

Notices

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Services this Sunday

		Preacher
10.30 am	Holy communion	John Libby
	(Prayer ministry is available after this service)	
6.30 pm	Evening Worship	Eddie Scrase-Field

Cummersdale

10.40am	Morning Prayer	Wendy Downey
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Mon 21	10.00am	Parent & Toddler Bible Study
Tues 22	7.00pm	Bereavement Support
Wed 23	10.30am	Toddlers Drop-In

Services Next Sunday

		Preacher
10.30 am	Family Worship	Wendy Downey
6.30 pm	Evening Worship	Matt Allen
	(Prayer ministry is available after this service)	

Cummersdale

10.40am	Holy Communion	Peter Bye
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Information:

Eden Valley Hospice are looking for volunteers to help with street collections at the end of August. If you can help please contact the office.

We are looking for volunteers to help clear rubbish out of the Op shop yard once per month (car required). If you can help please contact the office.

Please pray for:

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

Flowers on the table today:

In memory of Olive Dawson.

SAINT JAMES' CHURCH CARLISLE

Holy Communion
10.30am, Sunday, 20th July, 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. This morning, we're looking at Paul's second letter to the Thessalonians. Paul warns the Thessalonians that before Jesus returns, "a man of lawlessness", will oppose God, proclaim himself to be God and deceive people into believing in him. Paul offers encouragement

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:

We ought always to thank God for you, brothers, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love every one of you has for each other is increasing.
2 Thessalonians Chapter 1 v 3

Song

I will sing the wondrous story

of the Christ who died for me;
How He left His home in glory
for the cross on Calvary.
I was lost but Jesus found me,
found the sheep that went astray;
Threw His loving arms around me,
drew me back into His way.

I was bruised but Jesus healed me,
faint was I from many a fall;
Sight was gone, and fears possessed me,
but He freed me from them all.
Days of darkness still come o'er me;
Sorrow's paths I often tread,
but the Saviour still is with me,
by His hand I'm safely led

He will keep me till the river
rolls its waters at my feet,
then He'll bear me safely over,
all my joys in Him complete.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me;
Sing it with the saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.

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, so 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

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.

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.**

Closing Prayer and Blessing

**Prayer Ministry is available in the front
right pew after the service**

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

Lord, be the strength within my weakness,
be the supply in every need
that I may prove Your promises to me,
faithful and true in word and deed.
All that I am . . .

Into Your hands I place the future;
the past is nailed to Calvary
that I may live in resurrection power -
no longer I but Christ in me.
All that I am . . .

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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

**I cannot tell why He, whom angels worship,
Should set His love upon the sons of men,
Or why, as Shepherd, He should seek the wanderers,
To bring them back, they know not how or when.
But this I know, that He was born of Mary,
When Bethlehem's manger was His only home,
And that He lived at Nazareth and laboured,
And so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.**

I cannot tell how silently He suffered,
As with His peace He graced this place of tears,
Or how His heart upon the Cross was broken,
The crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, He heals the broken-hearted,
And stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,
And lifts the burden from the heavy laden,
For yet the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is here.

I cannot tell how He will win the nations,
How He will claim His earthly heritage,
How satisfy the needs and aspirations
Of East and West, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see His glory,
And He shall reap the harvest He has sown,
And some glad day His sun shall shine in splendour
When He the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
When, at His bidding, every storm is stilled,
Or who can say how great the jubilation
When all the hearts of men with love are filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
And myriad, myriad human voices sing.
And earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, will answer;
At last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!

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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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

Thank you God

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)

**Thank you for saving me -
what can I say?
You are my everything,
I will sing your praise.
You shed your blood for me -
what can I say?
You took my sin and shame,
a sinner called by name.**

*Great is the Lord,
great is the Lord!
For we know your truth has set us free-
you've set your hope in me.*

Mercy and grace are mine,
forgiven is my sin -
Jesus my only hope,
the Saviour of the world.
'Great is the Lord,' we cry,
'God, let your kingdom come!'
Your word has let me see,
thank you for saving me.

Great is the Lord,...

Thank you for saving me -
what can I say?

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Notices

Intercessions

Reading:

2 Thessalonians Chapter 1 vs 3-12
(Page 257 after the blue tag)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Growing . . . Increasing . . . Enduring

Song

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

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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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 love you, Lord, and I lift my voice

To worship You, O my soul rejoice.

Take joy, my King, in what You hear,

May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

(Let me)

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Followed by:

All that I am, I lay before You;

all I possess, Lord, I confess,

is nothing without You.

Saviour and King,

I now enthrone you:

take my life, my living sacrifice to You.

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