

Messages from Si, our vicar:

Every time we open the Word of God, God is able to speak to us by his Spirit. He gave us life and as we look at his 10 commandments, we hear how life works best. Let's come expectantly to this Sunday's sermon!

A podcast with Si and Mim

We were recently interviewed by Sam Foulds on the Didache Podcast about Church as family, adoption and parenting children with additional needs. If this is of interest to you, you can google 'Didache Podcast, Sam Foulds.' We thank the Lord for your part in this story as our church family.

A book recommendation

'Dying well' by Professor John Wyatt

The blurb says, 'We need to talk about death. Are we in danger of over medicalising it? Can we really see death as a time of opportunity, both for us and for our loved ones? What do we mean by resurrection hope?' John Wyatt focuses on the art of dying well and faithfully. This book is highly recommended and applicable to this Sunday's talk. More info [here](#) or it can be purchased from Cornerstone Bookshop in town.

This Week's Bible Reading:

Matthew 5:21-26 - Command 6 'You shall not murder' and Ex 20:1-17-GNT

The Collect:

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
Teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

What's On This Week:

Sunday 23rd 9.00am: Holy Communion Service (& refreshments in the lounge afterwards)

Sunday 23rd 11.00am: Morning Service (& refreshments in the hall afterwards) Adventurers for age 3-6 in the vestry and Springboard for ages 7-11 in the main hall. 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 23rd 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 24th 6.30pm: CYFA for age 14-18s
Tuesday 25th 6.15pm: Explorers for age 7-11s
Tuesday 25th 7.30pm: Pathfinders for age 11-14s
Wednesday 26th 12pm: Mums bible study
Wednesday 26th 7.30pm - Christianity Explored
Thursday 27th 7.30pm: Albanian Evangelical Mission Service

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:

5th March 6pm: Ash Wednesday service at St Andrews
7th April 7.30pm: Annual Parochial Church Meeting
17th April 6pm: Maundy Thursday service at St Johns
20th April - Full immersion baptisms at St Johns
27th-30th May Football School
29th May 6pm: Ascension Day service at St Bridgets
8th June 6pm: Pentecost service at Church on the Moor

News:

Electoral roll - We continue to accept entries to the electoral roll. Please do consider being a part of the electoral roll if you consider St Johns to be your home church. Paper forms are available at the back of church or you can sign up online by logging into the website and accessing 'my area'.

Football School - We are still looking for volunteers to help us host Football School 27-30th May. Please contact Sarah Clark, Rob Mayhew, Jake or Jo Little.

PCC Secretary - We are still looking for a PCC secretary. If you would like any further information and a role outline, please contact phil@stjohnshensingham.org.uk

Associate Vicar - The advert for our associate vicar is now live. Please click the photo on our website banner for further details.

Grounds team - Mim and Si would like to invite the grounds team and their spouses to a buffet lunch at their house on Sunday 9th March. Please RSVP to Mim or Si.

Please pray for:

Joyce Hewer, Emily Lane, Les Fox, Philip Holland and Joe Moore.

The work of the churches in our mission community - St Andrews, St Bridgets and Church on the Moor and for other gospel churches in our region.

Praise God for:

A successful trip for the Mexico build team. Praise God for a wonderful team of volunteers, for their safety and the successful delivery of a new home for Jose and Norma.

Links with the Cumberland Council team, who are now referring people to St Johns.

During 2024, St John's donated 139kgs of food to the North Lakes Food bank, helping them to support nearly 6000 people in West Cumbria with emergency food parcels.

Some Final Thoughts:

If you would like to chew over any of the things discussed in the sermon this Sunday, do please get in touch. We sincerely want to 'carry each other's burdens...' Galatians 6:2

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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>