

A message from Si, our vicar:

Thank you for participating in prayjuly, the guided season of prayer by Church of England Evangelical Council. Among other things, we were directed to pray for a private members motion to be scrutinised by General Synod. Had the motion been successful it would have communicated that synod was not opposed to same sex intimate relationships, despite stopping short of changing doctrine. Therefore we praise God that this motion was actually defeated by the House of Bishops. Few of us could have predicted this to be the house in which the motion was defeated (usually this house is more theologically liberal than the house of clergy and house of laity). Please join me in thanking God for this intervention

This Week's Bible Reading:

James 5:7-20 When prayer is effective
Psalm 119:132-136

The Collect:

Blessed are you, O Lord,
and blessed are those who observe and keep your law:
Help us to seek you with our whole heart,
to delight in your commandments
and to walk in the glorious liberty
given us by your Son, Jesus Christ.

What's On This Week:

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

Sunday 11.00am: Morning Service (& refreshments in the hall afterwards) Children's groups for ages 3-11. Children are also welcome to stay in the service and there is a relay in the lounge for parents to take their child to if desired.

Sunday 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>

Many Midweek Home Bible Study Groups are taking a break for summer - please check with your group leader to confirm.

Mum's bible study is taking a break and will resume on 19th August

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:

August 2nd, 9th, 16th: Mini Series on Hope

29th September: Safeguarding training

3rd October: Women's Day

News:

- Last week, we were delighted to join Phil Holland in his 99th birthday celebrations. Jane Holland

would like to send a big thank you to all who went along. She said that Phil enjoyed the celebration, which exceeded his expectations.

- On the 2nd August, we start a mini series on Hope. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite people to church, as many people are currently searching for hope in their lives.

- During the month of August our children's groups will be having a break to give our leaders a much needed rest. During August, we will have craft and activity tables set up at the back of church for you to take your children to if you would like - we ask that you supervise your children at the tables please.

Cumbria Christian Youth Camp 2026

The time has arrived again when we will be off to Braithwaite nr Keswick.

Two things we would ask from you:

- Thursday 30th July, if you are available to join us in building the camp (putting the tents up, washing all the cups, plates etc) that would be greatly appreciated. We meet from 10.30 onwards and you will be fed and watered.

- We would value you supporting us in prayer during the week. Please see the prayer sheet at the back of church.

Please pray for:

Wendy Fender, Helen Stoker, Tony Pang, Jenny Wong, Jean Mainey and Mei Lan Benn

Please continue to hold in prayer those with longer health term needs: Phil Holland, Emily Walller and Joyce & David Maudling

The churches in our mission community: St Bridget's and St Andrew's and Church on the Moor.

The Keswick Convention

Pastoral Visits

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 Lane.

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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>