

A message from Si, our vicar:

Dear Friends,

This Sunday is Mothering Sunday which means thanksgiving for the women in our lives, prayers, worship and daffodils! I'm looking forward to sharing this family occasion together.

A bit of church news is that Sue Lane has agreed to expand her role to 35 hrs a week with more responsibility. I'm really thrilled that God has provided in this way, as Sue takes responsibility for more of the operational side of things, which she is so good at doing.

From around the Diocese, we have a new Bishop of Penrith, the Rev Dr Michael Leyden. I don't know a great deal, but I gather Michael has been a great leader of Emmanuel Theological College. I'm sure he will be a big help to Bishop Rob. Let's keep Michael and his family in prayer.

This Week's Bible Reading:

John 19:25-27 Relationships at the cross and Psalm 77:11-12

The Collect:

Lord God

whose blessed Son our Saviour

gave his back to the smiters

and did not hide his face from shame:

Give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time

with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

What's On This Week:

Saturday 11th 11am: Chinese Bible Study

Sunday 12th 9.00am: Holy Communion Service (& refreshments in the lounge afterwards)

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Sunday 12th 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 6.30pm CYFA

Tuesday 6.15pm Explorers & 7.30pm Pathfinders

Wednesday 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:

21st March Rooted Disciples - book now!

23rd March AGM

2nd April 6pm - Maundy Thursday

3rd April 10.20am - Good Friday

7-10th April: Football School

23rd April: Leprosy Mission Meeting

21st June: Confirmation service

News:

- **Online News:** In an attempt to reduce the size of the newsletter, we've moved current news online. We will still include new items in the newsletter, but ongoing items will be moved online. Please go online or speak to Sue to read again about Glynn's birthday, the next session of Rooted disciples, Knit & Natter, Football school leaders meeting, Filming in church, Financial giving update and a training day for those preparing bible talks.
- **Confirmation** - A service for those wishing to confirm their faith is being held on the 21st June at St John's. If you have been baptised and feel ready to confirm your faith in Christ, we encourage you to chat to Si about confirmation.
- **Website and social media** -Adverts for Football school and Easter services are now available on our website and on social media. Please do share the links if you feel able.

Volunteering:

We thank Christine for her wonderful contribution leading at Adventurers. She will be missed! She is now moving on to lead at Springboard and we know they will be blessed by her joining their team. Please pray that God will provide a new volunteer to join Mim and Diane in leading Adventurers.

Please pray for:

- Jenny Wong, Joyce & David Maudling, Phil Holland, Emily Lane and Thelma Toman.
- The family and friends of Evelyn Williamson, whose funeral was held at St John's on the 9th March.
- The family and friends of Eunice Domigan, whose funeral was held at St John's on the 12th March.
- Ben & Liz Griffin of 100fold as they spread the gospel, via technology, to areas where Christianity is persecuted.

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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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>