

Notices

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Services this Sunday

10.30am Family Worship
6.30pm Evening Worship

Preacher

Wendy Downey
Kim Hoeltherhoff

Cummersdale

10.30am Morning Worship

Peter Bye

Services Next Sunday

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Wendy Downey

Mon 1 2.30pm Women's Fellowship Chat
Wed 3 10.30 am Toddlers Drop in Coffee & Play
Thur 4 12noon Sticky Fingers Picnic Lunch

Notices

The Mission Committee has sent a gift from our Crisis Fund to Tearfund for the **East Africa Crisis**. There are plates at the back of church if you would like to contribute to this gift.



We need you!

We're looking for people to join the Intercessors team. If you are interested in this, please contact Mary in the Parish Office.

Please Pray For:

Those who are ill or in hospital at this time, especially Fiona Hurley, Peggy Fluck, Glenda Davidson, Ann Bailey, Maureen Richardson, Joyce Mason, Rita Norman, Nora Klein and Sam Harris and family.

Those recently bereaved including the family and friends of Julie Martin

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, 31st July 2011



Welcome to our service of morning worship, and a special welcome to Olivia and Harvey and their families as they come to say thank you to God for the gift of their children. We continue our series looking at some of Jesus' teaching in Matthew's gospel. The kingdom of heaven is like...

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 told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field".
Matthew Chapter 13 verse 31

Song

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise

Who can compare to His greatness?
Creation displays in magnificent ways
His glory, His majesty, His splendour

*Great is the Father, great is the Son
Great is the Spirit, great is the Three In One
Singing great is the Lord
Great in His mercy, great in His love
Great in His power, great in His fullness above
Singing great is the Lord*

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise
Who can determine His greatness?
The heavens display in extravagant ways
Your glory, Your majesty, Your splendour

How marvellous, how glorious You are
How powerful, how merciful You are

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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

Olivia Moynan
Harvey Murray

We are here today to give thanks for Olivia and Harvey
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
heaven.

**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.**

The minister addresses the wider family and friends

Will you do all that you can to help and support these
families?

With the help of God, we will.

The parents and supporting friends say:

God our Creator, we thank you for the gift of these
children entrusted to our care. May we be patient and
understanding, ready to guide and to forgive; for we ask
in Jesus' name, Amen.

Olivia's family come forward.

What name have you given this child?

A parent replies:

Her name is Olivia Moynan

Do you receive Olivia 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

Songs before the service

We stand and lift up our hands,
For the joy of the Lord is our strength.
We bow down and worship Him now;
How great, how awesome is He.

And together we sing,
Everyone sing:

*Holy is the Lord God Almighty;
The earth is filled with His glory.
Holy is the Lord God Almighty;
The earth is filled with His glory,
The earth is filled with His glory.*

It's rising up all around,
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown.

(Repeat)

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Shout for joy and sing your praises to the King,
Lift your voice and let your hallelujahs ring;
Come before His throne to worship and adore,
Enter joyfully now the presence of the Lord.

You are my Creator, You are my Deliverer,
You are my Redeemer, You are Lord,
And You are my Healer.

You are my Provider,
You are now my Shepherd and my Guide,
Jesus, Lord and King, I worship You.

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Holy, Holy, God Almighty,

Who was and is to come.

God of glory, You're so worthy,

All the saints bow down.

*Holy is Your name in all the earth.
Righteous are Your ways, so merciful.
Everything You've done is just and true.
Holy, holy God are You.
Holy, holy God are You.*

All blessing, all honour belongs to You.

All power, all wisdom is Yours.

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*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

**Prayer ministry is available in the
front right pew after the service**

**Please join us for refreshments
in the Parish Centre**

The minister addresses the supporting friends
Will you do all that you can to help and support Jemma and Wayne in the bringing up of Olivia?

With the help of God, we will.

The minister takes the child.

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

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

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.

Harvey's family come forward.

What name have you given this child?

His parent replies:

His name is Harvey Thomas Murray

Do you receive Harvey 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 addresses the supporting friends

Will you do all that you can to help and support Terri in the bringing up of Harvey?

With the help of God, we will.

The minister takes the child.

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

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 Harvey 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 parent

May God the Father of all bless Terri, and give her grace to love and care for Harvey. May God give her wisdom, patience and faith, help her to provide for Harvey's needs and, by her example, reveal the love and truth that are in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A copy of a Gospel is presented, with these words

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Song

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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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

Growing Up

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)

Holy, holy,
Holy is the Lord God Almighty.
(Repeat)
Who was and is and is to come,
Who was and is and is to come.

Lift up His name with the sound of singing,
Lift up His name in all the earth.
Lift up your voice and give Him glory,
For He is worthy to be praised.

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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**

Reading

Matthew Chapter 13 verses 31, 32 and 34

(Page 20 after the blue tag)

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and perch in its branches." Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable.

after the reading:

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Song

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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Sermon

.... a mustard seed

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:

Continued...