

L-L WEEKLY

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Lent Groups

Our Lent Course this year is "Life Calling". We are going to be following it in small groups meeting at various locations around our parishes. Please sign up for a group convenient to you.

More information about the course in the "About Today" section. There are sign up sheets available in church with details about all the groups.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who supported Neev Renton with giving and prayer. Neev, a 6-year old girl at Crosby Ravensworth School with type 1 diabetes, rode her bike 20 miles last Saturday from Crosby to Sedbergh in support of Action4Diabetics. If you still want to give you can do so at: www.crowdfunding.justgiving.com/neev-renton

Christian Unity

Today marks the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Please keep this very much in your prayers at this time



About Today...

Today is the third Sunday of Epiphany, the season which celebrates the revelation of Jesus as the Messiah and the saviour of humankind. Each week during the season, we focus on a different aspect of this revelation as people begin to see and understand that Jesus is God's son: the worship of the Magi; his baptism; the wedding at Cana and finally his presentation in the Temple.

Today's focus is on Jesus' declaration of his vocation as Messiah. In a dramatic incident, he climbs into the 'pulpit' of his local synagogue, reads out one of the Messianic prophecies from Isaiah and declares that he is fulfilling it. The reaction from the crowd is very hostile, but as we know Jesus did indeed fulfil that vocation.

Jesus' vocation expressed his identity as God's Son - bringing good news to the poor, proclaiming release to the captives, restoring sight to the blind, setting the oppressed free, and proclaiming the year of the Lord's favour. But Jesus also shares his vocation with his followers - we who call ourselves Christian. In our churches, we are currently undertaking a Vocations Project, discovering our own vocation and learning to be God's people once again.

This year's Lent Course, Life Calling, helps us to discover our vocation as ordinary Christians. Not every Christian is called to up-front authorised ministries such as vicars, lay readers etc. So what are 'normal' Christians called to? Our Lent Course explores that in a fun, accessible way. We're doing it in small groups and we hope that as many ordinary Christians as possible will join a group and join the journey of exploration.

Welcome to...

Christopher Tuer, attending Cliburn with his family for his Baptism.



For your prayers

- Christopher Tuer, being Christened today, his family, godparents and supporters.
- The bereaved, particularly the family & friends of Jane Buckley.
- Christian unity in this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.
- The world-wide mission of the church, for all missionaries and particularly the Church Mission Society.
- Those affected by the flooding.
- Christians in the Middle East.
- Christians persecuted for their faith.
- Cliburn PCC, meeting on Wednesday.
- Crosby Ravensworth CE School governors meeting on Thursday.

From our calendar of prayer:

- Anglican Communion: Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil, The Most Reverend Francisco De Assis Da Silva, Primate of Brazil & Bishop of South Western Brazil, clergy and people.
- Appleby Deanery: Farmers and those who earn a living from and care for the land and livestock. For ecumenical work in the Auction marts. For collaborative working across the Deanery both clergy and laity.
- Our Bishops: Bishop James, Service for Week of Prayer for Unity at the United Reformed Church, Cockermouth.

Today's Bible Readings

1 Corinthians 12.12-31a

¹² Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

Luke 4.14-21

¹⁴ Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'