

Notices

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10.30am Family Worship Peter Maiden
6.30pm Evening Worship John Libby
Prayer Ministry is available after this Service

Cummersdale

10.40am Morning Worship Ian Hardcastle

Tues 6 7.30pm Just Looking
Wed 7 10.00am Toddlers
7.30pm Prayer & Praise
Thur 8 10.30am Sticky Fingers
Fri 9 7.45pm Badminton

Services Next Sunday

10.30am Family Worship John Libby
Prayer Ministry is available after this Service
6.30pm Holy Communion Ian Hardcastle

Cummersdale

10.40am Morning Worship Paul McVittie

Information:

Magazines, Prayer Diaries & Term Cards are available to collect from the back of Church.

Poverty & Justic Bibles - Bibles are now available from the church office for those who have ordered them

Christian Aid Week 11-17 May - There will be a retiring collection next week for Christian Aid.

Pray for the City Picnic - There will be a picnic lunch in Bitts Park next Sunday 11th May @ 1pm. Bring your own picnics/sandwiches down to the open space beside the football pitches. There will be a time of prayer from 1.15 to 1.45 followed by games on the fields. (If wet, venue will be Parish Centre)

Leaving Gift - If you would like to contribute to a leaving gift for Ian then please pass your contributions to Joan Yarker or Stephen Salmon

Help required People are needed to form a working party to carry out minor repairs and re-decoration work to the Curatage. Work will be carried out at the end of May/beginning of June. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of Church.

Please pray for:

Those who are ill or in hospital at this time, especially Gloria Smith, Fiona Smith, Fiona Hurley, Peggy Fluck, Glenda Davidson, Rebecca Slater, Philip Levin, Peggy Yarker, Dorothy Oliver, Billy Fulton, Maureen Richardson and Ethel Naylor.

Those who have recently been bereaved. Especially for Colin, Alex and Michael Atkinson following Sue's death.

Flowers on the table today:

In loving memory of a dear wife, Mary Walker

Please feel free to take this service sheet away with you

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SAINT JAMES' CHURCH CARLISLE

**Family Worship and Baptism
10.30am, Sunday, 4th May 2008**



Welcome to our service of morning worship, and a special welcome to Liam and Katie as they come to join our church family through baptism. Welcome, also to Peter Maiden who will be speaking in our service this morning.

There is a programme in the Parish Centre for children up to the age of 14, 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.

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

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

Welcome

Opening Sentence:

"Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." *Revelation 21 v3-4*

Songs

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! - merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
who wast, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! - though the darkness hide Thee,
though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
all Thy works shall praise Thy name,
in earth, and sky, and sea:
Holy, holy, holy! - merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Baptism of a Child
Liam Arthur Corbishley
Katie Mary Wharton-Davidson

We rejoice today with Liam and Katie'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 Liam and Katie and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

All: With the help of God, we will.

Parents and godparents, the Church receives Liam and Katie 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.

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**

The Baptism

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

We say sorry to God:

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.

Songs before the Service

There is a Day

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Behold the Lord upon his throne:

his face is shining like the sun.
With eyes blazing fire, and feet glowing bronze,
his voice like mighty water roars.

Holy, holy, Lord God, almighty:
holy, holy! We stand in awe of you.

The first, the last, the living One,
laid down his life for all the world.
Behold, he now lives for evermore,
and holds the keys of death and hell!
Holy, holy, Lord God, almighty:
holy, holy! We bow before your throne.

So let our praises ever ring,
to Jesus Christ our glorious King.
All heaven and earth resound as we cry,
'Worthy is the Son of God!'

Holy, holy, Lord God, almighty:
holy, holy! We fall down at your feet.
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There's a place where the streets shine

With the glory of the Lamb.
There's a way, we can go there,
We can live there beyond time.

*Because of You, because of You,
Because of Your love,
Because of Your blood.*

No more pain, no more sadness,
No more suffering, no more tears.
No more sin, no more sickness,
No injustice, no more death.

*Because of You, because of You,
Because of Your love,
Because of Your blood.*

*All our sins are washed away,
And we can live forever,
Now we have this hope,
Because of You.
Oh, we'll see You face to face,
And we will dance together
In the city of our God,
Because of You.*

There is joy everlasting,
There is gladness, there is peace.
There is wine ever flowing,
There's a wedding, there's a feast.

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Crown Him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife,
for those He came to save:
His glories now we sing,
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heaven,
enthroned in worlds above;
crown Him the King to whom is given
the wondrous name of love:
all hail, Redeemer, hail!
for Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

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

**Please join us for refreshments
in the Parish Centre**

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.

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

Blessing and honour, glory and power

Be unto the Ancient of Days;
From every nation, all of creation
Bow before the Ancient of Days.

*Every tongue in heaven and earth
Shall declare Your glory,
Every knee shall bow at Your throne
In worship;
You will be exalted, O God,
And Your kingdom shall not pass away,
O Ancient of Days.*

Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth:

Sing unto the Ancient of Days.

For none shall compare to Your matchless worth:

Sing unto the Ancient of Days.

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Action Creed

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

**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
cleans us and revive us.

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

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

Liam Arthur Corbishley
Katie Mary Wharton-Davidson

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 Liam and Katie 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 Liam and Katie, 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:
Liam and Katie, 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.**

Snowballs

Song

(During the singing of this song young people up to the age of 14 leave for their own activities in the Parish Centre)

Faithful One, so unchanging;
ageless One, You're my rock of peace.
Lord of all, I depend on You,
I call out to You again and again,
I call out to You again and again.

You are my rock in times of trouble,
You lift me up when I fall down;
all through the storm
Your love is the anchor -
my hope is in You alone.

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Intercessions

Reading:

Revelation Chapter 21 v 1 - 7

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after the reading:

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Song

There is a day

That all creation's waiting for,
A day of freedom and liberation for the earth.
And on that day
The Lord will come to meet His bride,
And when we see Him
In an instant we'll be changed.

The trumpet sounds
And the dead will then be raised
By His power,
Never to perish again.
Once only flesh,
Now clothed with immortality;
Death has now been
Swallowed up in victory.

*We will meet Him in the air
And then we will be like Him,
For we will see Him, as He is,
Oh yeah!
Then all hurt and pain will cease,
And we'll be with Him forever,
And in His glory we will live,
Oh yeah, oh yeah!*

So lift your eyes
To the things as yet unseen,
That will remain now
For all eternity.
Though trouble's hard
It's only momentary,
And it's achieving
Our future glory.

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Sermon

The New Jerusalem

Song

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

Crown Him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon the throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing
of Him, who died for thee,
and hail Him as thy chosen King
through all eternity.

Crown Him the Son of God
before the worlds began;
and ye who tread where He hath trod,
crown Him the Son of Man,
who every grief hath known
that wrings the human breast,
and takes and bears them for His own,
that all in Him may rest.

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