

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

Frank Tebbutt
John Libby

Cummersdale

10.30am Morning Worship

Paul McVittie

5.15pm **Holiday Club** Prayer Meeting in the Parish Centre

Services Next Sunday

10.30am All Age Service
6.30pm Holy Communion

Preacher

Wendy Downey
Paul McVittie

Cummersdale

10.30am Morning Worship

Frank Tebbutt

Mon 30 10.00am Parent & Toddler Bible Study

2.45pm Women's Fellowship

7.30pm PCC

Wed 1 10.00 am and 1.15pm Toddlers

12noon Cornerstone Prayer Meeting

7.30pm Prayer and Praise

Thur 2 10.30am Sticky Fingers

7.00pm Bereavement Support Group

Fri 3 7.45pm Badminton

Help Required

We currently have a gap in the volunteer office team so if you could help out on a Wednesday morning then please speak to Mary.

We need to re-stock our food bank! If you can help by providing tins or dried goods, please bring these into the Parish Centre.

We go through a huge amount of biscuits during Holiday Club! If you can help us out, please bring biscuits into the Parish Centre.

ON YOUR MARKS...

Holiday Club 13th - 17th February

Once again our Holiday Club will be running this February half-term. There are loads of jobs to be done either working with children or behind the scenes. Please sign the sheet at the back of Church 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, Sam Harris, Barbara Thomson, Caroline Browne, Olive Sanderson and Malcolm Hannah.

Pray for those recently bereaved particularly the family of Harry Rushforth.

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

CUMMERSDALE

Morning Worship

10.30am, Sunday 29th January, 2012

Return to Your First Love

Welcome to our service of morning worship. This morning we continue our series looking at the opening few chapters of the book of revelation, and John's message to the church in Ephesus. What primarily motivates you? Love of God, love for your neighbour or something else?

*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 I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love.

Revelation Chapter 2 verse 4

Hymn

The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me,
And on His shoulder gently laid,
And home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thy unction grace bestoweth:
And O what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

Continued...

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever.

Henry Williams Baker

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.

We say sorry to God:

Lord Jesus, we are sorry for giving in to our own desires instead of obeying your will.

In your love and mercy,

Please forgive us and help us to obey you better.

We are sorry for listening to the world around instead of responding to your voice.

In your love and mercy,

Please forgive us and help us to listen better.

We are sorry for running after material things instead of worshipping you.

In your love and mercy,

Please forgive us and help us to worship you better.

We are sorry for putting ourselves on the throne instead of bowing before you, the King of kings.

In your love and mercy,

Please forgive us and help us to serve you better.

For your own name's sake. 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.**

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.**

Song

Abba Father, let me be
 Yours and Yours alone.
 May my will forever be
 Ever more Your own.
 Never let my heart grow cold,
 Never let me go.
 Abba Father, let me be
 Yours and Yours alone.

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Collect for the fourth Sunday of Epiphany

God our creator,
 who in the beginning
 commanded the light to shine out of darkness:
 we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ
 may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief,
 shine into the hearts of all your people,
 and reveal the knowledge of your glory
 in the face of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
 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.

Song**A new commandment**

I give unto you,
 That you love one another
 As I have loved you,
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Reading

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after the reading:

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Ephesus (forsaken your first love?)

Hymn

(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)

I stand amazed in the presence

Of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how He could love me,
A sinner, condemned, unclean.

*How marvellous! How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be:
How marvellous! How wonderful!
Is my Saviour's love for me!*

For me it was in the garden He prayed,
'Not My will, but Thine':
He had no tears for His own griefs,
But sweat drops of blood for mine.

He took my sins and my sorrows,
He made them His very own;
He bore the burden of Calvary,
And suffered and died alone.

When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see,
'Twill be my joy through the ages
To sing of His love for 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.**

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