

NW WEEKLY

The Weekly Pewsheets of the North Westmorland Parishes

Lots of Big News

The Revd Emma Ineson, at present Principal of Trinity College Bristol, is to be the next **Bishop of Penrith**. Emma will be ordained bishop on 27 Feb 2019; she will begin engaging with the Diocese over the Autumn but will start work properly after her consecration.

...and some more...

The bishop has appointed Revd Sam Held as Rector of Kirkby Stephen and Brough. Sam is currently Ecumenical Chaplain at Tauranga Hospital in Waipu Diocese, New Zealand.

...and if you haven't heard...

Congratulations to Katharine Butterfield, who has been appointed joint Mission Community Leader of the East of Eden Mission Community. Her last Sunday with us will be 29 July. She will be licensed on 3rd September.

Mission Community Launch

Our Mission Community will be launched with a big celebration on Sunday 17 June, starting at Sands Methodist Church at 3.30pm. More to follow. Can you suggest a name for the Mission Community? Ideas so far: Appleby or Eden Valley.



About Today...

Along with the Church across the nation, we are devoting the time between Ascension Day (10 May) to Pentecost (20 May) to praying for the coming of God's kingdom. We are encouraged to pray for areas of our nation that might particularly be longing for God's kingdom because of injustice, suffering or need. And we are also encouraged to pray for those who do not yet know or grasp the love of God in their lives and to have a short list of people we might particularly pray for.

The simplest way to join in is simply to pray the Lord's Prayer regularly during this time. However, you are also welcome to join us at our dedicated prayer services:

Sunday 13th May, 6.30pm at St Peter, Askham

Tuesday 15th May, 9.15am at St Lawrence, Morland

Wednesday 16th May, 10am at St Lawrence, Morland (with Holy Communion)

Thursday, 17th May, 7.30pm at the Hub, Appleby

Sunday 20th May, 9.15am at All Saints, Bolton

Sunday 20th May, 6.30pm at St Lawrence, Crosby Ravensworth.

You are invited...

To Sarah Lunn's final service before she departs to take up her new post in Newcastle Diocese.

Date: 27 May 2018, 7.00pm

Venue: St Lawrence, Appleby



For your prayers

- The coming of God's Kingdom in our land, especially those people and places who most eagerly yearn for change and transformation.
- Katharine Butterfield, Sam Held, Sarah Lunn and Emma Ineson preparing for their new ministries.
- The family and friends of Betty Willan and George Ellwood, recently deceased.
- The preparations for the launch of our Mission Community.
- Our Plenary PCC on Wednesday evening.
- Those preparing for exams at this time.
- The people of Syria and the Middle East, especially those caught up in conflict.

From our calendar of prayer:

- In the Anglican Communion: the work of the Anglican Centre in Rome. Also the dioceses of Christchurch, Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia, The Rt Revd Victoria Matthews, clergy and people.
- Our Diocese: This month we pray for Thy Kingdom Come. Today, for grace to be missionaries, to hear God's word in our lives and be guided in His ways.
- Bishop James, Services at St Peter's Kells and St Mary's Harrington.

Today's readings

Acts 1: 15-17 & 21-26 (The Holy Spirit chooses a new Apostle to replace Judas Iscariot)

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, ¹⁶'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— ¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.'

²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.'

²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

John 17.6-19 (Jesus, at the Last Supper, is praying to his Father)

Jesus said, 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

