

THE SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT

30th May 2021 – Trinity Sunday (Principal Feast)

NOTICES

Evening worship in Seathwaite this evening, 6pm

Trinity Sunday means the patronal festival of Holy Trinity, Seathwaite. There will be a simple service at 6pm to mark the occasion. Please do make the beautiful journey up the valley if you can.

Please pray for...

Georgia Patterson, her family and friends, coming for holy baptism in St Cuthbert's this Tuesday at 10am. Members of the congregation are of course very welcome at this service, to witness the baptism and support Georgia and her family.

The family and friends of Joan Butcher RIP, whose funeral Stephen will take at St George's this Friday.

All the activities, organisations and causes that we are supporting corporately and individually at present, that we may continue to be inspired to support them, and they to continue their good work.



Kirkby APCM and Electoral roll

In Kirkby, please make sure that you are on the electoral roll in advance of the APCM, **Wednesday 23rd June**.

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

Christian Aid Week

At the time of writing, I do not have a final figure for our Christian Aid collection, but I do know that the plant sale in the Square at Broughton took a stupendous £545 over two days. Thank you to everyone from both parishes who came along to support the volunteers, share in fellowship and acquire some excellent, well-kept seedlings and other specimens for the garden. Thank you to Helen, Alex, Jennifer and all those who managed the event or provided the high quality stock.

New weekday group

Our new home group will start on Thursday 24th June (Covid restrictions permitting), with coffee open to all

from 9am, in the Broughton Methodist Church. The first study, using the *Lifebuilder* guide to the Gospel of Mark, will begin at 10am for those who want to stay. The group welcomes you, no matter which church or area you are from and whether you have previous experience of church groups. We hope that using a Methodist building in the centre of our area will underline that this is a group for everyone: for established Christians and those exploring faith for the first time. Please let Stephen or Liz know if you are intending to come.

Save the date

Covid-restrictions permitting, 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 put it in your diary!

READINGS AND PRAYERS

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity
and in the power of the divine majesty
to worship the Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith,
that we may evermore be defended
from all adversities;
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!

⁶ Then 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 29

- ¹ Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
² Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
worship the Lord in holy splendour.
³ The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over mighty waters.
⁴ The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
⁶ He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
⁷ The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
⁸ The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
⁹ The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'
¹⁰ The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever.
¹¹ May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Romans 8:12-17

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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

John 3:1-17

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

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' ³ Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' ⁵ Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹ 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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

Prayer after Communion

Almighty and eternal God,
you have revealed yourself
as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:
hold us firm in this faith,
that we may know you in all your ways
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,
who are three Persons yet one God,
now and for ever.