

CALENDAR

Sunday 7th January

9.15am Holy Communion(BCP) at Halton
9.30am Parish Communion
6.00pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 9th January

7.30pm Standing Committee in cottage

Wednesday 10th January

10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am Julian Group at Barbara and John McNamara's
7.30pm HLF meeting in cottage

Thursday 11th January

10.00am Vacancy Prayers in South Transept.

Friday 12th January

7.00pm Choir Practice

Sunday 14th January

9.30am Parish Communion
3.00pm Messy Church: Help needed to set up, please, after the service
6.00pm Evening Prayer

PATRON: Our Patron, the Dean of Carlisle, the Very Rev Mark Boyling will be presiding and preaching at 9.30am on Sunday 21st January. Dean Mark will be involved in the appointment of the new Vicar along with Bishop Mark, Archdeacon Peter Robinson and Linda and Mike the churchwardens. The PCC will meet with +Mark, Dean Mark & Achdn Peter in the afternoon.

MEG HUMPHREYS: Meg's 90th birthday party at the Wheatsheaf Hotel on Friday 19th January (a week on Friday) will be from 12 noon. The buffet lunch plus tea and coffee have been paid as a birthday present to Meg from friends and there will be a bar available to purchase other drinks. Please add your name to the list at the back of the church to help in giving approximate numbers for lunch to the Wheatsheaf. The hotel has a large secure car park. Meg has requested that she receives no presents but she has not said anything about birthday cards.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP AGM & DINNER:

If you have not already returned your dinner form please can you do so asap. Thanks

THE PARISH OF CORBRIDGE WITH HALTON AND NEWTON HALL

Epiphany 7th January 2018

You are most welcome at our service this morning. Please stay after the service for coffee and chat.

RECEIVING COMMUNION Anyone who wishes to receive communion is invited to the Lord's Table, however if you prefer a blessing carrying a service book makes this clear to those administering. Please do not dip the bread into the chalice as this is unhygienic and you may pass on germs

Collect for Epiphany: O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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.

A reading from Isaiah 60: 1 – 12

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD. All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered to you, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you; they shall be acceptable on my altar, and I will glorify my glorious house. Who are these that fly like a cloud, and like doves to their windows?

For the coastlands shall wait for me, the ships of Tarshish first to bring your children from far away, their silver and gold with them, for the name of the LORD your God, and for the Holy One of Israel, because he has glorified you. Foreigners shall build up your walls, and their kings shall minister to you, for in my wrath I struck you down, but in my favour I have had mercy on you. Your gates shall always be open; day and night they shall not be shut, so that nations shall bring you their wealth, with their kings led in procession. For the nation and kingdom that will not serve you shall perish, those nations shall be utterly laid waste.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been

warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

We pray for:

- All those travelling
- The sick, especially: Dick Steele, John and Liz Sykes, Nicholas Craig, Eileen Hopkins, Christopher Cuthbert, and those known to us
- The family and friends of Stephen Howarth and David Wilkins
- Years Mind: Linda Hogg

VACANCY PRAYER: Heavenly Father, we ask that you will help us to share responsibility, grow in faith, love one another, care for those in need reach out to others and welcome newcomers. Lord Jesus, guard and grow this church as we worship and serve you together in this period without a vicar. Please guide those who are seeking the right minister for us and those who are seeking the right church for their ministry, that together we may discover your way for the future and see your kingdom grow. Amen

KEY AMNESTY:. If you have a cottage or church key that you no longer use please can you hand it in to one of the Churchwardens. Thank you.

SING ST ANDREW'S: Information in your hymn book this morning.

PERSPECTIVES: 'Perspectives' Men's Breakfast, Saturday 27th January, 8.30-9.45am at Vallum Farm Tea Room. Title: Two steps that changed my life Speaker: Canon John Sinclair is Newcastle Diocesan Evangelism Advisor. He helps parishes connect with their local communities with the good news of Jesus Christ, and is energised by sharing God's love in word and action. More information at: perspectivescvfm.btck.co.uk

14th January : Readers: Roger Jones, Mike Collins. **Intercessor:** Lynn Geddes. **Sidespeople:** Liz Buckley, Brigitta Steenberg, Mary Gray

