

# L-L WEEKLY

The Weekly Pewsheet of the Leith-Lyvennet Parishes

## Our very own Curate!

Katharine Butterfield, a long-standing member at Great Strickland is to become our first curate in many years. Katherine will be a self-supporting minister, relying for income on her optometry practice. With great generosity, she will be offering us ministry on 3 days per week + Sundays. You are all invited to her ordination - details below.

## Ordination

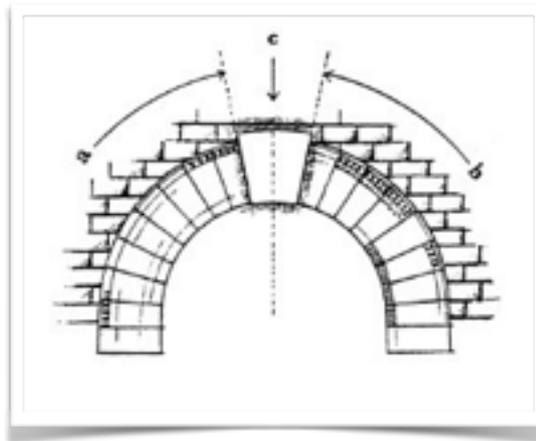
Katharine will be ordained in Carlisle Cathedral on **Sunday 28th June at 10.30am**. We will be transferring all our usual Sunday services to the Cathedral that day. Anyone wishing to travel with us by coach should contact Sandy Pearl on 01931 714564 by 10 May 2015.

## Welcome Service

Katharine will be welcomed at a special service at Gt Strickland parish church on **Sunday 5th July at 6.30pm**. Regular local services will continue, but please join us in the evening if you can for this momentous occasion.

## Concert in Morland

There will be a concert of choral music at St Lawrence, Morland at **3.15pm today** sung by members of the weekend's Choral Course.



“The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.”

## About Today...

The Great Fifty Days of Eastertide form a single festival period in which the tone of joy created at the Easter Vigil is sustained through the following seven weeks, as the Church celebrates the gloriously risen Christ.

Early Christians gave the name Pentecost to this whole fifty-day span of rejoicing, ('this most joyful period'). In those places where the custom of lighting the Easter Candle at the beginning of Easter is followed, the lit Candle stands prominently in church for all the Eastertide services. The Alleluia appears frequently in liturgical speech and song, and white or gold vestments and decorations emphasize the joy and brightness of the season.

On the fortieth day there has from the late fourth century been a particular celebration of Christ's ascension. He commissions his disciples to continue his work, he promises the gift of the Holy Spirit, and then he is no longer among them in the flesh. The ascension is therefore closely connected with the theme of mission.

The arrival of the promised gift of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost completes and crowns the Easter Festival.

Today, we are taken back to those early post-Resurrection days, when the early disciples are having to justify their claims that Jesus is alive. Then as now, that was a difficult claim - and not everyone was pleased to hear the good news and all that it implies...



## For your prayers

- The Annual Parochial Church Meetings at Morland (Monday) and Great Strickland (Wednesday) and those considering serving our church as officers, PCC members and committee members.
- Avril Rutherford, currently in hospital.
- Couples preparing for marriage, especially Bren Cooper & Sarah Boston, whose banns are being read in Morland today.
- Philip & Caroline Armstrong preparing for the baptism of their daughter, Lacey.
- Those who are in mourning, especially the family and friends of Gordon Paxton and Angela Williams.

### *From our calendar of prayer:*

- In the Anglican Communion: Diocese of New Jersey (II, The Episcopal Church), Bishop William Stokes, clergy and people.
- In Carlisle Diocese: LCTP Residential Weekend for Readers at Rydal Hall, 24th to 26th.
- For Brampton Deanery - For Russell Tague and all in the parishes of Arthuret, Kirkandrews & Nicholforest.
- Our bishops: Bishop Robert, Confirmation at Lamplugh, 11.00 am. Bishop James on sabbatical.

## Today's readings

### *Acts 4.5-12*

5 The next day the rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone."

<sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

### *John 10.11-18*

<sup>11</sup> 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

### *Today's Collect*

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

