

A message from Si, our vicar:

At some point in the next couple of weeks, there is likely to be a new Pope. In the coming months there may also be a new Archbishop of Canterbury. At present both have significant problems to deal with and false teaching about to take place on their watch. The Pope will lead a church that still believes in its official teachings that people are not saved through faith alone but also by good works and baptism. It still believes in purgatory and many other wrong things. The Archbishop will inherit a church that is claiming not to have changed its doctrine on marriage, but is now prepared to offer blessings to same sex couples. We hope that both will repent and return to a Scriptural understanding. However, we may not see such a work of God, in which case we need to be wise to the errors. The Apostle Paul was right when he said:

'See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ. For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority.' Colossians 2:8-10.

If you want to know why I'm still Church of England, it is because our official teaching (regardless of what we see at Synod) is that the denomination should be reformed by the Word of God. There's no pure church and if we think we have found one, we better not join it! Somehow in all this mess, Christ is saving for himself a people who are his delight.

This Week's Bible Reading:

Matthew 6:9-13, Prayerful, and Psalm 19.

The Collect:

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
Give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened
and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

What's On This Week:

Saturday 3rd May - Prom Praise - combining orchestral and choral music with worship. Watch live from the Royal Albert Hall by going to allsoulsmusic.org at 7.15pm

Sunday 4th 9.00am: Holy Communion Service (& refreshments in the lounge afterwards)

Sunday 4th 11.00am: Morning Service including thanksgiving service (& refreshments in the hall afterwards) Adventurers age 3-6, Springboard age 7-11. Children are also welcome to stay in the service and there is also a relay in the lounge for parents to take their child to if desired.

Sunday 4th 7.30pm Prayer Meeting at St John's. Everyone is welcome to join us for this; there is no pressure to pray out loud.

Midweek Home Bible Study Groups - See Karl Turner for details

No CYFA this week.

Tuesday 6th Explorers at 6.15pm and Pathfinders at 7.30pm

Wednesday 7th 10.30am: Mums bible study

Thursday 8th - Ringing of bells for VE day

Catch Up:

If you miss the Sunday sermon, you can watch a video of it on the St Johns YouTube Channel. It's usually uploaded on a Monday.

Dates for your Diary:

20th May and 27th May: CAP Money Management Course

27th-30th May: Football School

29th May 6pm: Ascension Day service at St Bridgets

8th June 6pm: Pentecost service at Church on the Moor

News:

Colin Buchanan will be live in concert in Kendal on 10th June. Tickets for the concert can be purchased at <https://parrstreetchurch.churchsuite.com/events/bthubs6z>

In response to a request at the AGM, we said we would circulate the Vision Actions that help underpin the aims and priorities in 'Passionate Disciples'. If the aims are the headlines, think of the actions as the footnotes. We're not expecting everyone to want this level of detail, but for anyone who is interested, there is a copy at the back of church.

This Sunday at 11am we have the Thanksgiving of Eden Imaobong Jade Samuel-Utin, the baby of Sam and Gladys.

The Archdeacon, Stewart Fyfe, will be preaching this Sunday. Please give him a good welcome.

The April CAP update is live on the website. One of the things to note is that there is a CAP money course taking place in May at Cornerstone Bookshop. Please contact capmoneywhitehaven@gmail.com to book a place. This course is open to anyone who might like to manage their money better - you don't have to be in debt to participate. More information is available on the church noticeboard.

Please pray for:

Derek Coid, Phil Holland, Mary Shaw, Joyce Hower, Emily Lane and Joe Moore.

The family of John Beech, whose funeral will be held on 13th May at 11 am.

The family of Daphne Garraway, whose funeral will be held on 6th May at 1.15pm.

Chris Price, following the death of his wife Marie. Some of you may remember that Chris used to play the organ at the 9 o'clock service.

The Albanian Evangelical Mission, whose latest prayer sheet can be found at the back of church.

Praise God for:

Outreach activities taking place through bible study groups - particularly a recent bible study BBQ with guests.

The provision of volunteers for doorstep and good news newspaper outreach, led by Phil Sisson.

Our Mission Community partner churches:

Church on the Moor (Cleator Moor): www.churchonthemoor.com

St Andrew's Church (Mirehouse): www.standrewsmirehouse.co.uk

St Bridget's Church (Moresby): www.stbridgetsmoresby.com

Mission Community Events website:

<https://www.churchonthemoor.com/mc-events>

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