

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

Cummersdale

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 10.00-11.30am 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!



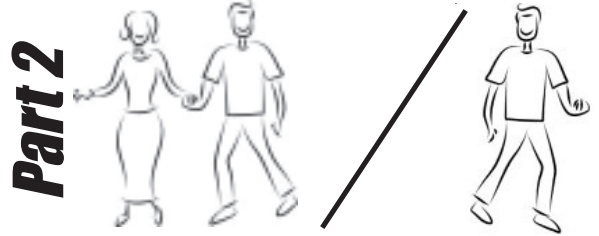
Please Pray For:

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.

SAINT JAMES CHURCH CARLISLE

Holy Communion

10.30am, Sunday 11th December, 2011



Welcome to our service of Holy Communion this morning. We invite all who are baptised and love the Lord to join us at His table. We continue to look at Paul's first letter to the Corinthians as we explore challenges and tensions of marriage, singleness and a life wholly devoted to God.

There is a programme in the Parish Centre for children up to the age of 12, and any children visiting us today are invited 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 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 turned off. Thank you.

Welcome

Opening Sentence:

I am saying this for your own good, not to restrict you, but that you may live in a right way in undivided devotion to the Lord.

1 Corinthians Chapter 7 verse 35

Songs

The heavens sing of Christ
Their praise resounds on earth below
O heart arise, the tune of grace
Is life unto my soul

*Lift your voice
And join the angels,
Join the angels song
Heart sing out
The tune of grace is life unto my soul*

When I was lost and far away
A tune came to my ears
A melody that turned my heart
And stilled my raging fears

Continued....

This grace, it lifts me from despair
It's comfort when I weep
And when I lie encased in death
It wakes me from my sleep

So may I with the angels sing
Of Christ, proclaim his word
Until the tune of grace is heard
And sung in all the world

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We bow down and confess
You are Lord in this place.
We bow down and confess
You are Lord in this place.
You are all I need;
It's Your face I seek.
In the presence of Your light
We bow down, we bow down.

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Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

We pray for strength to keep Jesus' commandments:

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind, with all your soul and with all your strength:

Lord, help us to obey.

Love your neighbour as yourself:

Lord, help us to obey.

Love one another as I have loved you:

Lord, help us to obey.

In your mercy strengthen us

and move our hearts to do your will. Amen.

Confession:

Father God, we want to say sorry for all the times when we have not behaved as you want, and when we have let you down.

For the wrong things we have done, Father God

Forgive us, for we are sorry

For the wrong things we have said, Father God

Forgive us, for we are sorry

For the wrong things we have thought, Father God

Forgive us, for we are sorry

And for the things we should have done, should have said, and should have thought, but didn't, Father God

Forgive us, for we are sorry.

We ask in Jesus name. Amen

Promise 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.

Songs Before the Service

Our God is an awesome God,

He reigns from heaven above,
With wisdom, power and love,
Our God is an awesome God!
Our God is an awesome God,
He reigns from heaven above,
With wisdom, power and love,
Our God is an awesome God!

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You laid aside your majesty,

Gave up everything for me,
Suffered at the hands of those You had created.
You took all my guilt and shame,
When You died and rose again;
Now today You reign,
In heaven and earth exalted.

I really want to worship You, my Lord,
You have won my heart
And I am Yours for ever and ever;
I will love You.

You are the only one who died for me,
Gave Your life to set me free,
So I lift my voice to You in adoration.

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Only by grace can we enter,

Only by grace can we stand;
Not by our human endeavour,
But by the blood of the Lamb.
Into Your presence You call us,
You call us to come.

Into Your presence You draw us,
And now by Your grace we come,
Now by Your grace we come.

Lord, if You mark our transgressions,
Who would stand?

Thanks to Your grace we are cleansed
By the blood of the Lamb.

(Repeat)

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The Administration

These words are said at the administration of the bread:

May the body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving.

These words are said at the administration of the cup:

May the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you, and be thankful.

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son, and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Acclamation

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again**

Song

To God be the glory! Great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son;
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son:
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our worship, when Jesus we see!

Fanny J. Crosby

Closing Prayer and Blessing

**Please join us for Refreshments in the
Parish Centre after the Service**

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

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

Single Minded

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, lover of my soul,
All consuming fire is in Your gaze.
Jesus, I want You to know
I will follow You all my days.
For no one else in history is like You,
And history itself belongs to You.
Alpha and Omega, You have loved me,
And I will share eternity with You.**

It's all about You, Jesus,
And all this is for You,
For Your glory and Your fame.
It's not about me,
As if You should do things my way;
You alone are God,
And I surrender to Your ways.

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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.

Reading:

1 Corinthians Chapter 7 verses 25-40
(Page 212 after the blue tag)

after the reading:

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Marriage and Singleness Part 2

Song

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

This is my desire, to honour You:
Lord, with all my heart I worship You.
All I have within me, I give You praise:
All that I adore is in You.

Lord, I give You my heart,
I give You my soul;
I live for You alone.
Every breath that I take,
Every moment I'm awake,
Lord, have Your way in me.

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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.**

Holy Communion

Hear the words of comfort our Saviour Christ says to
all who truly turn to him:

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I
will give you rest. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten
Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but
have eternal life. *John 3:16*

Hear what Saint Paul says: This saying is true and worthy
of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world
to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

Hear what Saint John says: If anyone sins, we have an
advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and
he is the propitiation for our sins. *1 John 2:1,2*

**Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your
table. But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and
share your bread with sinners. So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood of your Son, that he
may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the
whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your
kingdom. Amen.**

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his
friends he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of Him;
His body is the bread of life.**

At the end of the supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new
covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of
sins; do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of Him;
His blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

**With your whole church throughout the world we offer
you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voices to join the
eternal song of heaven, saying:**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Glory be to you, O Lord most high.**