

Notices for the Parish of the Solway Plain

16th February 2020 – Second Sunday before Lent

Welcome to our Services today. We invite Christians of all traditions to receive the bread and wine at our services of Holy Communion. If you are not a communicant member in our community of a church, we would invite you to come forward to receive a blessing

We welcome Jake Andrew Harrison being baptised in Christ Church Silloth at 1pm today

As God's beloved children, let us join with all the beauty of creation in coming before God in praise and worship. We approach just as we are, with all our dreams and hopes, all our worries and struggles, all our gladness and sadness.

Collect for today

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever. Amen

Readings for Today

Romans 8:18-25

Creation is fallen. Suffering is built into the fabric of life. Like a woman in labour, all of us must endure pain before the future promise of glory as God's children.

Matthew 6:25-43

As part of Jesus' long discourse known as the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells us not to worry. We concern ourselves with how our needs will be met. But our heavenly Father is ahead of us. The key for us is to place God and God's kingdom first.

Mission Community Prayer and Praise

Sunday 23rd February

3:00pm - St John the Evangelist, Newton Arlosh

Readings for Next Week

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9

Events for the Week

Wednesday 19th February

10:00am - Holme Cultram, Coffee Morning

10:00am - Bible Study, 7 Holliday Crescent, Silloth

Thursday 20th February

10:00am - Silloth, Holy Communion

12:00pm - Westnewton MU Meal

1:30pm - Coffee Afternoon, Newton Arlosh PH

Next Sunday's Services

Sunday next before Lent

9:00am - Westnewton, Holy Communion (RP)

9:30am - Holme St Cuthbert, Morning Prayer (BR)

9:30am - Bromfield, Holy Communion (DK)

9:30am - Kirkbride, Morning Prayer (TB)

10:30am - Holme Cultram, Holy Communion (RP)

11:00am - Silloth, Holy Communion (BR)

Coronavirus

The Bishop of Carlisle, the Church of England's lead bishop on health issues, said: "We pray for all those affected by Coronavirus here and around the world, particularly in China, and for all those caring for them. "The virus not been declared a pandemic and at present the risk in this country is assessed as 'moderate'.

However, there are, of course some practical measures churches can take.

"Much of that is simply maintaining good hygiene including, for example, priests and servers washing their hands and using alcohol-based hand-sanitiser before Holy Communion.

"Although there is not currently Government advice suggesting churches should suspend the use of the Common Cup, parishioners with coughs and sneezes should certainly be encouraged to receive Communion in one kind only and to refrain from handshaking during The Peace.

"We also advise against the practice of 'intinction' – when the consecrated bread is dipped into the wine - as this could represent an infection transmission route."

*May your day be filled with
opportunities to love others,
in ways that genuinely translate
God's care for them even
in the smallest ways.*

St Matthew's Westnewton * St Mungo's Bromfield * Christ Church Waverton

St Mary Holme Cultram * Holme St Cuthbert * Christ Church Silloth

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