

# NW WEEKLY

# The Weekly Pewsheets of the North Westmorland Parishes

## Moving Forward

The first of our Moving Forward workshops will take place on Saturday 9th February 9.30 – 4.30, the Hub, Chapel Street, Appleby.

We want to encourage as many people as possible to be involved in the vision forming for our new Mission Community.

**Please book your place by  
January 18th:**

www.eventbrite.com (online registration with Eventbrite); or via Joyce Keetley:  
applebymc@carlislediocese.org.uk  
or 07741327318

## Bishop Emma

Revd Dr Emma Ineson will be consecrated as Bishop of Penrith in York Minster on Wednesday, 27th February 2019. Please contact Linda Thomas: 017683 62264 or [lindathomas41@btinternet.com](mailto:lindathomas41@btinternet.com) to let us know if you're coming or to book a place on our coach.

## New Initiative

Today we are launching our Benefice Choir - choir open to anyone in the benefice, who will sing at joint benefice services (regular and occasional). To join us, please contact David Jones: 01931 714338 or [david@newbyendfarm.co.uk](mailto:david@newbyendfarm.co.uk)



## About Today...

Today is the second Sunday of Epiphany, the season which celebrates the revelation of Jesus as the Messiah and the saviour of humankind. Each week during the season, we focus on a different aspect of this revelation as people begin to see and understand that Jesus is God's son: the worship of the Magi; his baptism; the wedding at Cana and finally his presentation in the Temple, 40 days after Christmas, when he was recognised by Simeon and Anna, in the celebration known as Candlemas.

Today's focus is on Jesus's baptism where God himself proclaims Jesus as his son. Jesus' baptism marks him out as the one who will lead his people to freedom and establish the Kingdom of Heaven, but taking upon himself our sin and reconciling us to God. John the Baptist urges us to follow him as he leads us and all humanity away from sin and death towards eternal life and true freedom.

The season of Epiphany is a traditional time to pray for the worldwide mission of the Church. The feast of the Conversion of St Paul appropriately falls in the Epiphany season, as does the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18-25).



## For your prayers

- The world-wide mission of the church, all missionary organisations, particularly the Church Mission Society.
- The unity of the worldwide Church.
- Those grieving, especially the families of Grace Lightfoot, Philip Jackson and Bill Jenkins.
- All members of Parliament, the Government and the EU.
- Our Mission Community Council meeting on Thursday and our PCCs, meeting this month.
- Revd Dr Emma Ineson preparing to become Bishop of Penrith.
- Our Moving Forward workshops beginning on Saturday 9th February.
- All victims of modern slavery and all who are oppressed.
- Victims of mental illness, those captive to circumstance and those who have little hope.

*From our calendar of prayer:*

- Anglican Communion: Diocese of Litoral Ecuador in The Episcopal Church, The Rt Revd Alfredo Morante, Diocesan Bishop, clergy and people. Diocese of St Albans, Province of Canterbury, The Rt Revd Alan Smith, Diocesan Bishop. The Rt Revd Richard Atkinson and The Rt Revd Michael Beasley.
- Furness Deanery: For Parish of St Mary the Virgin and St Michael, Urswick. For the lay ministers and those discerning local ministries.

## Today's Readings

*Acts 8.14-17 (the early Church baptises with the Holy Spirit)*

14 Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. 15 The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit 16 (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus). 17 Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

*Luke 3.15-17,21,22 (the Baptism of Jesus)*

15 As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, 16 John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptise you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

21 Now when all the people were baptised, and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

# Katie's Cakes

Katie Rogers is a member of our benefice Youth Congregation: Eden Live. She was confirmed at our recent Confirmation Service. She is a talented baker and regularly sells her cakes from the bus shelter in Maulds Meaburn to raise money for charity.

Today, she is selling cakes for Church funds. On offer is fruit cake, banana cake, carrot cake, chocolate brownie and sticky toffee pudding and toffee sauce... The suggested donation is £2 per cake.

Please support if you can. You will not be disappointed!

