

# Notices for the Solway Plain Churches

## 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Easter 7/Sunday after Ascension

We are called to be God's people in the world. We focus our minds and open our hearts so that, as our minds are fed and our hearts inspired, we will know afresh God's love for us and in turn radiate God's love to the world

### Sunday Worship

Welcome to our Service today

- Hand sanitiser is available at the entrance and should be used on your way in and out of the church
- Face coverings must be worn, following government guidance, with the normal exceptions for health reasons
- The 2m social distancing rules must be followed. We will be only using alternate pews and those not in use have been clearly marked. Households can share a pew.
- When entering or leaving church, please respect the social distancing of others. Following the government's guidance, you **must not** gather or mingle inside with people not in your household, please save any conversations until you are outside
- As part of the governments Test & Trace strategy we will record the names and contact details of those attending worship (this information will only be kept for 21 days) The NHS QR code can be scanned as you enter if you have a smartphone
- There will be no congregational singing of hymns inside, music may be played during the service
- The offertory place will not be passed around, there will be a collection plate at the back of church for your donations as you enter the church
- In services of Holy Communion, we will not 'share' the peace. We will share only the bread at communion. Please follow all directions of the minister when receiving (the bread will be brought and served to you in your seat) the bread will be distributed, and the words said when everyone has received the bread into their hands for all to consume at the same time.
- If you have any symptoms of Covid-19 please stay at home and contact NHS if you need further advice

### Virtual Service online

The online service is broadcast on Sundays at 10am on the Christ Church, Silloth Facebook page and available all week [www.facebook.com/christchurchsilloth](http://www.facebook.com/christchurchsilloth) The service is also available to listen to over the telephone **016973 25902**, charged as a local call or free if you have a call package.

### Next Sunday

- 9.00am – Westnewton – Holy Communion (MS)
- 9.30am – Holme St Cuthbert – Morning Prayer (RB)
- 9.30am – St Mungo's, Bromfield – Holy Communion (BR)
- 9.30am – St Bride's, Kirkbride – Morning Worship (AC)
- 10.30am – Holme Cultram – Holy Communion (MS)
- 11.00am – Christ Church, Silloth – Holy Communion (BR)

### Collect for today

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place  
where our Saviour Christ is gone before,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### Bible Readings for today

**Acts 1:15-17, 21-26**

Understanding of scripture, coupled with prayer, guides the apostles' choice of a replacement for Judas

**John 17:6-19**

Jesus knows he is nearly at the end of his earthly ministry and prays to the Father for his disciples

### Bible Study Online

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm – Online Bible Study looking at the Parables. Contact Andrew [callaway.ad@gmail.com](mailto:callaway.ad@gmail.com) for details of the Zoom link to join us

### Christ Church, Waverton

The Church Commissioners have published the draft scheme for the closure of Christ Church, Waverton. Please see the notices posted at the church door of all the churches in the Solway Plain Parish

### Annual Meetings

Annual Meetings and meeting for the election of Churchwardens will take place at  
Kirkbride – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 6.00pm  
Solway Plain – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May 11.00am

### Christ Church, Silloth building project

Work begins on Monday in Christ Church to create toilets, kitchen & storage, a raised platform at the chancel steps where we can use the communion table from St Pauls church, and to make the church more flexible for worship, events & concerts etc. Pews will be removed (with some retained for use in the church) those not required are being sold. A ramp for level access to the main door will be created. The work will take up to four months, during which time Sunday worship will be held in a marquee in the church grounds.

*St Matthew's Westnewton \* St Mungo's Bromfield \* Christ Church Waverton \* St Bride's Kirkbride  
St Mary Holme Cultram \* Holme St Cuthbert \* Christ Church Silloth \* St John the Evangelist, Newton Arlosh*

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