

A message from Si, our vicar:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It has been a special week as we have had Mayfield School come to St John's for their Remembrance Service- the first such occasion. They left behind a fantastic display of poppy paintings that you will see in front of the Communion Table.

We have also enjoyed having Bishop Rob (Carlisle) visit the deanery on Wednesday. His message has been that he longs to see the spiritual temperature rise in Cumbria (his words not mine). To this end, he wants us to be more able to share the gospel in the places God has put us. He doesn't see himself as an Area Manager, simply chairing meetings and organising staff, but as someone partnering with us in the ministry we share. He wants to visit churches often and build relationships. I welcome this strongly and look forward to him being involved.

This Sunday Joe Pearson will be preaching for us. After serving a Ministry Apprenticeship at St John's, Joe felt the call to move with his family to Cleator Moor. Joe now leads the independent church plant, known as Church on the Moor and is a great encouragement. In 2022 with the support of the PCC he led a small team to begin a new church in Cleator Moor where there was no strong gospel witness. Since then the Lord has been immensely kind and caused the work to grow and they continue to be listed among our mission partners.

This Week's Bible Reading:

Genesis 15:1-21 'I am the Lord who brought you out of Ur' and Psalm 79 10-14

The Collect:

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:

Grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory,
we may be made like him
in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

What's On This Week:

15th November 10am: Women's Day: Gospel Friendship

Sunday 16th 9.00am: Holy Communion Service (& refreshments in the lounge afterwards)

Sunday 16th 11am: All Age Service (& 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 16th 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>

Midweek Home Bible Study Groups - See Karl Turner for details

Monday 17th 6.30pm: CYFA (age 14-18)

Tuesday 18th 6.15: Explorers (age 7-11) and 7.30pm Pathfinders (age 11-14)

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:

22nd November 3pm: Winter Concert at St Mary's, Westfield

23rd November CAP Sunday Bring and Share Lunch

29th November 2pm-4.30pm: Christmas Unwrapped

13th December 1.30pm: Seniors Christmas tea

14th December 11am: All Age Christmas Service

21st December 4pm and 6.30pm: Candlelit carol services

25th December 8am & 10.30am: Christmas Day services

31st January Mexico build fundraiser

7-10th April 26: Football school

Volunteering Opportunities:

All the usual opportunities can be seen on the board in the hall. We especially ask at this time for:

- Christmas Unwrapped helpers. Sign up sheets for Christmas Unwrapped are at the back of church - it would be very much appreciated if you could sign up soon so that we can plan accordingly.
- Please speak to Sue if you can volunteer to help with refreshments after the carol services. We have two services and so far no volunteers for either service.
- Please chat to Diane, Kay or Sarah if you are able to help with the seniors Christmas tea. A sign up sheet is available at the back of church.

News:

- Advent books are available to purchase at the back of church for £1.50. Please pop your payment into the brown box beside the books, or create a bank transfer, which you can do within the app or online, using the reference 'Advent'
- Jo and Jake are once again coordinating a trip to Mexico to build a house for people in need. They are looking for volunteers to join them - you must be 18 or above, but there's no upper age limit. They would love to be joined by older, more experienced volunteers as well as young people. The trip will take place on 8th-18th Feb 2026. Each volunteer funds their own flight and food but accommodation is provided free of charge. A fundraising night to raise money for the house building materials will take place at St Johns on the 31st January. Any questions - Jo and Jake will be happy to help.
- Sunday 23rd is CAP Sunday and we look forward to hearing more about the valuable work being done by the team. The main service will be followed by a bring and share lunch in the hall and a presentation by one of the CAP team.
- In 2026 Si plans to hold a monthly breakfast entitled 'Rooted Disciples'. You can read about it [here](#) and obtain the dates for your diary. All welcome!
- Sue is on leave from Monday 17th to Friday 21st. In her absence, please see the who who's page for details of who to contact if you have an urgent query.

Please pray for:

- David Maudling, Christopher Vaughan, Sam Ford-Powell, Phil Holland. Emily Lane, Sheila Dixon, Robin Li,
- Ladies Day, especially for the leaders and those visitors coming from the community
- All the work that is currently being done in preparation for Christmas.
- Ben & Liz Griffin and the work they are doing with UFM

Praise God for:

- The continued attendance of large numbers at our youth groups and for answered prayer in the provision of leaders and helpers.
- The many volunteers who are willing to serve in God's work as we share the Christmas message within the parish.

Pastoral Visiting:

Si and the pastoral visiting team are available to visit you at home, or elsewhere if you prefer. Pastoral care is very important to us, so please don't be afraid to ask for a visit. To organise a visit, please get in touch with Sue on 07563473620 or office@stjohnshensingham.org.uk

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There are many more contact details on the who's who section of our website
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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>