

# L-L WEEKLY

The Weekly Pewsheet of the Leith-Lyvennet Parishes

## Lent Groups last call

Last chance to sign up for our Lent Course, "Life Calling", exploring the vocation of 'ordinary' Christians. We hope as many people will join us as possible. Please sign up for a group convenient to you.

## Film DVDs wanted!!

Our Lent Course involves film clips from Billy Elliot, the Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe and Chariots of Fire. If you have a copy which you could lend us for Lent, please speak to Stewart: 01931 714620 or [stewart.fyfe@btinternet.com](mailto:stewart.fyfe@btinternet.com)

## Ash Wednesday

Our joint Ash Wednesday Eucharist is at St Lawrence, Morland, Wednesday 10th February, 7.30pm. It will be a traditional service including the imposition of ashes.

## Weekend Away

There are still places available on our Weekend Away next weekend 12-14 February. Please ring Sandy Pearl, 01931 714564 to book.

## Filling Station

Thursday 11 February, 7.30pm at the Appleby Hub with Archdeacon Kevin Roberts.



## About Today...

Today is the last Sunday before Lent and our focus is the Transfiguration of Jesus.

The Transfiguration (literally 'changed appearance') of Jesus is believed to have taken place either on Mount Tabor or Mount Hermon. Both mountains are above the northern end of the Jordan Valley - the route taken by pilgrims from Galilee to Jerusalem. From these mountains it is possible to see the whole of the Jordan Valley from the Sea of Galilee to the Red Sea.

This journey has a deep theological (and emotional) meaning for Jesus because it marks the start of his journey to the Cross. In preparation for this, his final journey, he has taken his disciples away from the Holy Land into the pagan territory of Caesarea Philippi to explain the central purpose of his life on earth. The Transfiguration follows immediately after Peter's acknowledgement of Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah and immediately leads into Jesus' teaching about his forthcoming suffering and death.

This reading is traditionally the focus of this Sunday, as we prepare for our own journey through Lent towards the Cross, and beyond to the glory of the Resurrection. Significantly, in Luke's gospel, the account begins with the words "eight days later..." The original Jewish readers would immediately have recognised this as a reference to the seven days of creation. This, the new eighth day, is the beginning of the new creation to be accomplished through Jesus' coming death and resurrection.



## For your prayers

- Our preparations for the spiritual disciplines of Lent: fasting, scripture study and almsgiving.
- Our ministry and vocation as the people of God.
- All the couples being married in our churches this year and for their Wedding Preparation Day in Morland Village Hall on Saturday 20th Feb.
- Those suffering following the earthquake in Taiwan.
- Those in training for ordained ministry, especially Sandy Pearl.
- Our children's work, including our Sunday activities and the Eden Live youth fellowship.
- Those who are in mourning, especially the family & friends of Leo Bell and Jane Buckley.
- Our Deanery Synod, meeting at Warcop on Tuesday 9th Feb.

### *From our calendar of prayer:*

- In the Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Canada, The Most Reverend Frederick Hiltz, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, clergy and people.
- In Carlisle Diocese: Calder Deanery - The Benefice of Lamplugh with Ennerdale. Priest-in-Charge: Ian Parker; Readers: Margaret Toyne and Pam Carter. Ennerdale and Kinniside School. Lamplugh CofE (C) School. The parish as it begins its MAP process.
- Bishop James, Confirmation at Urswick, 10.30 am.

## Today's readings

### *2 Corinthians 3.12 - 4.2*

12 Since we have such hope in Christ, we act with great boldness, <sup>13</sup>not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. <sup>14</sup>But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; <sup>16</sup>but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup>Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup>And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

4 Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

### *Luke 9.28-36*

28 Now about eight days later Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup>They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup>Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup>While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup>Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' <sup>36</sup>When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

