

Christmas Services

Further information from the Parish Office: 01228 810616

Christmas Eve
11.00pm Holy Communion Preacher
John Libby

Christmas Day
10.30am All Age Christmas
Celebration Wendy Downey

Cummersdale
9.00am Holy Communion Wendy Downey

Please note there will be no morning service on **New Year's Day** but please join us for our 6.30pm evening service.

Notices

Please join us to **pray for Cornerstone** this Wednesday, the 21st December, in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm.

Carol Singing with Churches Together in Carlisle Thursday 22 December 6.30 - 7.15pm outside Debenhams

The **WAGs Cookbook** is here & ready to buy! £5 each, all proceeds to Cornerstone. Available to purchase today, or from the Parish Office or from Gemma/Anna.

Congratulations to Ed and Rachel Mitchell on the safe arrival of Ewan on the 3rd of December.

Advance Dates for Your Diaries

Sunday 15th January Parish Lunch - details to follow.

Cornerstone Fundraising **Ceilidh** with the Woodside Warblers. **Saturday 21st January 7.30pm** in the Parish Centre. Tickets (available from Parish Office) cost £8 each including a hot supper.



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.

Please feel free to take this service sheet away with you

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SAINT JAMES CHURCH CARLISLE

All-Age Family Nativity Service
10.30am Sunday, 18th December, 2011



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:

Today in the town of David, a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ, the Lord.

Luke Chapter 2 verse 11

I bring you good news of great joy

A Saviour has been born to us

Unto us a child is born

Unto us a son is given

He is Christ the Lord

We worship and adore him

We believe Jesus was born that we might have hope.

We believe that Jesus died and has risen that we might have life.

We believe that Jesus will come again to welcome us home

Carol

**See him lying on a bed of straw,
A draughty stable with an open door;
Mary cradling the babe she bore;
The Prince of glory is His name.**

*O now carry me to Bethlehem,
To see the Lord appear to men;
Just as poor as was the stable then,
The Prince of glory when He came.*

**Star of silver, sweep across the skies,
Show where Jesus in the manger lies;
Shepherds, swiftly from your stupor rise
To see the Saviour of the world.**

Continued....

Angels, sing again the song you sang,
Bring God's glory to the heart of man;
Sing that Bethlehem's little baby can
Be salvation to the soul.

Mine are riches, from Thy poverty,
From Thine innocence, eternity;
Mine, forgiveness by Thy death for me,
Child of sorrow for my joy.

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We say sorry to God

Jesus gave up his home in heaven to live as an ordinary human being. For the times when we have refused to give up our comforts for your sake, Father,

We are sorry. Please forgive us

Mary and Joseph were obedient to what God wanted to do in their lives. For the times when we have not been obedient to you, Father.

We are sorry. Please forgive us

Shepherds and wise men journeyed, gave gifts and worshipped Jesus. For the times when we have held back our gifts and our worship, Father

We are sorry. Please forgive us.

For we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the good news of Christmas. God reveals to us the wonders of His divine love. For unto us a Child is born; unto us a Son is given and His name shall be Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Talk 1

Especially for Them

Prayer Time

Song

Light of the world,

You stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent with You.

*So here I am to worship,
Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God;
And You're altogether lovely,
Altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.*

King of all days,
Oh so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above;
Humbly You came
To the earth You created,
All for love's sake became poor.

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross.

(Repeat)

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Nativity

Carol

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay;
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes:
I love You, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus: I ask You to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in Your tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with You there.

Talk 2

Especially for You

Carol

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;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Immanuel!

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

**Please join us for coffee and mince pies in the
Parish Centre after the service.**