

THE SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT

16th May 2021 – Seventh Sunday of Easter / Sunday after Ascension

NOTICES

Kirkby – APCM and Electoral roll

In Kirkby, it is time to make sure that you are on the electoral roll, as we will shortly be fixing the date for our APCM (which this year must occur by the end of June). Electoral roll forms here:

<https://www.parishresources.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Application-for-Enrolment-Electoral-Roll.pdf>

Foodbank

Stephen made a Foodbank run this Thursday, taking the recent donations (and purchases) from across the two parishes down to Barrow for sorting and distribution across the collection points in Barrow, Millom and Ulverston. It was very much a Land Rover full. *“I always spend a bit of time at the Foodbank with the volunteers I know, talking about how they are doing, what their stock levels are like and what their immediate needs might be. The Foodbank is doing amazing work at present, moving enormous quantities and building such resource and expertise that it is able to assist other foodbanks that are not so well-equipped.”*



Please continue to support the Foodbank with suitable donations either direct to Stephen or in the boxes in St Cuthbert's and St Mary's, which he empties regularly. If you are thinking about what to donate, you might focus on long shelf life items. Remember that personal hygiene and cleaning products are also welcome: soap, shampoo, bathroom and kitchen cleaners, for example. Our foodbank helps with the whole grocery shop!

Appeal for donations, furniture and equipment

As explained last week, Ruth Hutchings and Stephen are hoping to expand Network Youth Church provision, based in Broughton, offering a weekday evening of unstructured drop-in and detached youth work, permanently set up in Broughton Methodist Church. We will seek a wider range of young people, from a wider area.

Since last week, we have received several offers of equipment and donations. If you are able to donate towards the purchase of good quality furniture and games (which will remain the property of the PCC after purchase), that is what is most needed at present. Donations should be made via the usual PCC accounts but please let Stephen know, so that we can identify incoming payments correctly.



New weekday group

A new home group will be starting from the week of 21st June, the brainchild of Liz Riddell, who will be known to the congregations in Ulpha, Broughton and Kirkby. The plan is to meet weekly, on a weekday morning to be decided, with time for refreshments open to all, before prayer and informal study together for those who would like to. The group will be starting with a gentle introduction to the Gospel of Mark, using the well-known *Lifebuilder* series from SPCK/IVP, which has recently been revised and republished. Please speak to Stephen or Liz to register your interest!



Our local community radio station, Cando FM, provides a 30-minute slot to the Barrow Mission Community, currently at 10.30am on Sunday morning. Revd Robin Ham, the pioneer minister in Barrow, is appealing to churches within the area to support this work financially. The weekly slot costs about £1600 per year and is an innovative way to reach the non-churchgoing audience tuning in to community radio. Please speak to Stephen if you are able to offer a small donation.

Save the date

Charlotte and Stephen are planning a mid-afternoon open garden on Saturday 10th July, to start making up for the lack of opportunities to meet everyone during lockdown and restrictions. Please pop it in your diary!

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<https://www.kepplewray.org.uk/bethesda-project>

READINGS AND PRAYERS

Collect

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.

Ezekiel 36:24-28

During Easter Season, priority is given to readings from Acts.

Acts 1:15-17, 21-end

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) ¹⁶ and said, “Brothers and sisters, the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷ He was one of our number and shared in our ministry.”

²¹ Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, ²² beginning from John’s baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection.”

²³ So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. ²⁴ Then they prayed, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs.” ²⁶ Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

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

Psalm 1

¹ Blessed is the one

who does not walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take
or sit in the company of mockers,

² but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,
and who meditates on his law day and night.

³ That person is like a tree planted by streams of
water,

which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither—
whatever they do prospers.

⁴ Not so the wicked!

They are like chaff
that the wind blows away.

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

⁶ For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

1 John 5:9-13

A reading from the First Letter of John

⁹ We accept human testimony, but God’s testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. ¹⁰ Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this testimony. Whoever does not believe

God has made him out to be a liar, because they have not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. ¹¹ And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³ I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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John 17:6-19

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

⁶ “I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸ For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. ⁹ I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹ I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

¹³ “I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. ¹⁴ I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. ¹⁵ My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

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

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.