

# Notices for the Solway Plain Churches

## 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024 - Lent 1

The Holy Spirit who drove Jesus into the wilderness after his baptism, guides and inspires us today.  
As we open our hearts in prayer and praise, let us ask for grace to experience the kingdom of God this Lent

### Sunday Worship

Welcome to our Services today

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

### Bible Readings for today

#### Genesis 9:8-17

God promises that never again will a flood destroy the earth. The rainbow is a sign to all creation and a reminder to God of this everlasting covenant

#### Mark 1:9-15

Jesus is affirmed at his baptism and formed by God in the wilderness. Jesus' proclamation of the kingdom of God calls people to respond

### This Week

Today 4.00pm - **Healing Service** - St Matthew's, Westnewton  
Mon 7.00pm - **Bible Study** - Midtown, Westnewton  
Tues 10.00am - **Bible Study** - Christ Church, Sillioth  
Wed 7.00pm - **Kirkbride Church Committee** - Village Hall  
Thurs 10.00am - **Holy Communion** - Christ Church, Sillioth  
Fri 10.00am - **Coffee Morning** - Kirkbride Village Hall  
Sun 4.00pm - **The Gathering** - Aspatria Rugby Club

### Next Sunday's Readings

Genesis 17:1-7 & 15-16    Mark 8:31-38

### Next Sunday

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

### Collect for today

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,  
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:  
give us grace to discipline ourselves  
in obedience to your Spirit;  
and, as you know our weakness,  
so may we know your power to save;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### Healing Service

Our monthly healing service will take place this afternoon in St Matthew's, Westnewton at 4pm. Join us for a service of quiet prayer and reflection where we seek God's healing and wholeness.

### Lent Bible Studies

The theme of our Lent Studies follows "A Journey with John" which was originally produced as a series of studies for Holy Week. We are going to use it in the five weeks leading up to Holy Week as a reflection on the final week of Jesus life as recorded in the gospel of John. It was written by David Thomson who was once Archdeacon of Carlisle before he became Bishop of Huntingdon (now retired).

We begin the series of studies on 19/20<sup>th</sup> February  
Studies will be held in

**Midtown, Westnewton on Monday evening at 7pm** led by Revd Malcom Stilwell

**Christ Church, Sillioth on Tuesday morning at 10am** led by ministers from Sillioth Churches Together

This week: John 12:1-11 "Arrival: A matter of life and death"

### The Gathering

The Gathering is an Informal worship time with contemporary music which takes place at The Space, Aspatria each month organised by the Mission Community. Come along next Sunday at 4pm, regulars and new members welcome

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

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