

A message from Si, our vicar:

Dear all,

It was wonderfully encouraging to have 21 people at the prayer meeting last Sunday night. How uplifting to pray with such a gathering. We thought together about the 'stickability' of the disciples (the tenacity and perseverance to keep going) and prayed for this quality in our Mission Partners around the world. News coming in from the door to door ministry is encouraging too. It is such a blessing to have a team of people reaching out like this in our parish. I hear of people being prayed for, family problems shared, spiritual questions asked, requests for baptism and more. This ministry feels very much like ministry we read of in the New testament. It is messy and tiring, but it is also meeting people in the midst of their troubles and a sign of the love and compassion of Jesus for people. Let me or Phil Sisson know if you would like to join them.

I'm thrilled that Bishop Rob, the current Acting Bishop of Carlisle has been appointed the next Bishop of Carlisle. Bishop Rob has been a great encourager of St John's and we will continue to build our strong partnership with him for the sake of the gospel. Please see the press release [here](#)

This Week's Bible Reading:

Luke 10:25-29 and 1 Peter 1:22-23

Vision Aim 2 - Loving one another

The Collect:

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
Raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

What's On This Week:

Saturday 10th May 11am: Chinese Bible Study

Sunday 11th 9.00am: Holy Communion Service (& refreshments in the lounge afterwards)

Sunday 11th 11.00am: Morning Service with The Lords Supper (& refreshments in the hall afterwards) Children are 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 11th 8.30pm Zoom Prayer Meeting for half an hour. Everyone is welcome to join us for this; there is no pressure to pray out loud. The zoom meeting link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85963653180>.

Monday 12th 10am - Ladies Bible Study

Midweek Home Bible Study Groups - See Karl Turner for details

Monday 12th 6.30pm CYFA

Tuesday 13th 6.15pm Explorers and 7.30pm Pathfinders

Wednesday 19th 10.30am: Mums bible study

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:

27th-30th May Football School

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

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

14th June - Explorers trip - Save the date!

News:

Please invite neighbours and friends with 7-11 year olds to football school. More details [here](#)

There will be a football school meeting in the church lounge immediately after the service on Sunday 11th.

Please pray for:

- Phil Holland, Mary Shaw, Joyce Hewer, Emily Lane and Joe Moore.
- Ben and Alice's wedding, which is being held on the 10th May.
- The family of John Beech whose funeral will be held on the 13th May at 11am.
- Phyllis Coid and the family, as they mourn the loss of Derek. His funeral will be held on the 14th May at 11am.
- Sam Ford-Powell who is in a serious condition following a motorbike accident. Sam's parents are former mission partners of St John's and have asked everyone to pray.

Praise God for:

- So many new people exploring faith in Jesus
- Our wonderful volunteers who do so much for St John's and the parish.
- The huge amount of answer to prayer we see week by week.

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