

L-L WEEKLY

The Weekly Pewsheet of the Leith-Lyvennet Parishes

Baptism

We welcome Sam and Charley Dooley and families at Crosby Ravensworth for their baptisms.

Lent Groups

In our Lent groups this year, we are looking at 'What is the Bible and how do we use it?' Please find a group convenient for you and sign up!

Bolton Mondays 2.30 - 4.00pm at 2, Edenfold, Bolton.

Cliburn Tuesdays 7.30-9.00pm at Cliburn Village Hall.

Crosby Ravensworth Thursdays 6.30 -7.30pm in Dent Chapel, in the Church.

Great Strickland Tuesdays 7.30 - 9.00pm Strickland Well, G. S.

Morland Wednesdays 11.00 - 12.30pm at the Mill Yard Cafe.

Morland Wednesday 7.30-9.00 pm at Upper Orchard, Morland

Ash Wednesday

Our joint Ash Wednesday Eucharist is at All Saints, Bolton, Wednesday 1st March, 7.30pm. It will be a traditional service with the imposition of ashes.

Filling Station

Thursday 9th March, 7.30 for 8.00pm at the Appleby Hub with Revd Graham Potter 'What about other religions?'



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 a turning point in Jesus' story - the end of his ministry in Galilee and 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 Matthew's gospel, the account begins with the words "six days later..."

The original Jewish readers would immediately have recognised this as a reference to the seven days of creation, so this episode marks the climax of God's creation. The restoration of all creation to God's intended purposes is 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.
- For our Lent Groups, that we may all grow in our faith.
- The Venerable Lee Townend who was licensed yesterday, 25th February, as our new Archdeacon in Carlisle
- Revd. Alun Hurd preparing for his licensing on Monday 6th March at 7.00pm at Shap Parish Church.
- Launch events for the Moving Mountains Mission which are happening this month. Pray for good attendance, and for people to gain a vision for the possibilities that it offers in their local communities.

From our calendar of prayer:

- In the Anglican Communion: Diocese of Malek, Province of Upper Nile, Sudan The Rt Revd Peter Mayom, clergy & people.
- Carlisle Diocese: Congregations of Rosley, Woodside, and Welton. Revd Eileen Reid. Reader: Geoff Hine. For further growth in lay leadership. For the clergy, wardens and officers in this time of vacancy. For Carlisle College and our adult education facilities. For our University, Revd Matthew Firth (chaplain) and for its continued growth and fusion with the community.
- Bishop James, Confirmation Service, Mirehouse. Bishop Robert, Lead services c/o Tim Herbert, in Aspatria and Gilcrux

Today's readings

2 Peter 1.16-21

16 For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹ So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Matthew 17.1-9

17 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

