

A message from Si, our vicar:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
Thank you to everyone who participated in Football School which went incredibly well. I am humbled by the time given, love shown and faithfulness of those serving. It was a joy to see the children thrive, leaders using their gifts and to share the Christian message. Each year I'm struck by how well the children listen in the teaching time and I think it's credit to the leaders who build good bonds with them. There is much to thank God for. So, whether you were among the 'troops' or praying for them... thank you!

This Week's Bible Reading:

John 5:16-47 Rising to life or judgement and Psalm 97:10-13

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 18th 8.30am Rooted Disciples

Sunday 19th 9.00am: Holy Communion Service (& refreshments in the lounge afterwards)

Sunday 19th 11.00am: 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 19th 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 20th CYFA

Tuesday 21st Explorers & Pathfinders

Wednesday 22nd 10.30am: Mums bible study

Thursday 23rd 7.30pm Leprosy Mission Meeting

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:

14th May Ascension Day Service at St Bridgets

24th May 6pm Pentecost at Church on the Moor

21st June: Confirmation service at St Andrews

News:

As a church family, we encourage each other to meet and fellowship together as we grow as

passionate disciples. This week we have two extra opportunities and would love you to join us:

- Rooted Disciples. This Saturday is our next session of Rooted Disciples. The session is entitled The Life of Faith and we will be discussing the commencement of the life of faith and doctrines connected with Justification, such as original sin and free will.
- Leprosy Mission Meeting. We are looking forward to a visit from Kathryn, who will tell us more about their important work.

The re-pointing of the south-facing church wall and tower sides is underway using lime mortar. The cement pointing used previously had deteriorated faster than expected and so this traditional material has been recommended by the church Architect. The light colour of the lime will stand out for some time until it weathers and fades but we anticipate that it will help keep the building in good condition for many years to come.

Flowers:

Would you be interested in learning how to arrange flowers? One of our lovely ladies from the flower arranging team has offered to host a free flower arranging lesson for members of our congregation. Please get in touch with Sue in the office to register your interest. Open to all - men and women both make great flower arrangers! If you just want to come along to enjoy a time of fellowship and learn a new skill with no further involvement, that's perfectly ok. There is no obligation to then join the flower arranging team - but if you discover a love of flower arranging and would like to do more, we'd love to discuss having you on the team!

Flowers in church:

Did you know that you can sponsor the flowers in church in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special event? There are multiple ways that you can do this - you can buy and arrange the flowers yourself, you can buy the flowers and ask the flower team to arrange them or you can make a donation to the flower team and they will buy and arrange them for you. For more information on sponsoring flowers, please chat to Sue Lane or Ann Walkingshaw.

Please pray for:

- Jenny Wong, Carolyn Crawford, Jean Mainey, Phil Holland, Thelma Tolman, Joyce & David Maudling, Emily Lane
- All the children and families who came to football school.
- Khalid who serves with Mountain Spring Ministries.

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:

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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>