

# L-L WEEKLY

The Weekly Pewsheets of the Leith-Lyvennet Parishes

## Ordination

Katharine Butterfield will be ordained in Carlisle Cathedral on **Sunday 28th June at 10.30.**

There is **still space on the bus!** Anyone wanting to travel with us should contact Sandy Pearl on 01931 714564.

Katharine will be welcomed at a special service at Gt Strickland parish church on **Sunday 5th July at 6.30pm.** Please join us in the evening if you can.

## E-mail/Internet Help

Worried about accessing the Internet (including Emails)? The Methodist Church locally has, during June, some computing equipment and is willing to provide help and assistance - either to groups or to individuals, on both laptops and tablets. For further details please contact Peter Brown in Long Marton - 017683 61456.

## Open Air Songs of Praise

Sunday 21st June, 11.00am on the Green at Morland (over the bridge behind the pub). Bring a picnic or book a pub lunch.

## Home Groups

Morland: Tues 23 June, 7.30, 31 Jackson Croft. Bolton: Thurs 25 June, 10.30, 7 Hall Grange.



## About Today...

Now that our Easter celebrations have drawn to an end, we return to the daily business of living out the Resurrection life as Christians, looking back to remember what Jesus did for us and looking forward to the time when he will come again to restore the whole of creation.

Accordingly, we return to our Gospel for the year, Mark, and its central theme, the kingdom of God. Indeed our eyes are now firmly fixed on God's Kingdom as we journey towards our next (and last) landmark in the Church's calendar - the Kingdom Season in November, culminating in the great feast of Christ the King, which brings our Church year to a triumphant close. For Jesus (as for his original Jewish audience), the Kingdom of God or Kingdom of Heaven was not primarily about whether you 'go to heaven' after you die, but rather about God's kingship being established on earth. It is, as St Paul puts it in our first Scripture reading today, about God restoring all things, everything becoming new. That has a profound impact on our personal lives and on the whole of creation. Ultimately it does also determine what happens when we 'die', but it demands our allegiance, our service and our whole lives now - today and every day.

Jesus uses his characteristic 'parable' style to explain his Kingdom, today likening it to a rich harvest field and, in one of the most famous parables, to a mustard seed, which grows into the largest of all trees. A parable is a saying or story with a parallel meaning. It takes what is familiar and likens it to something heavenly, hence Jesus usually begins his parables, "the Kingdom of God is like..."

## For your prayers

- Our wedding couples, esp. Gavin & Rebecca Skelton, married in Bolton on Friday and the forthcoming weddings of Barry Brennand & Sandra Davidson (Saturday in Gt Strickland) and Freddy Markham & Faye Plant (Sunday in Carlisle Registry Office).
- Katharine Butterfield preparing for ordination.
- Morland Fete and Bolton Field day on Saturday.
- Diocesan Synod on Tuesday evening.
- Appleby Deanery Synod on Wednesday evening.
- Morland and Crosby Ravensworth PCCs meeting on Monday and Thursday respectively.

### From our calendar of prayer:

- In the Anglican Communion: Diocese of Okigwe (Province of Owerri, Nigeria), Bishop Edward Osuegbu, clergy and people.
- For Carlisle Deanery: St Michael, Dalston with St John, Cumdivock, All Saints, Raughton Head with Gaitsgill, and St Mary, Wreay. Vicar: Steve Carter; Readers: Michael Hall, Doreen Hallsworth, Cecily Mark-Bell.
- Bishops: Bishop James, Confirmation at St Mary's Church, Wigton, 4.30. Bishop Robert, Allithwaite 150th Anniversary, 10.00.

## Today's readings

### 2 Corinthians 5.6-17

6 So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— <sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

11 Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. <sup>12</sup>We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. <sup>13</sup>For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. <sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

16 From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

### Mark 4.26-34

26 Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, <sup>27</sup>and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

30 He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

33 With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

