

## Notices

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### Services this Sunday

**10.30am** Family Worship      **Preacher**  
Eddie Scrase-Field  
**6.30pm** Global Day of Prayer @ CCF

### Cummersdale

**10.30am** Holy Communion      John Libby

**Mon 24**    **2.45pm** Women's Fellowship

**25/26/27** Homegroups as arranged

**Wed 26**    **10.00am and 1.30 pm** Toddlers

**Thur 27**    **10.30am** Sticky Fingers

**11.30am** Midweek Service

**12.30pm** Leisurely Lunch

**7.30pm** Music Practice

**Fri 28**    **7.45pm** Badminton & Table Tennis

**Sat 29**    **9.30am** Daddy & Me

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### Cummersdale

**10.30am** Morning Worship      Eddie Scrase-Field

### Advance Notice

Advance confirmation for Homegroup Leaders/Co-Leaders and Hosts and for Leaders of any other small groups. **Please keep Saturday morning 19 June free** when we welcome Amiel Osmaston, Diocesan Ministry Development Officer, to our Parish Centre to help us explore how to offer pastoral care and to deal with difficult situations. More details to follow.

**The Gap Tapas Night - Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June, 8.00pm**

**WAGS - Saturday 26 June** - Speaker: Joan Yarker

## 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, Tuesday 8 June 7:30pm (and then for each Tuesday for the following four weeks) in the Parish Centre.**

**Parish Centre Cleaner/Caretaker** - Temporary position available from July-mid September. Up to 9hrs per week @ £6.15ph. Please speak to Mary Hetherington, Parish Office, before Friday 4 June if you are interested.

### Please Pray For:

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

### Flowers on the table today:

In memory of Martha Boustead

### Flowers in the welcome area:

In memory of a loving wife, Angela Baker

Please feel free to take this service sheet away with you

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# SAINT JAMES CHURCH CARLISLE

Family Worship and Baptism  
10.30am, Sunday, 23rd May 2010



Welcome to our service this morning and a special welcome to Maddison Wood and her family as she comes to join our Christian family through baptism. We continue our teaching series this morning looking at how we respond to God when we're under pressure. This morning we focus on Psalm 87 and our God of surprises.

*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:

Nothing impure will ever enter it [the city], nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.  
Revelation 21 verse 27

## Songs

**All my days I will sing this song of gladness,**  
Give my praise to the Fountain of delights;  
For in my helplessness You heard my cry,  
And waves of mercy poured down on my life.

I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer,  
I will sing of the blood that never fails;  
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,  
Of death defeated and life without end.

*Continued .....*

*Beautiful Saviour, Wonderful Counsellor,  
Clothed in majesty, Lord of history,  
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life.  
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness,  
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion,  
And You reign, You reign over all!*

I long to be where the praise is never-ending,  
Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades;  
Where countless worshippers will share one song,  
And cries of 'worthy' will honour the Lamb!

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**Awake, awake, O Zion,**

And clothe yourself with strength,  
Shake off your dust  
And fix your eyes on Him.  
For you have been redeemed by  
The precious blood of Jesus,  
And now you sit enthroned with Him.

*Our God reigns, He is King of all the earth.  
Our God reigns, and He's seated on the throne.  
Lift your voice, and sing a song of praise.  
Our God reigns; the awesome Lord most high.*

How beautiful the feet are  
Of those who bring good news,  
For they proclaim the peace that comes from God.  
Rise up, you holy nation,  
Proclaim the great salvation,  
And say to Zion 'Your God reigns.'

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
Our God is with us now.

The watchmen lift their voices,  
And raise a shout of joy,  
For He will come again.  
Then all eyes will see the  
Salvation of our God,  
For He has redeemed Jerusalem.

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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**

**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**

**Songs Before the Service**

**Your Love is Amazing**

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**Praise Him, you heavens**

And all that's above.  
Praise Him, you angels  
And heavenly hosts.  
Let the whole earth praise Him.  
Praise Him, the sun, moon  
And bright shining stars.  
Praise Him, you heavens  
And waters and skies.  
Let the whole earth praise Him.

