

A message from Si, our vicar:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Please pray for the appointment of the next Bishop of Carlisle. Interviews are happening today (Thursday 13th) and tomorrow. You may recall that last time they failed to appoint. This time a decision will have to be made and many feel it is a decision between whether the Diocese will continue along orthodox or unorthodox lines. I personally am praying that the current Acting Bishop of Carlisle, Rob Saner-Haigh, will be appointed. But at the end of the day, may the Lord's will be done.

Can I ask you to also seek the Lord about the Associate Vicar we are seeking to have. So far no applications have been submitted. Applications close on Wednesday 19th March.

Will you join me for a morning of fasting and praying on Monday 17th March when we can pray about both appointments? Wherever you are that morning, please join with me in praying.

The Apostle Paul said: 'And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.' (2 Timothy 2:2)

This Week's Bible Reading:

Ephesians 4:25-32 Command 9 'Do not give false testimony' and Ex 20:1-17 ESV

The Collect:

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
Grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things
as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

What's On This Week:

Saturday 15th 11am: Chinese Bible Study

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

Sunday 16th 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 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>

Monday 6.30pm: CYFA

Tuesday 6.15pm: Explorers

Tuesday 7.30pm: Pathfinders

Midweek Home Bible Study Groups - See Karl Turner for details
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:

7th April 7.30pm: Annual Parochial Church Meeting
17th April 6pm: Maundy Thursday service at St John's
18th April 10.30am: Good Friday Service at St John's
20th April - full immersion baptisms at St Johns
27th-30th May Football School
29th May 6pm: Ascension Day service at St Bridget's
8th June 6pm: Pentecost service at Church on the Moor

News:

- This is the final opportunity to be included in the electoral roll. Admissions close on the 16th March. Forms will be available in church for the final time this Sunday and you can still enroll online by clicking 'my area' on the St Johns website until 16th March.
- We are still seeking a PCC secretary. Are you able to help?
- We are still seeking female leaders or helpers for Pathfinders.

Please pray for:

- Phil Holland, Mary Shaw, John Beech, Joyce Hewer, Emily Lane, Les Fox and Joe Moore.
- As Si said above, please pray for the next Bishop of Carlisle and also for the appointment of an associate vicar at St John's.
- Please pray for volunteers to fill the current vacancies.
- Mountain Spring Ministries

Praise God for:

- Some wonderful discussions happening in Bible study groups during this current series.
- The number of new people who are engaging with St John's.

Final Thoughts:

As a church, we want to support each other in prayer. If you have any prayer needs, please do share them with us. We also want to share in praising God for answered prayer.

When sharing your prayer/praise points, please indicate whether you are happy for them to be included in the newsletter for the church family to pray with you, or whether you wish prayers to be kept within the staff team.

Together in Christ

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