

Notices for the Solway Plain Churches

12th January 2025 – Baptism of Christ

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Christ and the affirmation he receives that he is indeed God's beloved Son. With those words of encouragement Jesus received, we reflect on God's word to us

Sunday Worship

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.

It is our practice that those who don't wish to drink the wine from the common cup, receive the bread only, intincted by the priest before the distribution. Please respect others by not intincting the bread yourself.

Mission Community Prayer

We begin the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with prayers for our churches and communities with prayer together on Saturday at 3pm in Holme Cultram Abbey

This Week

Tues 10.00am – **Abbey Tots** – Holme Cultram Abbey
Tues 6.00pm – **Abbeytown Community Choir** - Abbey
Tues 7.00pm – **Silloth Church Committee** – Vicarage
Wed 2.30pm – **Coffee & Chit Chat** - Abbey
Thurs 10.00am – **Holy Communion** – Christ Church, Silloth
Sat 3.00pm – **Mission Community Prayer** – Abbey

Next Sunday's Services

9.00am – Westnewton – Morning Worship (TB)
9.30am – Holme St Cuthbert – Holy Communion (MS)
9.30am – St Mungo's, Bromfield – Morning Worship (BR)
9.30am – St Bride's, Kirkbride – Holy Communion (GR)
10.30am – Holme Cultram – Morning Worship (TB)
10.45am – Newton Arlosh – Holy Communion (GR)
11.00am – Churches Together in Silloth United Service (BR) in Silloth RC Church
4.00pm – Holme Cultram – Healing Service (FMcl)

Next Sunday's Readings

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11

Collect for today

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling
as your adopted children;
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.

Bible Readings for today

Acts 8:14-17

Peter and John pray that those in Samaria who have accepted Jesus will receive the Holy Spirit

Luke 3:15-17 & 21-22

The people who encounter John the Baptist wonder whether he is the Messiah, but when Jesus comes to him for baptism a voice from heaven declares, "you are my Son, the beloved"

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Churches Together in Silloth will be meeting for a joint service next Sunday at 11.00am in Silloth Roman Catholic Church

As we celebrate 1,700 years since the Council of Nicaea, the worship service has at its heart, the Nicene Creed. Reflecting this, the scripture readings for this year focus on belief.

We are invited to reflect on the story of Martha's confession of faith in Jesus as narrated in John 11:17-27. Each is called to sit with Jesus' provocative question to Martha: "Do you believe this?"

This year, materials were prepared by the ecumenical community at Bose in Northern Italy.

Healing Prayer

Next Sunday at 4pm in Holme Cultram Abbey, prayers for healing. Please join us, or send your prayer requests to prayer@solwayplainchurches.org.uk

*St Matthew's Westnewton * St Mungo's Bromfield * St Bride's, Kirkbride * St Mary Holme Cultram * Christ Church, Silloth
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