

# L-L WEEKLY

The Weekly Pewsheets of the Leith-Lyvennet Parishes

## Welcome New Curate

We will be welcoming our new curate, Katharine Butterfield will at a special service at Gt Strickland parish church at **6.30pm tonight**. Katharine will be preaching. Please join us in the evening if you can.

## Joint Songs of Praise

Following the success of last year, another joint service will be held on Sunday **31st August** at **Shap Wells Hotel**. Please note the service begins at **10.30**, not 11.00 as stated in the Newsletter. If you wish to stay for a meal, please book your own lunch in advance by telephoning Shap Wells tel: 01931716628 no later than 22nd August. If you wish to sit together, please inform the hotel of your wish to be part of the Church group.

## Filling Station

The Filling Station, an informal inter-denominational service of worship, takes place at Centre 67, Appleby on Thursday 9th July at 7.30pm. All welcome.

## A.T.O.M.

A.T.O.M., our Alternative Type of Meeting will take place in Morland Village Hall on Sunday 19th July. 10.30 for 11.00. Our theme for this year is God's Promises.



## 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. 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.

Today we find Jesus using word and action to demonstrate what his new kingdom is about, but the focus is on action. We are told that he was teaching, but not the substance of it - that is implied from what has gone before in the Gospel. But the focus is on the sending out of the 12 and the healing they brought to the people they met. It is a powerful reminder that those who follow Jesus today are not taught for their own comfort alone, but are sent out (ready or not) to bring healing to others by helping to reconcile them to their heavenly father and to one another.

## For your prayers

- Our wedding couples, esp. Darren Todd and Nicola Brown, whose banns are being read in Bolton today.
- Katharine Butterfield beginning her new ministry amongst us.
- Those in mourning, particularly the families and friends of Ella Carrick, whose funeral is on Monday at Bolton.
- Year 6 children from our schools preparing for secondary school.
- Our youth group, Eden Live, hosting the deanery Network Youth Church barbecue on Tuesday.
- Appleby Deanery Chapter meeting on Wednesday morning.

### From our calendar of prayer:

- In the Anglican Communion: Diocese of Oyo (province of Ibadan, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Williams Oluwarotimi Aladekugbe, clergy and people.
- This month we pray for Barrow Deanery: The South Barrow Team Ministry. St George the Martyr. Team Rector: Gary Cregeen; Team Vicar: Jo Northey; Assistant Curates: Matt Hornby; Robin Ham.
- Bishop James, Confirmation, St Barnabas, Carlisle, 6.00. Bishop Robert, Confirmation for Derwent Deanery at Torpenhow Church, 6.00.

## Today's readings

### 2 Corinthians 12.2-10

*(St Paul writing to the early church in Corinth, Greece)*

<sup>2</sup>I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup>And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— <sup>4</sup>was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup>even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup>Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup>but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

### Mark 6.1-13

Jesus returned to his home town, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup>On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup>Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. <sup>4</sup>Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' <sup>5</sup>And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. <sup>6</sup>And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup>He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; <sup>9</sup>but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup>If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' <sup>12</sup>So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. <sup>13</sup>They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

