

NW WEEKLY

The Weekly Pewsheet of the North Westmorland Parishes

Armistice

In addition to our commemoration events in Church today, there will be two events marking 11am on the 11th. At Bolton Memorial Hall and at Crosby Ravensworth Church, there will be a short commemoration led by our schools. You are very welcome to join us from 10.45am.

Filling Station

This month, our preacher at the Filling Station will be our Rector, Revd Stewart Fyfe. Thursday 14th November. Meet from 7.30pm at the Hub, Appleby for refreshments. Informal worship begins at 8.00pm.

Advent Sunday

Advent Sunday is 1 December. We will be holding our traditional **joint Advent services**. In the **morning**, at 11.00am we will have our Family Service at Cliburn, where our Posada figures begin their journey around all our parishes.

In the **evening**, at 6.30pm our Advent Carol service will be at Brougham Chapel - an opportunity to dwell serenely in Advent before Christmas takes over!

More notices overleaf!



About Today...

The Church is now in a season of remembrance which stretches from All Saints Day to the beginning of Advent. It is the last season of the Church's liturgical year, sometimes referred to as the "Kingdom Season", focussing on the coming Kingdom of God. It moves from remembering all the Saints who now inhabit that kingdom in all its fullness, towards the great feast of Christ the King, when we commemorate the kingship of Jesus in our own lives and look forward to the time when the whole creation will be ordered by his just and gentle rule.

Remembering our common story is about collectively recalling who we are, how we got here and what we're about. It is a deeply Biblical principle. When the Jewish people first arrived in the Promised Land, after slavery in Egypt, they vowed they would never forget what they had been through and how God had brought them to a far better place. At Passover, they Remember their story in order to change how they live in the future. Christians adopt the same principle at Holy Communion, as we Remember what Jesus did for us on the Cross, bringing us out of slavery to sin to freedom in God's kingdom. In both cases, we Remember the events as though we personally were there – passing through the Red Sea or standing at the foot of the Cross. We understand the cost and the value of the gift. It is our story: we were there and we live differently from now on as a result.

Today, we Remember the story of our conflicts. We remember how and why we chose one path over another, what it cost, and consider how we can build a better future. We remember how and why we belong together and reflect on how our actions (and inaction) impacts on others. But above all we remember, with honour and gratitude, those who gave their today for our tomorrow.

For your prayers

- Those who grieve friends and loved-ones who have paid for their lives in war and those who bear the scars of war.
- Members of the armed forces and their loved ones.
- Those caught up in war and conflict today.
- Those grieving the passing of Linda Taylor and Dr Brian Frost-Smith.
- Those preparing for Confirmation.
- The General Election and all standing for election.

From our calendar of prayer:

- In the Anglican Communion: for the Lusitanian Church, Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury. The Rt Revd Jorge Pina Cabral, Bishop of the Lusitanian Church. The clergy and people.
- Our Diocese: This month we pray for Calder Deanery. Today for the Benefice of Egremont and Haile: Team Rector designate Melanie Appleby, Associate Priest Tim Taylor, Readers Duncan Jackson & David Rudd.
- Bishop James, Service and Preaching, Royal Hospital Chelsea. London.
- God for All: for all who have completed the Growing Leaders course.

Today's readings

Job 19.23-27a (Job, reflecting on his suffering, expresses an enduring hope)

'O that my words were written down!
 O that they were inscribed in a book!
 O that with an iron pen and with lead
 they were engraved on a rock for ever!
 For I know that my Redeemer lives,
 and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;
 and after my skin has been thus destroyed,
 then in my flesh I shall see God,
 whom I shall see on my side,
 and my eyes shall behold, and not another.
 My heart faints within me!

Luke 20.27-38 (Jesus teaches about his coming kingdom)

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus ²⁸and asked him a question, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; ³⁰then the second ³¹and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³²Finally the woman also died. ³³In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.'

³⁴ Jesus said to them, 'Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; ³⁵but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.'

Notices cont.

Moving Forward Workshops

Our third Moving Forward workshop will take place on Saturday 16th November, 9.30-2.00pm at Sands Methodist Church. We will be looking at team building to enable local mission within the Mission Community. Lunch included. Booking essential via Joyce: 07741 327318 or applebymc@carlisle-diocese.org.uk

Confirmation Service

On Saturday 23rd November, a member of our Church Youth Congregation, Eden Live, will be Confirmed by the Bishop of Penrith, Rt Revd Emma Ineson at 2.00pm in Morland Church. Please come and support if you can.