,  
Your glory goes beyond all fame.  
And the cry of my heart is to bring You praise  
From the inside out.  
Lord, my soul cries out.

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**Purify my heart,**  
let me be as gold and precious silver,  
purify my heart,  
let me be as gold, pure gold.

*Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire  
is to be holy,  
set apart for you, Lord;  
I choose to be holy,  
set apart for you, my master,  
ready to do your will.*

Purify my heart,  
cleans me from within and make me holy;  
purify my heart,  
cleans me from my sin, deep within.

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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

Please join us for refreshments  
in the Parish Centre

What name have you given this child?

*A parent replies:*

**Her name is Starr-Elizabeth**

*The minister takes the child.*

As Jesus took children in his arms and blessed them, so now we ask God's blessing on Starr-Elizabeth. Heavenly Father, we praise you for her birth; surround her with your blessing that she may know your love, beprotected from evil, and know your goodness all her days. **Amen.**

**May Starr-Elizabeth learn to love all that is true, grow in wisdom and strength, and in due time, come through faith and baptism to the fullness of your grace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*The minister prays for the parents*

May God the Father of all bless Claire-Marie and Brian, and give them grace to love and care for Starr-Elizabeth. May God give them wisdom, patience and faith, help them to provide for Starr-Elizabeth's needs and, by their example, reveal the love and truth that are in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Giving of the Gospel

*A copy of a Gospel is presented, with these words*

Receive this book.

It is the good news of God's love. Take it as your guide.

*The minister addresses the supporting friends*

Will you do all that you can to help and support Claire-Marie and Brian in the bringing up of Starr-Elizabeth? **With the help of God, we will.**

*The minister addresses the wider family and friends*

Will you do all that you can to help and support this family?

**With the help of God, we will.**

*The parents and supporting friends say:*

God our Creator, we thank you for the gift of Starr-Elizabeth entrusted to our care. May we be patient and understanding, ready to guide and to forgive, so that through our love she may come to know your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### 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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## Action Creed

Let us affirm, together our common faith in Jesus Christ:  
**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.**  
**We declare**  
**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!**  
**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**  
**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!**

## 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)

#### **Draw me close to you,**

Never let me go.  
I lay it all down again,  
To hear You say that I'm Your friend.  
You are my desire,  
No one else will do,  
'Cause nothing else could take Your place,  
To feel the warmth of Your embrace.  
Help me find the way,  
Bring me back to You.

You're all I want,  
You're all I've ever needed.  
You're all I want,  
Help me know You are near.

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## Notices

### 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

Haggai Chapter 2 verses 10-23

(Page 1090 before the blue tag)

after the reading:

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## Song

### **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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## Talk

Making a solid start

### 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.

*Charitie L. Bancroft (1841-92)*