

L-L WEEKLY

The Weekly Pewsheet of the Leith-Lyvennet Parishes

Lent Course

Our Lent Course this year is "Heresies and How to Avoid Them", based on the book by Michael Ward and Ben Quash. An enlightening look at Christian belief.

Kings Meaburn Village Hall,
7.30, Mondays, 23 Feb-23 Mar.

Holy Week

Holy Week (29 Mar -4 April) will be lead by Revd Kenneth Boyd. The theme is "The strangeness and the nearness of Jesus":

Palm Sunday - Cliburn, 10.45: donkey procession & Holy Communion; shared lunch in Village Hall

Monday - Taize, 7.30pm, Thrimby

Tuesday - Compline, 7.30pm, Cliburn

Wednesday - Celtic Evening Prayer, 7.30pm. Bolton

Thursday - Maundy Thursday Eucharist, 7.30pm, Gt Strick.

Friday - Vigil at the Cross, 12.00-3.00pm, Morland

Saturday - Easter Vigil, 7.30pm, Crosby Ravensworth.

Mission Communities

On 10 February Deanery Synod agreed to develop two Mission Communities our Deanery. More news to follow.



About Today...

Lent is traditionally a season for self-examination, penitence, self-denial, study, almsgiving and preparation for Easter (Easter being also the principal occasion for baptism). Lent is a time for Christians to train themselves in spiritual disciplines through scripture reading, learning and devotional exercises through which we may grow closer to God and find healing for our souls.

Fasting is a traditional Lenten discipline, though nowadays largely confined to the tradition of "giving up" something for Lent. Despite its austere image, it must be remembered that Lent falls at the time when natural food was scarcest, so the discipline should not be overbearing. Nonetheless, it should be a constant and sufficient reminder that "man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord."

Today is also the feast of St David, patron saint of Wales. It has been celebrated as a National Day for Wales since the 12th Century. David was reputedly born on a cliff top near Capel Non (Non's chapel) during a fierce storm. Both his parents were descended from Welsh royalty. The site of his birth is marked by the ruins of a tiny ancient chapel near St. David's Cathedral. He trained as a priest under the tutorage of St. Paulinus. It is also said that during a battle against the Saxons, David advised his soldiers to wear leeks in their hats so that they could easily be distinguished from their enemies, which is why the leek is one of the emblems of Wales! Becoming a missionary David travelled throughout Wales and Britain and made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem where he was consecrated bishop. He was named Archbishop of Wales at the Synod of Brevi (Llandewi Brefi), Cardiganshire in 550. St David died on 1 March 589 A.D., at Minevia, allegedly over 100 years old.

For your prayers

- Our spiritual disciplines for Lent: fasting, scripture study and almsgiving.
- Our ministry and vocation as the people of God.
- Couples preparing for marriage, especially Simon Boydell and Kerri Millican, whose banns are being read in Morland today.
- Those preparing for baptism at Easter.
- Our children's work, including our Sunday activities, Service Makers, Snack and the Eden Live youth fellowship.
- Our Network Youth Church leader, Kristy Pattimore.
- The conflicts of the world; for Christians and other minorities caught up in the conflicts of the Middle East
- Those who are in mourning, especially the recently bereaved.

From our calendar of prayer:

- In the Anglican Communion: Diocese of Mbale (Province of Uganda), Bishop Patrick Gidudu, clergy and people.
- In Carlisle Diocese: For Solway Deanery - for Rural Dean: Bryan Rowe; Lay Chair: Peter Wardle; Secretary: Mark Hazzard; Treasurer: Willie Smith; Deanery Network Youth Church Officer: Yvette Ladds..
- Our bishops: Bishop Robert, Confirmation at Sedbergh School Chapel, 10.15 am.

Today's readings

Genesis 17.1-7,15,16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

¹⁵ God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

Mark 8.31-38

³¹ Then Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

