

L-L WEEKLY

The Weekly Pewsheet of the Leith-Lyvennet Parishes

Ordination: Last Call

Katharine Butterfield 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 **today**.

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.

And another one!

More great news this week - **Sandy Pearl** has been accepted for ordination. Sandy will train for a year and be ordained next year as a permanent Deacon. Many congratulations, Sandy.

Ascension Day

The Deanery Ascension Day Eucharist will be this Thursday 14 May, 7.30, St Lawrence, Appleby. Preacher: The Rural Dean!

Filling Station

An alternative to Ascension Day! Centre 67, Appleby, 14 May, 7.30. Preacher: Alan Bing, 'How to be filled with the Spirit'.



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.

On the fortieth day there is a particular celebration of Christ's ascension. He commissions his disciples to continue his work, promises the gift of the Holy Spirit, and then is no longer among them in the flesh. The ascension is therefore closely connected with the theme of mission. Traditionally, we celebrate this as a Deanery (see notices opposite). The arrival of the promised gift of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost crowns the Easter Festival.

During this time, we follow the account of the first disciples to respond to the news of Jesus' resurrection through the book of Acts. Today, we find Peter and friends at the house of a gentile, Cornelius, a Roman soldier in Caesarea. We are told that Cornelius was 'a centurion of the Italian Cohort' (Acts 10:1) and his name confirms that he is a Roman, not a Jew. His and his household's conversion to Christianity was a landmark moment, not only because it demanded reconciliation between Roman and Jew, but also because it implied that faith in Jesus opened up membership of God's 'chosen people' not only to Jews, but to anyone. However, this required radical change for the church in almost everything it did...



For your prayers

- Those preparing for confirmation at the Deanery Confirmation in Warcop this afternoon at 3pm.
- Simon Dewis & Sophie Jackson, to be married in Morland on Friday. Joanne & Richard Gordon and Hannah & John Ellerton celebrating first anniversaries.
- Those mourning Harold Metcalfe, whose funeral is at Crosby tomorrow at 11.00 and those mourning Gordon Paxton, whose funeral was at Crosby last week.
- Those going on our parish pilgrimage to Iona (16–22 May).
- All churchwardens, to be admitted at St Michael Shap on 20 May at 7.30pm
- Our new government.
- Thanksgiving for VE Day, for all who served in the conflict and those who laid down their lives for their friends. Also all currently serving in the armed forces.

From our calendar of prayer:

- In the Anglican Communion: Diocese of Nike (Province of the Enugu, Nigeria), Bishop Evans Jonathan Ibeagha, clergy and people..
- For Kendal Deanery: St Mary, Crosthwaite, St Anthony, Cartmel Fell; St Paul, Witherslack; Holy Trinity, Winster. Priest-in-Charge: Michael Woodcock; Assistant Priest: Michelle Woodcock (preparing to be licensed to the Cartmel Peninsula Team). Crosthwaite CE Primary School.
- Our bishops: Bishop James, Confirmation at St Mary and St Michael Egremont, 9.30. Bishop Robert, Confirmations at Scotby, 10.30 and Warcop, 3.00.

Today's readings

Acts 10.44-48

44 While Peter was speaking to those gathered in the house of Cornelius, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. 45 The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, 46 for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 47 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' 48 So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

John 15.9-17

Jesus said, '9 As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. 11 I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 12 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. 16 You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. 17 I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

New PCC members and Honourable Retirements

Just as our country has a newly elected government, so our own governance is looking a little different after our recent APCM elections. Many thanks to all those elected to our PCCs for the coming year. Welcome to new Churchwardens, Alasdair Darroch (Crosby) and Jean Scott (Morland). Also new PCC members: Linda Braithwaite (Bolton); Stephen Keogh, Jenny Jones (also Treasurer) & Julia Evans (Morland); Marjory Walker & Liz McQuillen (Thrimby); and new Deanery Synod Rep, Michael Robson (Morland). Special mention must be made of Ann Shepherd (Bolton) stepping down after more than 50 years on PCC and Jim Scott (Morland) retiring after 21 years as Treasurer. Magnificent examples of community service. "Well done, good and faithful servant".