*Great in power, great in glory,  
Great in mercy, King of heaven.  
Great in battle, great in wonder,  
Great in Zion, King over all the earth.*

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## Song

### I stand amazed in the presence

Of Jesus the Nazarene,  
And wonder how He could love me,  
A sinner, condemned, unclean.

*How marvellous! How wonderful!  
And my song shall ever be:  
How marvellous! How wonderful!  
Is my Saviour's love for me!*

For me it was in the garden He prayed,  
'Not My will, but Thine':  
He had no tears for His own griefs,  
But sweat drops of blood for mine.

He took my sins and my sorrows,  
He made them His very own;  
He bore the burden of Calvary,  
And suffered and died alone.

When with the ransomed in glory  
His face I at last shall see,  
'Twill be my joy through the ages  
To sing of His love for me.

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## Talk

God of surprises

## Song

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

### Glorious things of thee are spoken,

Zion, city of our God!

He whose word cannot be broken  
Formed thee for His own abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded,  
What can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
Thou mayest smile at all thy foes.

See! The streams of living waters,  
Springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters,  
And all fear of want remove;  
Who can faint, whilst such a river  
Ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
Grace which, like the Lord, the Giver,  
Never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hovering,  
See the cloud and fire appear!  
For a glory and a covering,  
Showing that the Lord is near.  
He who gives them daily manna,  
He who listens when they cry:  
Let Him hear the loud hosanna  
Rising to His throne on high.

Saviour, if of Zion's city  
I, through grace, a member am,  
Let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in Thy name.  
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,  
All his boasted pomp and show,  
Solid joys and lasting treasure  
None but Zion's children know.

## 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

### God's love is the best love

That the world has ever, ever known;  
God's love is the best love  
That the world has ever, ever known.  
Higher than the rockets up in space,  
Wider than the total human race;  
God's love is the best love that the world has ever ever,  
Has ever ever, has ever ever known

## Baptism of a Child

Maddison Wood

We rejoice today with Maddison's family as they thank God for the gift of life and bring her 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 Maddison and uphold her in her new life in Christ?

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

Parents and godparents, the Church receives Maddison with joy. Today we are trusting God for her growth in faith. Will you pray for her, draw her by your example into the community of faith, and walk with her 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 she may be cleansed and delivered from all sin.

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

Maddison Leigh Wood

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 Maddison grows up she will need the help and encouragement of the Christian community. As part of the Church of Christ, we all have a duty to support her by prayer, example and teaching. As parents and godparents, you have the prime responsibility for guiding and helping her in her 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 her in the way of faith.

**Faithful and loving God, bless those who care for Maddison 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:

Maddison, 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.**

**'Surprise, surprise!'**

### 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)

**Your love is amazing,  
Steady and unchanging;  
Your love is a mountain,  
Firm beneath my feet.  
Your love is a mystery,  
How You gently lift me;  
When I am surrounded,  
Your love carries me.**

*Hallelujah, hallelujah,  
Hallelujah, Your love makes me sing.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah,  
Hallelujah, Your love makes me sing.*

Your love is surprising,  
I can feel it rising,  
All the joy that's growing  
Deep inside of me.  
Every time I see You,  
All Your goodness shines through,  
And I can feel this God song  
Rising up in me.

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### Notices

#### Intercessions

**To:** Lord in your mercy  
**Please Respond: Hear our Prayer**

#### 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: Psalm 87** *(English Standard Version)*

- 1 On the holy mount stands the city he founded;
- 2 the LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwelling places of Jacob.
- 3 Glorious things of you are spoken, O city of God.
- 4 Among those who know me I mention Rahab and Babylon; behold, Philistia and Tyre, with Cush—"This one was born there," they say.
- 5 And of Zion it shall be said, "This one and that one were born in her"; for the Most High himself will establish her.
- 6 The LORD records as he registers the peoples, "This one was born there."
- 7 Singers and dancers alike say, "All my springs are in you."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**