

Notices

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Services this Sunday

10.30am Family Worship
6.30pm Evening Worship

Preacher

John Libby
Paul McVittie

Cummersdale

10.30am Morning Worship

Darren Dotson LCM

Services Next Sunday

10.30am Harvest Guest Service
6.30pm Holy Communion

Preacher

John Libby
Peter Cantley

Cummersdale

10.30am Morning Worship

Kim Hoelterhoff

Mon 26 10.00am Parent & Toddler Bible Study
2.45pm Women's Fellowship
27/28/29 Homegroups as arranged
Wed 28 10.00 am and 1.30pm Toddlers
Thur 29 10.30am Sticky Fingers
11.30am Midweek Service
12.30pm Leisurely Lunch
7.30pm Music Group Meeting (all welcome)

Notices

After tonight's service London City Mission will be presenting the work they do in our capital city. Alternatively you can hear more at Women's Fellowship tomorrow at 2.45pm, all are welcome!

Bible notes are available to collect from pigeon holes.



Harvest: If you can help making up boxes on **Sunday evening 2nd October** or with distributing gifts on **Monday 3rd October**, please sign up on the sheet at the back of church.

The Scottish Christian singer **Yvonne Lyon** (as heard at Keswick convention 2011) is coming to sing in the Church of Scotland in Chapel Street on Saturday 1st October. Tickets priced £10 from Church of Scotland office 591757 or from David Pitkeathly 593243.

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 4 Oct 7:30pm**



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, Sam Harris and Joan White.

Flowers on the table: Mr and Mrs Yarker.

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 Baptism
10.30am, Sunday, 25th September 2011



Welcome to our service this morning and a special welcome to Jack and Imogen and their families as they come to join our Christian family through baptism. We continue to look at Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

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:

"Let him who boasts boast in the Lord."

1 Corinthians 1 verse 31b

Song

Praise, my soul, the king of heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like thee His praise should sing?
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise Him for His grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise Him, still the same forever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like, He tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Widely as His mercy flows.

Continued....

Angels help us to adore Him;
Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise with us the God of grace!

Henry Frances Lyte

Time of Confession:

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins.
For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for
our lives;

Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do, and think and say;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you by
temptations in the world about us
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

Assurance of forgiveness

Listen to God's promise to all who are truly sorry: As
high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His
love for those who respond to Him. As far as the east is
from the west, so far has He removed our sins from us.

Song

Over all the earth,
You reign on high,
Every mountain stream,
Every sunset sky.
But my one request,
Lord, my only aim
Is that You'd reign in me again.

*Lord, reign in me,
Reign in Your power;
Over all my dreams,
In my darkest hour.
You are the Lord of all I am,
So won't You reign in me again?*

Over every thought,
Over every word,
May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord;
'Cause You mean more to me
Than any earthly thing,
So won't You reign in me again?

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Song

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

'Jesus is Lord' - the cry that echoes through creation;
Resplendent power, eternal Word, our Rock.
The Son of God, the King whose glory fills the heavens,
Yet bids us come to taste this living Bread.

Jesus is Lord - whose voice sustains the stars and planets,
Yet in His wisdom laid aside His crown.
Jesus the Man, who washed our feet, who bore our suffering,
Became a curse to bring salvation's plan.

Jesus is Lord - the tomb is gloriously empty!
Not even death could crush this King of love!
The price is paid, the chains are loosed, and we're forgiven,
And we can run into the arms of God.

'Jesus is Lord' - a shout of joy, a cry of anguish,
As He returns, and every knee bows low.
Then every eye and every heart will see His glory,
The Judge of all will take His children home.

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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**

Baptism of a Child

Jack Mawson
Imogen Sophia Rushton

We rejoice today with Jack and Imogen's families as they thank God for the gift of life and bring them for baptism.

Faith is the gift of God to His people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom He is calling. People of God, will you welcome Jack and Imogen and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

All: With the help of God, we will.

Parents and godparents, the Church receives Jack and Imogen with joy. Today we are trusting God for their growth in faith. Will you pray for them, draw them by your example into the community of faith, and walk with them in the way of Christ?

Parents and godparents: With the help of God, we will.

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

Answer: I reject them

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

Answer: I renounce them

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

Answer: I repent of them

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

Answer: I turn to Christ

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

Answer: I submit to Christ

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

Answer: I come to Christ

Let us affirm together with parents and godparents our common faith in Jesus Christ:

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!

Praise God who made heaven and earth.

All: Who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Almighty God, whose son Jesus Christ was baptised in the River Jordan: we thank you for the gift of water to cleanse us and revive us.

Bless your servants who are washed in this water, that they may be cleansed and delivered from all sin.

In your time Lord, send your Holy Spirit upon them, bring them to new birth in the household of faith, and raise them with Christ to full and eternal life; for all might, majesty, authority and power are yours, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The party moves to the font

Jack Mawson
Imogen Sophia Rushton

I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Christ claims you for His own. Receive the sign of His cross. Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

All: Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of His glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

As Jack and Imogen grow up they will need the help and encouragement of the Christian community. As part of the Church of Christ, we all have a duty to support them by prayer, example and teaching. As parents and godparents, you have the prime responsibility for guiding and helping them in their early years. This is a demanding task for which you will need the help and grace of God. Therefore let us now pray for grace in guiding them in the way of faith.

Faithful and loving God, bless those who care for Jack and Imogen and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith. Pour upon them your healing and reconciling love, and protect their home from all evil. Fill them with the light of your presence and establish them in the joy of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
Jack and Imogen by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

**All: We welcome you into the fellowship of faith.
We are children of the same heavenly Father;
We welcome you.**

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

To: Lord in your mercy
Please Respond: Hear our Prayer

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 Corinthians Chapter 1 verses 20 - 31
(page 208 after the blue tag)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Where is the wise man?