

# 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. Book your place via: [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com); or through Joyce Keetley: [applebymc@carlisle-diocese.org.uk](mailto:applebymc@carlisle-diocese.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.

## Candlemas

There will be a Holy Communion for Candlemas at Ninekirks on Sunday 3rd Feb, 2.00pm, weather permitting! Please ring Sarah Harden 07801 099151 to check before travelling.

Our Deanery Candlemas Solemn Eucharist will be held at St Lawrence, Appleby at 7.30pm on Saturday 2nd February.



Synagogue Church, Nazareth

## About Today...

An Epiphany is a sudden realisation of the truth and significance of something and so in this season we track the moments when people first began to realise who Jesus really was: the Messiah, the son of God and the saviour of humankind.

Thus, the season of joyful celebration that began at Christmas now continues as each Sunday in Epiphany recalls the key events in which Jesus was recognised as God's son: the visit of the Magi; his baptism; the calling of the first disciples, 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 also known as Candlemas. The season of Epiphany is an apt one to pray for the worldwide mission of the Church. The feast of the Conversion of St Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, appropriately falls in the Epiphany season, as does the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Today we find Jesus revealing himself as the Messiah (or Christ), the king long-promised to the Jewish people to redeem them and re-establish God's kingdom on earth. He returns to his home town of Galilee and, in the Synagogue, reads one of the key Messianic prophecies from the Old Testament. When he finishes he announces that he has fulfilled the prophecy. It is a moment that goes to the heart of Jesus' identity and the relationship he wants to establish with us. It would have been quite a shock to those who knew Jesus simply as the local carpenter, a normal member of their community. It presents a challenge as to how we receive him and how we see our own vocation as his Body on earth.

## For your prayers

- The world-wide mission of the church, all missionary organisations, particularly the Church Mission Society.
- The unity of the worldwide Church.
- All members of Parliament, the Government and the EU.
- Revd Dr Emma Ineson preparing to become Bishop of Penrith.
- Our Moving Forward workshops beginning on Saturday 9th February.
- All marriages and those being married in our churches this year.
- Victims of mental illness, those captive to circumstance and those who have little hope.
- Those who work in the NHS and all healing professions.

*From our calendar of prayer:*

- In the Anglican Communion: for the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil, The Most Revd Naudal Alves Gomes, Primate of Brazil & Bishop of Curitiba. The clergy and people.
- Our Diocese: This month we pray for Furness Deanery: Parish of Ulverston
- Bishop James Newcome, Bishop of Carlisle.

## Today's Readings

*1 Corinthians 12.12-31a - the Church as the Body of Christ*

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup>Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?

<sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; <sup>24</sup>whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

*Luke 4.14-21 - Jesus announces himself as the Messiah*

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup>When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup>'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,

<sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

<sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.

<sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

