

## Notices for the Solway Plain Churches 10<sup>th</sup> March - Lent 4 / Mothering Sunday

On Mothering Sunday, we pause in the middle of Lent to give thanks for those who have given us life. We give thanks for the Church, our spiritual mother, who nurtures us in faith and sends us out to live as God's people in the world

### 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

**Numbers 21:4-9**

God disciplines the people during their journey through the wilderness, calling them back to faith as they are saved by the sign of the golden serpent in their midst

**John 3:14-21**

Jesus speaks to Nicodemus, a Pharisee, who has come to Jesus by night to learn for himself just who Jesus is: he is the light of the world

### This Week

Mon 7.00pm - **Bible Study** - Midtown, Westnewton

Tues 10.00am - **Bible Study** - Christ Church, Silloth

Wed 10.00am - **Coffee & Chit Chat** - Holme Cultram

Thurs 10.00am - **Holy Communion** - Christ Church, Silloth

Fri 10.00am - **Coffee Morning** - Kirkbride Church Hall

Sun 4.00pm - **Healing Service** - Bromfield

Sun 6.00pm - **Richard Pratt's Leaving Service** - Harrington

### Next Sunday's Readings

Jeremiah 31:31-34

John 12:20-33

### Next Sunday

9.00am – Westnewton – Morning Worship (TB)

9.30am – Holme St Cuthbert – Holy Communion (BR)

9.30am – St Mungo's, Bromfield – Morning Worship (FMCl)

9.30am – St Bride's, Kirkbride – Holy Communion (MS)

10.30am – Holme Cultram – Morning Worship (TB)

10.45am – Newton Arlosh – Holy Communion (MS)

11.00am – Christ Church, Silloth - Morning Prayer (BR)

4.00pm – Bromfield – Healing Service (JJ)

### Collect for today

Merciful Lord,  
absolve your people from their offences,  
that through your bountiful goodness  
we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins  
which by our frailty we have committed;  
grant this, heavenly Father,  
for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### Collect for Mothering Sunday

God of compassion,  
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,  
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,  
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:  
strengthen us in our daily living  
that in joy and in sorrow  
we may know the power of your presence  
to bind together and to heal;  
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.

### Lent Bible Studies

Our studies follow "A Journey with John" reflecting on the final week of Jesus life as recorded in the gospel of John.

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

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

This week: John 13:1-17,31b-35 Farewells: the time has come

### Archdeacon Richard Pratt

Richard has been Archdeacon of West Cumberland since 2009 and has been a good friend to our churches with his wise advice, enthusiasm, and support over the past 15 years. Richard is retiring at the end of March. There will be a farewell service on Sunday 17th March at 6pm in St Mary's, Harrington, to which all are invited.

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

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