

THE SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT

6th February 2022 – Fourth Sunday before Lent (Proper 1)

The Vicar's day off

Following the resignation of the Diocesan Director of Education, which many of you have seen announced in the regular Diocesan email, Charlotte will be Acting Director, as well as completing her qualification as a SIAMS inspector and doing the Deputy Director's work. As a result of the extra workload, it will not be possible for us to keep our day off on Monday. We may take odd days off on other days of the week when occasion allows, especially Fridays and Saturdays and I regret that my availability may be different from week to week or at short notice.

Extra hands about our parishes

This week and last have been all about adding extra workers to the harvest. It's a real source of regret that we couldn't recruit through NISCU, and that funding isn't available to make the Deanery Children and Families ministry back up to full time when Hannah Fishwick comes back to work part time. I have been exploring a number of grant-making and other possibilities recently. I've submitted a fresh application for interns in collaboration with Keppleway and the Diocesan Growing Younger Enabler. I'm also speaking to the Diocese this week about the possibility of a curate in 2023. There are other irons in the fire too, on which more news in due course.

This Week

Tuesday

7.00pm – Deanery Synod, Ulverston Parish Church.

7.30pm – House group, Broughton Methodist Church.

Wednesday

8.30am – Morning Prayer, St Mary's.

11.30am – Midweek Communion at Broughton Mills, followed by soup lunch just after 12noon.

4.30pm – Evening Prayer, St Mary's.

7.30pm – Youth drop-in Broughton Methodist Church.

Thursday

9.00am – Coffee to start the day at Broughton Methodist Church, open to all.

10.00am – Bible study. All welcome, meeting at Broughton Methodist church.

1-3pm – Foodbank collection point/Community Post Office and Coffee at the Browfoot Room, Ulpha.

7.30pm – Meeting Point, Parsonage Room.

Friday

12.30pm – Margaret Shepherd, RIP (Kirkby)

5.00pm – Choir practice, St Mary's Broughton.

Saturday

12.00 – Ingrid Whitburn, RIP (Seathwaite) – TBC

READINGS AND PRAYERS

Collect

O God,
you know us to be set
in the midst of so many and great dangers,
that by reason of the frailty of our nature
we cannot always stand upright:
grant to us such strength and protection
as may support us in all dangers
and carry us through all temptations;
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.

Isaiah 6:1-8

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.'

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!'

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of

tongs. ⁷ The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' ⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

*This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 138

¹ I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;
² I bow down towards your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love
and your faithfulness;
for you have exalted your name and your word
above everything.
³ On the day I called, you answered me,
you increased my strength of soul.
⁴ All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
⁵ They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
for great is the glory of the Lord.
⁶ For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly;
but the haughty he perceives from far away.
⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand,
and your right hand delivers me.
⁸ The Lord will fulfil his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures for ever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

I Corinthians 15:1-11

A reading from St Paul's first letter to the Church at Corinth

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ² through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³ For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴ and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than

any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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Luke 5:1-11

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.***

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ² he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' ⁵ Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' ⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷ So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' ⁹ For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' ¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.***

Prayer after Communion

Go before us, Lord, in all we do
with your most gracious favour,
and guide us with your continual help,
that in all our works
begun, continued and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name,
and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Banns of Marriage – Kirkby

This week I am delighted to call the banns of marriage of Howard James Bullas and Kate Louise Mosley, both single of the Parish of Kirkby Ireleth, desiring to be married in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Millom, by reason of their qualifying connection with that place.