

Notices

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Services this Sunday

10.30am Morning Worship
6.30pm Evening Worship

Preacher

Wendy Downey
Joan Yarker

Cummersdale

10.30am Holy Communion John Libby

Mon 14 10.00am Parent and Toddler Bible Study

2.45pm Women's Fellowship

Wed 16 10.00 am and 1.30 pm Toddlers

Thur 17 10.30 am Sticky Fingers

7.00pm Bereavement Support Group

7.30pm Music Practice

Services Next Sunday

10.30am Morning Worship
6.30pm Evening Worship

Preacher

Peter Bye
Tony Bashford

Cummersdale

10.30am Morning Worship Wendy Downey

Information

Visiting team meeting on **24th March** in the Parish Centre at **2.00pm**.

Daddy and Me on 26th March at 9.30am. A chance for Dads to come together and for you to play with your little children.

CMS now want to issue Garry's Link Letter via email or post directly to all who wish to receive it. There are lists at the back of church. If you want to receive via email then please show your name and email address. For those without internet access, please show your name and postal address. A new Link Letter is due shortly so please sign up as soon as possible.

St James' WAGs (Women and God)

Saturday 26 March 9.30-12.30

A chance for women of all ages to get together for prayer, worship and fellowship. Speaker: Annie Gray on 'How we make being a Christian real in Family life'

Please Pray For:

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

Please also remember the families and friends of Doreen Marrs, David Clarke and Garth Grinham in their bereavement.

Please feel free to take this service sheet away with you

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SAINT JAMES CHURCH CARLISLE

Family Worship and Thanksgiving
10.30am, Sunday, 13th March 2011



Welcome to our service of morning worship, and a special welcome to Harriet, Zach and Seth and their families as they come to say thank you to God for the gift of these children. We continue our teaching series as we explore and reflect on the psalms Jesus himself used in the week before Easter.

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:

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: "The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes?"

Matthew Chapter 21 verse 42

Song

Give thanks to the Lord,

Our God and King:

His love endures forever.

For He is good, He is above all things.

His love endures forever.

Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand

And an outstretched arm

His love endures forever.

For the life that's been reborn.

His love endures forever.

Sing praise, sing praise.

Sing praise, sing praise.

Continued....

*Forever God is faithful,
Forever God is strong,
Forever God is with us,
Forever.
(Repeat)
Forever.*

From the rising to the setting sun,
His love endures forever.
By the grace of God, we will carry on.
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.
Sing praise, sing praise.

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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

Harriet May Huey
Zack and Seth McCormick

We are here today to give thanks for Harriet, Zack and
Seth with their family and friends, and to support their
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.

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.

The Huey family comes forward.

There is one name under heaven

By which men can be saved,
Jesus alone.
Only one name under heaven,
Jesus, and Jesus alone.

One sacrifice,
One holy Lamb
Shed His own blood,
Paid for my sin;
And this righteous One,
God's only Son,
I sing my praises to Him,
I sing my praises to Him.

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He is exalted,

The King is exalted on high,
I will praise Him.
He is exalted,
Forever exalted
And I will praise His name!

He is the Lord,
Forever His truth shall reign.
Heaven and earth
Rejoice in His holy name.
He is exalted,
The King is exalted on high!

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Sermon

The stone the builders rejected

Song

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

In Christ alone my hope is found,

He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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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 and Cornerstone
lunch in the Parish Centre.**

What name have you given this child?

A parent replies:

Her name is Harriet May Huey

Do you receive Harriet 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***

The minister takes the child.

As Jesus took children in his arms and blessed them, so now we ask God's blessing on Harriet.

Heavenly Father, we praise you for her birth; surround her with your blessing that she may know your love, be protected from evil, and know your goodness all her days. **Amen.**

May Harriet 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 Stacey and Jonathan, and give them grace to love and care for Harriet. May God give them wisdom, patience and faith, help them to provide for Harriet'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 Stacey and Jonathan in the bringing up of Harriet?

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 Harriet 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.**

The McCormick family come forward.

What name have you given these children?

A parent replies:

Their names are Zach McCormick and Seth McCormick

Do you receive Zach and Seth 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***

The minister takes the child.

As Jesus took children in his arms and blessed them, so now we ask God's blessing on Zach/Seth.

Heavenly Father, we praise you for his birth; surround him with your blessing that he may know your love, be protected from evil, and know your goodness all his days. **Amen.**

May Zach and Seth 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 John and Rebecca, and give them grace to love and care for Zach and Seth. May God give them wisdom, patience and faith, help them to provide for Zach and Seth's needs and, by their example, reveal the love and truth that are in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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Will you do all that you can to help and support John and Rebecca in the bringing up of Zach and Seth?

With the help of God, we will.

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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 Zach and Seth entrusted to our care. May we be patient and understanding, ready to guide and to forgive, so that through our love they may come to know your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.

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

Jesus our cornerstone

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)

Faithful one, so unchanging,
Ageless One, You're my Rock of peace.
Lord of all, I depend on You,
I call out to You again and again.
I call out to You again and again.
You are my rock in times of trouble.
You lift me up when I fall down.
All through the storm Your love is the anchor,
My hope is in You alone.

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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

Psalm Chapter 118 verses 22-29

(Page 709 before the blue tag)

after the reading:

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Song

You have called us chosen,

A royal priesthood,

A holy nation,

We belong to You.

(Repeat)

Take our lives as a sacrifice;

Shine in us Your holy light.

Purify our hearts' desire;

Be to us a consuming fire.

You have shown us mercy,

You have redeemed us;

Our hearts cry 'Father,

We belong to You.'

(Repeat)

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