

A message from Si, our vicar:

Dear St John's Members,

We're in a sad season at the moment as we mourn a beloved sister and brother in Christ. Last Sunday we heard that Joyce Hewer had gone to be with the Lord after a long struggle with cancer. A few days before, we had heard that Dave Keenan had gone to be with the Lord most unexpectedly.

In these times we are sad for ourselves and their loved ones, but happy that both are enjoying their reward as faithful followers of Jesus Christ.

Ultimately the Christian faith should mean that we die well-- that is that we die as those still persevering in faith and growing in Jesus. This earth is not our home. We do well not to live as if it is.

For those of us still here, we have great riches to sustain us in our journey and work to do. Not least we must pray for those who don't yet share our hope and try to explain the gospel to them.

This Week's Bible Reading:

Mark 4:35-41 Identity and Psalm 40:6-12m(from daily Psalms)

The Collect:

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:
By the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

What's On This Week:

Saturday 7th June 11am: Chinese Bible Study

Sunday 8th June 9.00am: Holy Communion Service (& refreshments in the lounge afterwards)

Sunday 8th June 11.00am: Morning Service with children's groups - including the baptism of Henry & Reginald Head-Stubbs (& 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 8th 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>

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

Midweek Home Bible Study Groups - See the noticeboard for details

Monday 9th 10am - Ladies Bible Study

Monday 9th 6.30pm: CYFA

Tuesday 10th 6.15pm: Explorers and 7.30pm Pathfinders

Wednesday 11th 10.30am: Mums bible study

Catch Up:

The service can't be recorded this week - no catch up is available

Dates for your Diary:

14th June - Explorer Trip

22nd June - Bring and share lunch

The blessings of Growth

Car Parking - What a wonderful blessing it is that our church family is so large, that the car park is overflowing. An excellent problem to have - but we do recognise that it is an issue for our congregation.

We must always leave sufficient space for fire engines and/or ambulances to reach the main church entrance door and the vicarage. So, unfortunately we must ask you to please NOT park in these areas:

- The vicarage drive or entrance.
- Immediately inside the main gateway of the church (on either the left or right).
- Opposite the disabled parking bays on the double yellow lines.

If you arrive at church and cannot find a parking bay, please park considerately on the streets outside the church grounds or use the free public carpark on Ribton Moorside a few minutes' walk away (the carpark location on what3words app: fans.housework.cosmetic)

Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation and we hope that you can also celebrate how wonderful it is that the car park is overflowing. What a joy!

Youth Leaders Another wonderful blessing - we are anticipating having 29 children in Pathfinders in September! This creates a need for two more helpers to ensure the group remains a safe and enjoyable space for all. If you would be willing to help out, please speak to Sue Lane, Jonathan Blythe or Rob Mayhew.

News:

- There is an Explorer/Springboard trip to Muncaster Castle on Sat 14 June. To sign up speak to Emma or Neil. Cost £5

- Supporting our mission partners in Mendoza:

On the 22nd June we are holding a bring and share lunch where we will be having a zoom call with our mission partners in Mendoza. Later in the year, Jema and Donny are visiting the Walker family in Argentina . You can find out more about their trip [here](#).

- Christianity Explored Series:

If you could ask God one question and you knew it would be answered, what would it be? As part of our Christianity Explored series we will try and tackle some of these questions anonymously in our service. Do ask your questions by sending them to office@stjohnshensingham.org.uk and label them

as for the 9am or 11am service. If we get lots of questions we may not be able to answer them all, in which case do follow up by asking Si or another of our preachers in person. To make it feel less like a lecture Si won't be shown the questions in advance, however, he reserves the right to go away and think about them first if he's not sure or deflect them to someone else!

The follow up sheets for this week can be found [here](#).

Please pray for:

- Sam Ford-Powell, Mike Greenwood, Lily Mullen, Phil Holland, Mary Shaw, Emily Lane and Joe Moore.
- The family and friends of Joyce Hewer, whose thanksgiving service will be held at St John's on the 16th June at 2pm, following a private service at the crematorium.
- The family and friends of David Keenan, whose funeral will be held at St John's at 10:45am on the 12th June, followed by a service at the crematorium.
- The Leprosy Mission

Praise God for:

- We thank the Lord for a fantastic Football School. Again we were reminded of how God provides, with over 30 children in attendance and good times reported. Thank you to those served during the week and prayed or supported in the background.
- Reginald and Henry and their family, as their baptism takes place this Sunday at 11am.
- The abundant growth in both our congregation and youth groups.
- Answer to prayer. We are seeing Sam Ford-Powell starting to make good progress in his recovery and the hospital have managed to get on top of Janice Chambers' pain.
- Our wonderful church family who pull together in times of challenge and don't hesitate to help and support one another.

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

Mission Community Events website:

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