

Notices

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Services this Sunday

10.30am Family Worship
6.30pm Holy Communion

Preacher

Paul McVittie
John Libby

Cummersdale

10.30am Morning Worship

John Libby

Services Next Sunday

10.30am All Age Service
6.30pm Evening Worship*

Preacher

John Libby
Wendy Downey

*Please note: this is a change from the Term Card

Cummersdale

10.30am Morning Worship

Paul McVittie

Notices

Please join us to pray for Cornerstone on **Wednesday 31st August at 12noon** meeting at Denton Street.

Homegroup Leaders Meeting on **Wednesday 31st August at 7.30pm** in the Parish Centre.

On **Sunday 4th September at 4.30pm** in the Sports Hall there will be an Afternoon Tea with an opportunity to catch up with Lucy Goldie. Please sign up at the back of church if you would like to attend and if you can help making cakes or savouries.

This Sunday is the last opportunity to give towards the **East Africa Famine Appeal**. The Mission Committee initially sent £2000 from the Crisis Fund and a further £614.77 from the plates will now be sent to Tearfund.

Camping equipment required!

Nick would like to borrow camping equipment for the week beginning the **5th of September**. Specifically a camping/cooking stove and cooking gear would be great although ground mats etc would be welcome too. Please see Nick if you can help.



Please Pray For:

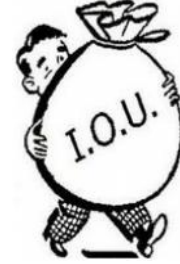
Those who are ill or in hospital at this time, especially Fiona Hurley, Peggy Fluck, Glenda Davidson, Ann Bailey, Joyce Mason, Rita Norman and Sam Harris.

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SAINT JAMES CHURCH CARLISLE

**Family Worship and Thanksgiving
10.30am, Sunday, 28th August 2011**



Welcome to our service of morning worship, and a special welcome to Keaton and Riley and their families as they come to say thank you to God for the gift of their children. We continue 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:

"The servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

Matthew Chapter 18 verses 26-27

Songs

God of Grace and God of Glory,
On Thy people pour Thy power;
Crown Thine ancient church's story;
Bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom,
Grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us
Scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
Free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom,
Grant us courage,
For the living of these days.

Continued.....

Heal Thy children's warring madness;
Bend our pride to Thy control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom,
Grant us courage,
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places;
Gird our lives that they may be
Armoured with all Christlike graces
In the fight to set men free.
Grant us wisdom,
Grant us courage,
That we fail not man nor Thee.

Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the search for Thy salvation
Be our glory ever more.
Grant us wisdom,
Grant us courage,
Serving Thee whom we adore.

H. E. Fosdick

All who are thirsty,
All who are weak,
Come to the fountain,
Dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of His mercy,
As deep cries out to deep.
(We sing)

Come, Lord Jesus, come. (x4)

Holy Spirit come. (x3)

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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.**

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

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

Matthew Chapter 18 verses 21-35

(Page 27 after the blue tag)

after the reading:

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Song

Your grace is enough more than I need

At your word I will believe

I wait for you draw near again

Let your Spirit make me new

And I will fall at your feet

I will fall at your feet

And I will worship you here

Your presence in me

Jesus light the way

By the power of your word

I am restored I am redeemed

By your Spirit I am free

Freely you gave it all for us

Surrendered your life upon that cross

Great is the love poured out for all

This is our God

Lifted on high from death to life

Forever our God is glorified

Servant and King rescued the world

This is our God

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Sermon

The kingdom of heaven is like a king settling accounts

Song

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

And can it be that I should gain

An interest in the Saviour's blood?

Died He for me, who caused His pain?

For me, who Him to death pursued?

Amazing love! how can it be

That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies:

Who can explore His strange design?

In vain the first-born seraph tries

To sound the depths of love divine!

'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,

Let angel minds inquire no more.

He left His Father's throne above,

So free, so infinite His grace;

Emptied Himself of all but love,

And bled for Adam's helpless race.

'Tis mercy all, immense and free;

For, O my God, it found out me.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay

Fast bound in sin and nature's night;

Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,

I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;

My chains fell off, my heart was free;

I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

Continued.....

Thanksgiving for the birth of a child

Keaton Jay Nevison

Riley James Hilton

We are here today to give thanks for Keaton and Riley 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.

Keaton's family come forward.

What name have you given this child?

A parent replies:

His name is Keaton Jay Nevison

Do you receive Keaton 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 Amy and Anthony in the bringing up of Keaton?

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 Keaton.

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 Keaton 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 Amy and Anthony, and give them grace to love and care for Keaton. May God give them wisdom, patience and faith, help them to provide for Keaton'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.

Riley's family come forward.

What name have you given this child?

A parent replies:

His name is Riley James Hilton

Do you receive Riley 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 Kerry and Liam in the bringing up of Riley?

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 Riley.

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 Riley 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 Kerry and Liam, and give them grace to love and care for Riley. May God give them wisdom, patience and faith, help them to provide for Riley'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

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Song

Our God is a great big God,

Our God is a great big God,

Our God is a great big God

And He holds us in His hands.

He's higher than a skyscraper

And He's deeper than a submarine.

He's wider than the universe

And beyond my wildest dreams.

And He's known me and He's loved me

Since before the world began.

How wonderful to be a part

Of God's amazing plan!

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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)

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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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