

L-L WEEKLY

The Weekly Pewsheets of the Leith-Lyvennet Parishes

Welcome...

...to Finley Blekinship who is attending Crosby Ravensworth this morning with parents and godparents for his Christening. Also to our wedding couples attending to hear their banns.

Double Ordination

Sandy Pearl and Katharine Butterfield will be ordained in Carlisle Cathedral on Sunday 26th June. Sandy will be ordained deacon at 10.30am. Anyone wanting to travel with us should contact Linda Thomas on 017683 62264.

Katharine will be ordained priest at 3.00pm. All are welcome, but you will have to arrange your own transport!

There will be a special joint **welcome service** for them both at **Morland at 6.30pm**. Please join us in the evening if you can.

Lent Calling

Wondering what to do with your leftover Lent Course book? Why not donate them to Janet Cox for the deanery training box? Give them to any of our ministers.

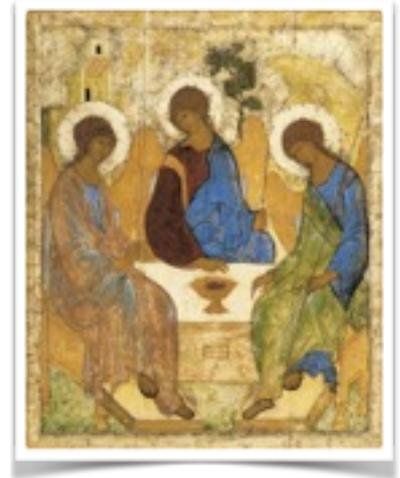
Open Air Songs of Praise

Sunday 19 June, 11.00am on the Green at Morland (over the bridge behind the pub). Fathers' Day theme - bring the dads in your family!

About Today...

The understanding of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit developed very early in Christian thought, although the term 'Holy Trinity' to describe the three-fold nature of God came much later.

Almost from the moment of Jesus's resurrection, the first Christians recognised Jesus as God. From the moment of Pentecost, they realised that God was also powerfully present with them through the Holy Spirit. It then became the practise to baptise people "in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit."



The belief that there is one God in three persons was fundamental to the Church from an early stage and the mathematical conundrum which that belief implies did not appear to bother the early church at all. It was only as Christianity spread and encountered other faiths and Greek philosophical ideas that a need to 'explain' the Trinity arose and the idea developed slowly into a doctrine. By the end of the 4th century, under the leadership of Basil of Caesarea, Gregory of Nyssa, and Gregory of Nazianzus (the Cappadocian Fathers), the doctrine reached its current form and adherence to the doctrine of the Trinity has since been seen as the defining mark of orthodox Christianity.

The Trinity, however, is not so much a doctrine, as an experience of God. It is not easy to depict the Holy Trinity (and some Christians believe we shouldn't even try), but the famous icon by Anton Rublev shown above seeks to depict the relationship rather than a portrait. Jesus (identified by his Deacon's stole) serves food to his Father and the Holy Spirit. They are seated around a geometrically perfect hexagonal table, indicating the perfection of their love, and their gaze is fixed on each other, showing how selfless is their love. But their love is also outward-looking. They are set at a precipitous angle, as though their love is about to tumble out of the picture into your lap. Jesus is pushing the food towards you - it is about to topple off the table unless you respond quickly. Will you receive their love and let Jesus feed you? And there is a space at the table for you. Will you approach and join in this relationship of perfect love?

For your prayers

- Finley Blenkinship, being baptised at Crosby Ravensworth this morning.
- Those preparing for marriage, including James Mandle & Sarah Massey; Pete Evans & Caroline Whitemen; Aaron Hyland & Marie Anna Jackson; Graeme Hunter & Jennifer Porter; and Rob Jackson & Joanne Mounsey, whose banns are being read in our churches today.
- Baby Oliver Jake Boydell, newly born to Simon and Kerri, married in Morland last year.
- Sandy Pearl & Katharine Butterfield, preparing for their ordination next month.
- Those who are grieving, especially the family and friends of Nathan Egglestone.
- Our PCCs meeting on Monday evening.

From our calendar of prayer:

- In the Anglican Communion: La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico The Most Revd Francisco Moreno Presiding Bishop, clergy and people.
- For Kendal Deanery: Westmorland General Hospital; Chaplain: Jayne Tyrer and her team.
- Bishop James, Royal British Legion Conference, 2pm 20-22 May. Bishop Robert, Holy Communion, St Oswald's, Grasmere, 11am.

Today's readings

Romans 5.1-5 (St Paul writing to the early church in Rome...)

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

John 16.12-15 (Jesus teaches his followers just before his death...)

Jesus said, ¹² 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.'

Wordsearch Puzzle

Trinity Sunday

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. John 16:13 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on John 16:12-15

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