

L-L WEEKLY

The Weekly Pewsheet of the Leith-Lyvennet Parishes

Bishop's Teaching Days

Bishop James's teaching days this year are on the theme "What is Discipleship?" These are always highly recommended and this year's theme is particularly topical. 24th Oct, St Mark's Barrow; 21st Nov, St James' Carlisle. Book via Vicki Grant 01539 727836 or vicki.grant@carlisle-diocese.org.uk

Duly Elected

Stewart has been elected to General Synod. Thank you for all your prayers. Synod this year will meet from 23-25 November, 15-19 February and 8-12 July.

Save the Date!!

Our bi-annual **Weekend Away** will be at Rydal Hall from 12-14 February 2016. Full details to follow. Speak to Sandy Pearl about booking: 01931 714564.

All Souls

Our annual All Souls service is at Gt Strickland at 6.30 on Sunday 1st November. If you have any names to add to the Roll of Honour please contact Stewart (714620) or Sandy (714564)



About today...

Bible Sunday is celebrated each year on the last Sunday of the Trinity season - the longest season in the Church calendar.

In one sense, of course, every Sunday is a Bible Sunday in the church - the Bible is, after all, foundational to the Christian faith. It is the basis of our belief and to be a Christian is to be a person who seeks to have his/her life founded upon the teaching of the Bible. But it is not often that we take the time to celebrate the Bible itself and to think about the continuing impact it has on individuals and communities throughout the world.

The first question Bible Sunday raises, of course, is 'what is the Bible?' At its simplest, it is the word of God (the means by which God speaks to us in our own language). That's why, at the end of our first Bible reading today, the reader will say, "this is the Word of the Lord." But in what way is it the Word of God?

Well, Christians don't believe that God dictated the Bible (in the way that Muslims believe God dictated the Koran to Muhammed). Rather, the Bible is a human book which God inhabits - a selection of stories, letters, poems, history and wisdom sayings which grew over time as first the Jewish people and then people of every nation came to know and understand God. Throughout the Old Testament, we see God revealing himself to his people: teaching, correcting and shaping them. Finally, in the New Testament, God himself appears as a human being. In the gospels we see and hear God in the person of Jesus. It is a thrilling experience to hear God himself speak to us so directly. So as Christians, we read the Bible through the lens of the Gospels and we seek to steep our lives in the Gospels so that we really do live "by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."

For your prayers

- Mark Wilkinson and Alison Scott whose banns of marriage are read at Cliburn today.
- Jake Scott-Henker, being admitted to Communion at Cliburn this morning.
- Our Confirmation candidates.
- The Alpha Course - those attending and those leading it.
- David & Eileen Risk preparing to move away.
- Our schools - parents, pupils and teachers, for rest and recreation over half term.
- Those elected to General Synod, including Stewart.

From our calendar of prayer:

- In the Anglican Communion: Diocese of Tohoku (Province of Japan), Bishop John Hiromichi Kato. Diocese of Tokyo (Province of Japan), Bishop Andrew Yoshimichi Ohata, clergy and people.
- This month we pray for Penrith Deanery: For Andreas & Jorunn Granerud, Norwegian Mission Society partners working with the Network Youth Church programme.
- Bishop James, Confirmation Service at St Mungo's Church, Dearham, 10.00 am, and Stepping Stones Event at Globe Hall, Ireby, 3.00 pm.

Today's readings

2 Timothy 3.14 - 4.5

⁴Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

John 5.36b-47

Jesus said, ³⁶"I have a testimony greater than John the Baptist's. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. ³⁷And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, ³⁸and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent.

³⁹'You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. ⁴⁰Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. ⁴¹I do not accept glory from human beings. ⁴²But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. ⁴³I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. ⁴⁴How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? ⁴⁵Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. ⁴⁶If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. ⁴⁷But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?'

