

## Notices

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### Services on Sunday

10.30am	Holy Communion	Preacher Eddie Scrase-Field
6.30pm	Evening Worship	Peter Bye

### Cummersdale

10.30am	Morning Worship	Frank Tebbutt
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Mon 13	10.00am	Parent & Toddler Bible Study
14/15	6.00pm	Carol singing around the Parish
Wed 15	10.00am	Toddlers Service and Party
Thur 16	10.30am	Sticky Fingers
	11.30am	Midweek Service
	12.30pm	Leisurely Lunch
	7.30pm	Music Practice
Fri 17	7.45pm	Badminton & Table Tennis

### Services Next Sunday

10.30am	All Age Nativity	Preacher John Libby
6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight	Eddie Scrase-Field

### Cummersdale

3.00pm	Carols by Candlelight	Eddie Scrase-Field
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## Information

Please sign the sheet in the Welcome Area if you are able to help supply **mince pies or shortbread** for the Christmas services on the 19th or Carol Singing on 14th and 15th.



Don't forget the **Carol Singing** around the parish on 14th and 15th December. Meet at the Parish Centre at 6.00pm and warm up afterwards with a hot drink and mince pie.

In January we will be welcoming two new interns from Brazil to work with us for a year. If anyone has any spare bedding or towels that they could donate, please speak to Mary. We would also like to provide a welcome pack of essential household necessities (washing powder, cleaning products etc).

### Please Pray For:

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

# SAINT JAMES CHURCH CARLISLE

## Holy Communion

10.30am, Sunday 12th December, 2010



Welcome to our service of Holy Communion this morning. We invite all who are baptised and love the Lord to join us at His table. As we prepare for Christmas we continue our teaching series "What's so amazing... about Jesus nativity".

*There is a programme in the Parish Centre for children up to the age of 12, and any children visiting us today are invited 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 are new to St. James' please fill in one of the Welcome Cards on the pews.*

*If you have a mobile telephone, please ensure that it is turned off. Thank you.*

## Welcome

Opening Sentence:

But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.

*Galations Chapter 4 Verses 4-5*

## Hymn

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.**

*Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

*Continued.....*

Please feel free to take this service sheet away with you

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Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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**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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### **Collect for Purity**

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires  
known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse  
the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy  
Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily  
magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

We pray for strength to keep Jesus' commandments:

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all  
your mind, with all your soul and with all your strength:

**Lord, help us to obey.**

Love your neighbour as yourself:

**Lord, help us to obey.**

Love one another as I have loved you:

**Lord, help us to obey.**

**In your mercy strengthen us**

**and move our hearts to do your will. Amen.**

### **Confession:**

Father God, we want to say sorry for all the times when  
we have not behaved as you want, and when we have let  
you down.

For the wrong things we have done, Father God

**Forgive us, for we are sorry**

For the wrong things we have said, Father God

**Forgive us, for we are sorry**

For the wrong things we have thought, Father God

**Forgive us, for we are sorry**

And for the things we should have done, should have  
said, and should have thought, but didn't, Father God

**Forgive us, for we are sorry.**

**We ask in Jesus name. Amen**

### **Promise 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.

## **Songs Before the Service**

### **My Jesus, my Saviour,**

Lord, there is none like You.

All of my days I want to praise

The wonders of Your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter,

Tower of refuge and strength,

Let every breath, all that I am,

Never cease to worship You.

*Shout to the Lord all the earth, let us sing*

*Power and majesty, praise to the King.*

*Mountains bow down*

*And the seas will roar*

*At the sound of Your name.*

*I sing for joy at the work of Your hands.*

*Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.*

*Nothing compares to the*

*Promise I have in You.*

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### **Jesus Christ, I think upon Your sacrifice,**

You became nothing, poured out to death.

Many times I've wondered at Your gift of life,

And I'm in that place once again.

And I'm in that place once again.

*And once again I look upon*

*The cross where You died,*

*I'm humbled by Your mercy*

*And I'm broken inside.*

*Once again I thank You,*

*Once again I pour out my life.*

Now You are exalted to the highest place,

King of the heavens, where one day I'll bow.

But for now, I marvel at this saving grace,

And I'm full of praise once again.

I'm full of praise once again.

Thank You for the cross,

Thank You for the cross,

Thank You for the cross, my Friend.

*(Repeat)*

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### **Be lifted up, be lifted up.**

As we bow down,

Be lifted up.

*(Repeat)*

Let the heavens rejoice,

Let the nations be glad.

Let the whole earth tremble,

For You are God.

Come and worship the Lord

In the beauty of holiness.

As we bow down,

Be lifted up.

*(Repeat)*

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With your whole church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voices to join the eternal song of heaven, saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory  
Glory be to you, O Lord most high.

### The Administration

*These words are said at the administration of the bread:*

May the body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving.

*These words are said at the administration of the cup:*

May the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you, and be thankful.

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son, and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Acclamation

Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again

### Song

**There is a Redeemer,**  
Jesus, God's own Son,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Holy One.

*Thank You, O my Father,  
For giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit—  
Till the work on earth is done.*

Jesus my Redeemer,  
Name above all names,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
O for sinners slain.

When I stand in glory  
I will see His face,  
And there I'll serve my King forever  
In that holy place.

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### Closing Prayer and Blessing

**Please join us for Refreshments in the  
Parish Centre after the Service**

### Song

**Lord, I lift your name on high;**  
Lord, I love to sing Your praises.  
I'm so glad You're in my life;  
I'm so glad You came to save us.

*You came from heaven to earth to show the way,  
From the earth to the cross,  
My debt to pay.  
From the cross to the grave,  
From the grave to the sky,  
Lord, I lift Your name on high.*

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### Action Creed

**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

We are family

### 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 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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## 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 forever. Amen.**

### Reading:

Galations Chapter 4 verses 4-7  
(Page 237 after the blue tag)

after the reading:

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

Why did Jesus come this way?

### Song

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

**Breathe on me, breath of God,  
Fill me with life anew;  
That I may love what Thou dost love  
And do what Thou wouldst do.**

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Until my heart is pure;  
Until my will is one with Thine  
To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Till I am wholly Thine;  
Until this earthly part of me  
Glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
So shall I never die,  
But live with Thee the perfect life  
Of Thine eternity.

*Edwin Hatch*

### 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.**

## Holy Communion

Hear the words of comfort our Saviour Christ says to  
all who truly turn to him:

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I  
will give you rest. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten  
Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but  
have eternal life. *John 3:16*

Hear what Saint Paul says: This saying is true and worthy  
of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world  
to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

Hear what Saint John says: If anyone sins, we have an  
advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and  
he is the propitiation for our sins. *1 John 2:1,2*

**Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in.  
Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared;  
we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your  
table. But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and  
share your bread with sinners. So cleanse and feed us  
with the precious body and blood of your Son, that he  
may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the  
whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your  
kingdom. Amen.**

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;  
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us,  
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children  
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life  
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross  
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his  
friends he took bread, and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of Him;  
His body is the bread of life.**

At the end of the supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new  
covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of  
sins; do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of Him;  
His blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,  
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine  
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts  
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**