

THE SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT

16th January 2022 – The Second Sunday of Epiphany

Job vacancy – Parish Administrator (Ulverston)

Ulverston Parish Church is seeking a new Parish Administrator, as Jen Cox stands down after 3 years. The post is a key interface between the church and the wider community. The post-holder is expected to support the ministry and vision of the church, so an active Christian faith is highly desirable.

This position requires the ability to work in a busy and variable environment, where multi-tasking, sound decision making, a proactive approach, and discretion are essential. The post-holder will need organisational, communication and IT skills, and the ability to work well with others. 20 hours per week, based in the Parish Office, Church Walk, Ulverston, covering office opening hours.

Applications by 31st January, interviews on or around 8th February. Further details available by email from:

office@ulverstonparishchurch.org

This Week

Tuesday

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.

7.00pm – 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.

3.30pm – Quest Club, Broughton Primary School.

7.00pm – Meeting Point, Parsonage Room.

Friday

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

READINGS AND PRAYERS

Collect

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature
by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
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 62:1-5

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

- ¹ For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
- ² The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
- ³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of
the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
- ⁴ You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
- ⁵ For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

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

Psalms 36:5-10

- ⁵ Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.
- ⁶ Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgements are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.
- ⁷ How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge
in the shadow of your wings.

⁸ They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink
from the river of your delights.

⁹ For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.

¹⁰ O continue your steadfast love
to those who know you,
and your salvation to the upright of heart!

I Corinthians 12:1-11

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

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ² You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³ Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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

John 2:1-11

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

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' ⁴ And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' ⁵ His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. ⁹ When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who

had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

Prayer after Communion

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

NISCU youth/children/schools worker

I am sorry to report that there were no applicants for the new NISCU post that has been a feature of recent Supplements. This is a great shame, on a par with the disappointing unavailability of interns for the academic year 2021/2022. That said, we were only able to afford an 8-hour post, being dependent entirely on Niscu funding, and a single working day was always going to be an awkward post to fill. We should not be surprised or downcast by encountering a difficulty which was anticipated! I will continue to talk to Niscu about further recruitment, or additional hours, and it may be that as parishes we can make it a missional aim to offer our own contribution toward this important ministry.

I will shortly be making an application for interns for the year 2022/2023. Please pray for the success of this application – but also that the Brexit- and Covid-related reasons for the unavailability of interns last year will not be repeated, or will be overcome by those working in this area for the Diocese and the National Church.