

Notices

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Services on Sunday

10.30am Family Worship
6.30pm Holy Communion

Preacher

Eddie Scrase-Field
John Libby

Cummersdale

10.30am Morning Worship

Joan Yarker

Services Next Sunday

10.30am Family Worship
6.30pm Evening Worship

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Mon 23 **10.00am** Parent and Toddler Bible Study
11.30am Women's Fellowship Meal at Denton House
Wed 25 **10.00 am and 1.30pm** Toddlers
12noon Cornerstone Prayer Meeting
Thur 26 **10.30am** Sticky Fingers
7 for 7.30pm Men's Curry Night

Notices

The Gap are meeting **today** for a bring and share picnic lunch at 1.00pm at Bitts Park - meet in the Sheepmount car park. Please see Adrian or Helen Hamilton for more information.

Men's Curry Night - 7 for 7.30 pm, Thursday **26th May**, INDIGO restaurant, Denton St. £12 for all the curry you can eat! Feel free to bring a friend! Please let John know if you are coming.

Christian Institute meeting, Tuesday 24 May 7pm Emmanuel Church, Workington. Flyers at back of church

Great North Run 18th Sept 2011

Are you up to training for this half marathon? A few places available for anyone willing and able to run in support of one of our mission partners, Kepplewray. Email john.libby@btinternet.com for details. "the best day out"... "everyone should do it at least once"...!

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 refreshments, a talk, a time for discussion, and a chance to make new friends. **Next course starts, Tuesday 31 May 7:30pm.**



Please Pray For:

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

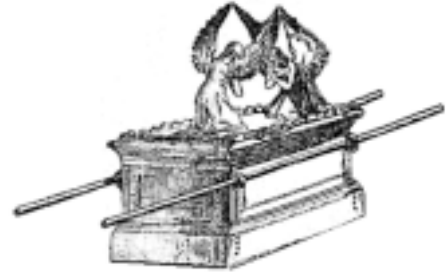
Flowers on the table: In memory of Martha Boustead

Flowers in the Welcome area: In memory of a loving wife, Angela Baker

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SAINT JAMES CHURCH CARLISLE

Family Worship and Thanksgiving
10.30am, Sunday, 22nd May 2011



Welcome to our service of morning worship, and a special welcome to Fletcher and Kayla and their families as they come to say thank you to God for the gift of these children. We continue our series looking at 1 Chronicles. David moves the Ark into the presence of God's people. Likewise, Jesus by His spirit, wants to bring the presence of God into our lives.

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 answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John Chapter 14 verse 6

Songs

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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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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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

Fletcher James Laurence Davidson
Kayla Emily Eccles-Graham

We are here today to give thanks for Fletcher and Kayla
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.

Finish then Thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place;
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love and praise.

Charles Wesley

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
in the Parish Centre**

Reading

1 Chronicles Chapter 13 verses 1-14, Chapter 15 verses 11-16 and Chapter 16 verses 1-6

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after the reading:

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Song

Now, in reverence and awe

We gather round Your word;
In wonder we draw near
To mysteries that angels strain to hear,
That prophets dimly saw:
So let Your Spirit
Shine upon the page and...

*Teach me,
Open my eyes with truth to free me,
Light to chase the lies.
Lord Jesus, let me meet You in Your word;
Lord Jesus, let me meet You in Your word.*

Lord, Your truth cannot be chained,
It searches everything -
My secrets, my desires.
Your word is like a hammer and a fire,
It breaks, it purifies:
So let Your Spirit
Shine into my heart and...

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Sermon

Can we have our Ark back?

Song

(During these songs the offering will be taken up to the front)

Love divine, all loves excelling,

Joy of heaven to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Continued...

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.

Fletcher's family comes forward.

What name have you given this child?

A parent replies:

His name is Fletcher James Laurence Davidson

Do you receive Fletcher 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 Fletcher.
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 Fletcher 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 Rebecca and Mark, and give them grace to love and care for Fletcher. May God give them wisdom, patience and faith, help them to provide for Fletcher'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 Rebecca and Mark in the bringing up of Fletcher?

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 Fletcher 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.**

Kayla's family come forward.

What name have you given this child?

A parent replies:

Her name is Kayla Emily Eccles-Graham

Do you receive Kayla 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 Kayla. 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 Kayla 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 Vicky and Gordon, and give them grace to love and care for Kayla. May God give them wisdom, patience and faith, help them to provide for Kayla's needs and, by their example, reveal the love and truth that are in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Giving of the Gospel

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The minister addresses the supporting friends

Will you do all that you can to help and support Vicky and Gordon in the bringing up of Kayla?

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 Kayla 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

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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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)

Jesus, be the centre,
Be my source, be my light,
Jesus.

Jesus, be the Centre,
Be my hope, be my song,
Jesus.

*Be the fire in my heart,
Be the wind in these sails;
Be the reason that I live,
Jesus, Jesus.*

Jesus, be my vision,
Be my path, be my guide,
Jesus.

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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**