

Notices

For further details on any of these events or activities,
please contact the Parish Office on 810616.
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10.30am Holy Communion Paul McVittie
6.30pm Evening Worship John Libby
Prayer Ministry is available after this Service

Cummersdale

10.40am Holy Communion Ian Hardcastle

Mon 19 10.30pm Parent & Toddler Bible Study

Tues 20 7.30pm PCC

20/21/22 Homegroups as arranged

Wed 21 10.00am Toddlers

Thur 22 10.30am Sticky Fingers

Fri 23 7.45pm Badminton

Services Next Sunday

10.30am Family Worship Ian Hardcastle

Prayer Ministry is available after this Service

6.30pm Holy Communion Rob Saner-Haigh

Cummersdale

10.40am Morning Worship Frank Tebbutt

Information:

Churches Together in Carlisle, Praise Service - Thursday
22nd May 7.30pm at Carlisle Cathedral. With guest
speaker Chick Yuill from Hope'08 Manchester.

Prayer Diary & Magazine - Any prayer topics or
magazine articles should be submitted by next Sunday
25th May.

Farewell - There will be an opportunity to say farewell to
Ian, Helen and Jonathon following the evening service
on 25th May. If you would like to contribute to a leaving
gift 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.

Flowers on the table today:

In loving memory of a dear wife, Jennifer Smith.

SAINT JAMES' CHURCH CARLISLE

Holy Communion

10.30am, Sunday, 18th May, 2008



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 our series looking at our Christian family – today we consider patience. How patient are we with ourselves, with others and with God?

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 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:

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. *Ephesians chapter 4 verse 2*

Song

Give thanks to the Lord,
Our God and King:
His love endures forever
For He is good, He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand
And an outstretched arm
His love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise
Sing praise, sing praise.

*Forever God is faithful,
Forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us,
Forever.
(Repeat)
Forever.*

From the rising to the setting sun,
His love endures forever.
By the grace of God, we will carry on
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise
Sing praise, sing praise.

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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.

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and
deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your
mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend
what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may
do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our
God. Amen.

Assurance of forgiveness:

May the God of love and power forgive us and free us
from our sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.

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!

Closing Prayer and Blessing

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

Your church once great, though standing clothed in sorrow,
Is even still the bride that You adore;
Revive Your church, that we again may honour
Our God and King, our Master and our Lord.

As we have slept, this nation has been taken
By every sin ever known to man;
So at its gates, though burnt by fire and broken,
In Jesus' name we come to take our stand.

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**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 has risen,
Christ will come again**

Song

In Christ alone my hope is found,
he is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
fulness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save:
till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied
for ev'ry sin on him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
then bursting forth in glorious slay
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine -
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns or calls me home,
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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Song

Jesus' love is very wonderful,
Jesus' love is very wonderful,
Jesus' love is very wonderful,
O wonderful love!
So high, you can't get over it,
So low, you can't get under it,
So wide, you can't get round it,
O wonderful love.

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Talk

Patience

Song

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

My Jesus, My Saviour,
Lord, there is none like you;
all of my days I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength,
let every breath, all that I am,
never cease to worship you.

*Shout to the Lord all the earth, let us sing
power and majesty, praise to the King:
mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.*

*I sing for joy at the work of your hands,
for ever I'll love you, for ever I'll stand;
nothing compares to the promise I have in you.*

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Notices

Intercessions

Reading:

Colossians chapter 1 verses 9 - 14
(Page 250 after the blue tag)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Christian Family - Patience

Song

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

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss –
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life –
I know that it is finished.

Continued...

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart –
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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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.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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.

Songs during Communion

Instrumental

**I'm on my knees at the cross,
Where Your blood was sacrificed;
So amazed that there is grace enough for me.
I don't deserve the love You bring,
But I'm at that place again,
Where I need You
To forgive my foolish heart.**

*Oh, what mercy, oh, what mercy,
Oh, what mercy is mine to receive.*

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Followed by:

**Your mercy flows upon us like a river.
Your mercy stands unshakeable and true.
Most holy God, of all good things the Giver,
We turn and lift our fervent prayer to You.**

Hear our cry, (echo)

O Lord, (echo)

Be merciful (echo)

Once more; (echo)

Let Your love (echo)

Your anger stem, (echo)

Remember mercy, O Lord, again.

Continued...