

Notices

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Services on Sunday

10.30am Family Worship
6.30pm Evening Worship

Preacher

Paul McVittie
John Libby

Cummersdale

10.30am Morning Worship

Frank Tebbutt

Services Next Sunday

10.30am All Age Service
6.30pm Evening Worship

Preacher

Kate Davidson
Eddie Scrase-Field

Cummersdale

10.30am Holy Communion

Paul McVittie

Wed 4 10.00 am and 1.30pm Toddlers

7.30pm Prayer and Praise

Thur 5 10.30am Sticky Fingers

7.00pm Bereavement Support Group

Notices

The Parish Office will be **closed** on Monday 2nd May.

Homegroup leaders - please collect bookmarks and study sheets from your pigeon hole.

May magazines and **Prayer diaries** are now available.

For the first time ever, next month, the whole Bible will be available in Kazakh. To celebrate the Operation Mobilisation (OM) Team are having a 'Read through the New Testament in one day' event at our Carlisle office on Wed 4th May 2011. We invite you to join with us for any part of the day or to sponsor us. The money we raise will go towards providing digital versions of the Bible in Kazakh (on memory sticks and DVD). For more information see the mission board or ask Dawn Mallon 592930, dawn.mallon@om.org.

Living Word

Tuesday 10th May -
Thursday 12th May



10.30am - 12.00 Examining the book of Ezekiel
7.30 - 9.00pm The book of Romans revealed

We are welcoming back Dominic Smart, a first-class communicator to help us open up God's Word and create reflections and conversations with one another.

The Methodist Church, Wigton Road, Carlisle

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.

Please remember George and Joan Yarker and their family in their recent loss of Peggy. Peggy's funeral will be held in church on Tuesday 3rd May at 2.00pm, followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre.

Please feel free to take this service sheet away with you

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S A I N T J A M E S C H U R C H C A R L I S L E

Family Worship and Thanksgiving
10.30am, Sunday, 1st May 2011



Welcome to our service this morning and a special welcome to Zack and his family as they come to say thank you to God for the gift of their child. We begin a new teaching series looking at some aspects of King David's story as told in 1 Chronicles.

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:

Saul died because he was unfaithful to the Lord; he did not keep the word of the Lord and even consulted a medium for guidance, and did not inquire of the Lord. So the Lord put him to death and turned the kingdom over to David son of Jesse.

1 Chronicles 10 vs 13-14

Songs

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.*

Continued....

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:

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

Zack George Maxfield

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

Blessing and honour, glory and power

Be unto the Ancient of Days;
From every nation, all of creation
Bow before the Ancient of Days.

*Every tongue in heaven and earth
Shall declare Your glory,
Every knee shall bow at Your throne
In worship;
You will be exalted, O God,
And Your kingdom shall not pass away,
O Ancient of Days.*

Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth:

Sing unto the Ancient of Days.

For none shall compare to Your matchless worth:

Sing unto the Ancient of Days.

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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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Zack's family comes forward.

What name have you given this child?

A parent replies:

His name is Zack George Maxfield

Do you receive Zack 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 Zack.

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

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

Song

Who's the king of the jungle?

Who's the king of the sea?

Who's the king of the universe

And who's the king of me?

I'll tell you J-E-S-U-S is,

He's the King of me,

He's the King of the universe,

The jungle and the sea.

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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

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)

How deep the Father's love for us,

How vast beyond all measure,

That He should give His only Son

To make a wretch His treasure.

How great the pain of searing loss –

The Father turns His face away,

As wounds which mar the Chosen One

Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,

My sin upon His shoulders;

Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice

Call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held Him there

Until it was accomplished;

His dying breath has brought me life –

I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,

No gifts, no power, no wisdom;

But I will boast in Jesus Christ,

His death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from His reward?

I cannot give an answer;

But this I know with all my heart –

His wounds have paid my ransom.

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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:

1 Chronicles Chapter 10 verses 1-14

(page 485 before the blue tag)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Saul: a bit of background

Song

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

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder

Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,

I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,

Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,

How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,

How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander

And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;

When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,

And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;

And when I think that God His Son not sparing,

Sent Him to die—I scarce can take it in.

That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,

He bled and died to take away my sin:

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation

And take me home—what joy shall fill my heart!

Then shall I bow in humble adoration

And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

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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**