

L-L WEEKLY

The Weekly Pewsheets of the Leith-Lyvennet Parishes

Filling Station

The Filling Station returns on Thursday (8 Sept) at the Hub (formerly Centre 67), Appleby, 7.30 for 8.00pm. Revd Dr Roger Latham, newly appointed principle of Cumbria Christian Learning is preaching.

Rose Castle Triumph!

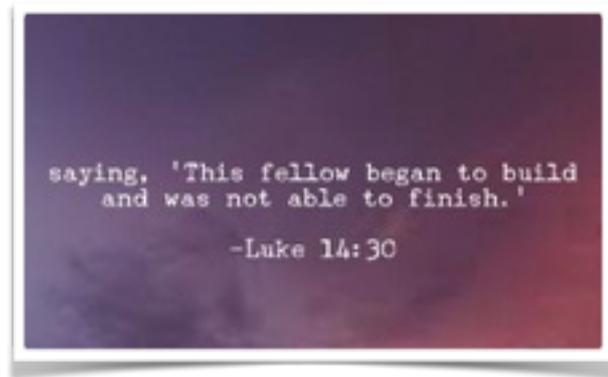
Rose Castle will shortly re-open its doors as an international centre of peace and reconciliation. It has been purchased on behalf of the Rose Castle Foundation. Its programmes will address reconciliation within and between faith communities, across the religious/secular divide, and with the land and natural environment.

New Superintendent

Our area has a new Methodist Superintendent Minister, the Revd Stephen Radford. Welcome to him and his wife, Heather, who will be living in the Manse in Kirkby Stephen.

Charity Quiz

There will be a charity quiz held in the Appleby Brewery in Morland on Friday 9th September at 7.30pm.



About Today...

Today we continuing our year-long journey through our Gospel of the year - Luke. It is evident, from the way that it is composed, that Luke's Gospel was written to explain the Christian faith to non-Jewish readers, people who would not be familiar with the Jewish customs and backstory which are assumed in the gospels of Mark and Matthew. The author is believed to be Luke, a Greek doctor who had converted to Christianity, who is named as a companion of Paul in three of the New Testament letters attributed to Paul. His work shows that he was a careful historian and a cultured man. Luke follows a similar structure to the Gospels of Mark and Matthew in that Jesus' ministry is presented in two parts: the first part being the ministry in Galilee, the second part being his journey to Jerusalem where he is crucified and resurrected.

Today's episode comes in the second part, on the journey to Jerusalem set against a backdrop of his impending crucifixion. Jesus is warning his disciples that following him is not going to mean a life of endless bliss - that will only come when the kingdom of heaven is complete. If they really yearn for the kingdom of heaven it will cost them everything they have, even the deepest desires of their hearts - money, ambition, self-image and even family. Salvation is given to us freely by Jesus, but owning for ourselves costs us everything - for it to become our true identities we have to supplant everything else in our lives with Jesus. If the cost seems high, it is nothing compared to the cost Jesus himself paid to save us. Moreover, we must remember Jesus' promise that 'everyone who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, will get back a hundredfold in this age, and in the age to come eternal life.' Jesus is not against family life, but for family life (and indeed for the whole world) to become everything that God intends, we must put Jesus and his kingdom first in our lives.



For your prayers

- The East of Eden Mission Community being launched today in Penrith Deanery.
- Pupils and teachers returning to school this week after the holidays.
- Those mourning, especially the family and friends of Joan Crellin, whose memorial service was held in Crosby yesterday.
- Those suffering the consequences of the earthquake in Italy.
- All refugees, the communities receiving them, the aid agencies working to help them and the places from which they are fleeing.
- Our vocation and ministry as the people of God.
- All holiday-makers.

From our calendar of prayer:

- In the Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Tanzania The Most Revd Jacob Erasto Chimeledya Archbishop of Tanzania & Bishop of Mpwapwa, clergy and people.
- This month we pray for Derwent Deanery and today for St John Bassenthwaite.
- Bishop James & Bishop Robert, East of Eden Mission Community Launch Event, Gamblesby Methodist Church.

Today's readings

Philemon 1-21 (St Paul writing to a freed Roman slave, Philemon)

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸ For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Luke 14.25-33 (Jesus on the road to Jerusalem)

Now large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?

²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

