

Notices

For further details on any of these events or activities,
please contact the Parish Office on 810616.
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Services this Sunday

10.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evening Worship

Preacher

Paul McVittie
Keith Mallon

Cummersdale

10.30am Morning Worship Wendy Downey

Services Next Sunday

10.30am All Age Nativity
6.30pm Carols by Candlelight

Preacher

Kate Davidson
John Libby

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3.00pm Carols by Candlelight John Libby

Mon 12 10.00am Parent & Toddler Bible Study

2.45pm Women's Fellowship

13/14 6.30pm Carol Singing around the Parish

Wed 14 10.00am-11.30am Toddlers Service & Party

12 noon Cornerstone Prayer Meeting

Thur 15 10.30am Sticky Fingers

7.00pm Bereavement Support Group

Notices

If you can provide **mince pies and shortbread** for Carol Singing (13th/14th Dec) and the Christmas services (18th Dec) - please sign up at the back of Church.

Could you help out with **Toddlers** on a Wednesday morning? We need someone to make tea and coffee between 10.00am and 12noon. Please see Kate for more details.

Do you have any **old or spare glasses**? Abbie Pourloukakis is hoping to offer free sight tests and distribute glasses among thousands living in labour camps in Dubai. If you can donate glasses, please hand them in to the Parish Office.

Advance Date for Your Diaries - Cornerstone Fundraising **Ceilidh** with the Woodside Warblers. **Saturday 21st January 7.30pm** in the Parish Centre. More details coming soon...

The Bethlehem Experience. Belle Vue Church of the Nazarene, 51 Moorhouse Road. **Friday 16th 6-8pm, Saturday 17th 11am-2pm, 6-8pm, Sunday 18th 4-7pm.** Come and relive the first Christmas. The Open Arms Inn will also be serving hot and cold food throughout all sessions. Interactive marketplace and first hand accounts of that amazing night 2000 years ago. An experience for the whole family!

Please join us for **Carol Singing** around the Parish **13th and 14th** December at **6.30pm**. Meet in the Parish Centre and warm up afterwards with a mince pie and mulled wine!



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, Barbara Thomson, Caroline Browne and Olive Sanderson.

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

CUMMERSDALE

Morning Worship

10.30am, Sunday 11th December, 2011



Welcome to our service of morning worship. In this busy time of Advent we explore whether we are in danger of missing Christmas!

*If you are new to St. James
please fill in one of the Welcome Cards on the pews*

*If you have a mobile telephone,
please ensure that it is switched off. Thank you.*

Welcome and Notices

Opening Sentence:

Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

John Chapter 1 verse 12

Hymn

As with gladness, men of old
Did the guiding star behold
As with joy they hailed its light
Leading onward, beaming bright
So, most glorious Lord, may we
Evermore be led to Thee.

As with joyful steps they sped
To that lowly manger bed
There to bend the knee before
Him Whom Heaven and earth adore;
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek Thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare
At that manger rude and bare;
So may we with holy joy,
Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.

Continued...

Holy Jesus, every day
Keep us in the narrow way;
And, when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

In the heavenly country bright,
Need they no created light;
Thou its Light, its Joy, its Crown,
Thou its Sun which goes not down;
There forever may we sing
Alleluias to our King!

We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Confession

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

Silence is kept

Lord of grace and truth,
we confess our unworthiness
to stand in your presence as your children.
We have sinned:
forgive and heal us.

The Virgin Mary accepted your call
to be the mother of Jesus.
Forgive our disobedience to your will.
We have sinned:
forgive and heal us.

Your Son our Saviour
was born in poverty in a manger.
Forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.
We have sinned:
forgive and heal us.

The shepherds left their flocks
to go to Bethlehem.
Forgive our self-interest and lack of vision.
We have sinned:
forgive and heal us.

The wise men followed the star
to find Jesus the King.
Forgive our reluctance to seek you.
We have sinned:
forgive and heal us.

Assurance of Forgiveness

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw us to himself, and cleanse us from all our sins that we may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.**

Christmas Blessing

May the humility of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men,
the joy of the angels,
and the peace of the Christ-child
be God's gifts to us and to people everywhere this
Christmas time.

And may the blessing of the God almighty, Father, Son
and Holy Spirit, be with us now and evermore. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Christmas Collect

Almighty God, who gave us your only Son to take our
nature upon him and to be born of a pure virgin, grant
that we, who are born again in him and made your
children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed
by your Holy Spirit through our Lord Jesus Christ, who
lives and reigns with you and the Spirit, one God, now
and for ever. Amen

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 forever. Amen.

Followed by:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore. Amen.

Carol

O come, O come, Emmanuel!
Redeem thy captive Israel
That into exile drear is gone,
Far from the face of God's dear Son.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Branch of Jesse! draw
The quarry from the lion's claw;
From the dread caverns of the grave,
From nether hell, thy people save.

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Pour on our souls thy healing light;
Dispel the long night's lingering gloom,
And pierce the shadows of the tomb.

O Come, thou Lord of David's Key!
The royal door fling wide and free;
Safeguard for us the heavenward road,
And bar the way to death's abode.

O come, O come, Adonai,
Who in thy glorious majesty
From that high mountain clothed in awe,
Gavest thy folk the elder Law.

Reading:

John Chapter 1 verses 1-5 and 10-14

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After the reading:

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Don't miss Christmas!

Carol

(During the singing of this song there will be a collection to support
Christian mission and ministry through St. James. If you are a
guest or visitor please feel free to pass the plate along)

O little town of Bethlehem

How still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight

O morning stars together
Proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God the King
And Peace to men on earth
For Christ is born of Mary
And gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love

How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him still,
The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem
Descend to us, we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in
Be born in us today
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell
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