

# **ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS**

Sunday 16th May 2021

## *The Seventh Sunday of Easter* *Sunday after Ascension Day*



Welcome to St Michael & All Angels today as we continue to celebrate Easter and the Resurrection of our Lord. May we all be strengthened and sustained in the joy and hope that comes through sharing his risen life.

**Readings:** Ezekiel 36 v. 24 - 28; Acts 1, v. 15 - 17 and 21 - 26

**Gospel:** John 17, v. 6 - 19

### **Christian Aid**

Thank you for the envelopes already returned. It is not too late to contribute and there are still a few envelopes left at the back of church. As we said last week, Anne Clarke, who has been our Christian Aid co-ordinator for many years, now wishes to hand the task over to someone else. We are extremely grateful to Anne whose work has as resulted in thousands of pounds being sent from Beetham to support the work of the Charity. If anyone reading this would like to take on the task, please have a word with Andrew or one of the Wardens.

### **Annual Meetings**

At the Vestry Meeting, Dianne Lomax, Ian Stirrup and Brian Smalley were elected to serve as churchwardens for another year. They will be admitted to their office by the Archdeacon of Westmorland and Furness, the Venerable Vernon Ross, on Thursday 17th June at St James, Burton-in-Kendal.

At the Parochial Church Meeting, Jenny Andrews and Darrell Lancaster were elected to the PCC. Thanks go to all the above, and to those who are continuing in office for another twelve months. Thanks go also to David Carey who has agreed to continue as our Examiner of Accounts and to David MacInnes who has stepped down after years of service on the PCC and representing Beetham on the Kent Estuary Mission Group in all its various guises.

### **Changes to Coronavirus Restrictions**

At its first meeting, following last Sunday's APCM, the new PCC accepted the Standing Committee's recommendation to open the church on Wednesdays for private prayer and for visitors, commencing on **Wednesday 19th May**. Also, the PCC agreed that hymn singing will enhance our worship from Sunday 23rd May. Both of these recommendations were accepted subject to the successful completion of a Risk Assessment. The Risk Assessments have been completed and accepted by the PCC. Consequently, a small group of singers, comprising members of our choir, will sing during the Eucharist service on **Sunday 23rd May**. This will be choral singing only and will **not** be accompanied by congregational singing. And commencing next Wednesday, 19th May, the church will be open for private prayer and for visitors on **Wednesdays only**. The impact of both of these decisions will be monitored by the Standing Committee and the PCC and are subject to modification if local or national circumstances change.

## **Revision of Electoral Roll**

The revised Roll is available for inspection at the back of church.

## **Giving Thanks for Vaccinations**

We give thanks to God, and pray for his continued blessing on the ongoing national vaccination programme in its efforts. Christian Aid (<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/give/ways-donate/give-thanks-your-coronavirus-vaccine>) have encouraged those who have received a Coronavirus vaccine to reflect on whether they might like to 'give thanks' by making a donation to help the world's most vulnerable peoples while their access to the vaccine is out of reach.

## **School Pentecost Service**

The pupils from our village school will celebrate Pentecost in church on Friday 21st May at 11.30 am.

## **Engaging Theology in Cumbria**

Engaging Theology in Cumbria is delighted to be hosting a series of seminars for 2021 on Zoom, to which all are welcome! In this series, eight theologians explore hope and fear in mission, theological education, the arts, the climate crisis, education, and more, in a Zoom-based series of talks and group discussions that are inclusive, accessible, mission-focused, and, above all, hopeful. Please visit <https://engaging-theology-in-cumbria.org> to find out more.

## **Thy Kingdom Come 2021**

Perhaps inevitably in this day and age, and certainly useful, there is now an 'App' that enables access to all the key features of this global prayer movement that launched on Ascension Day. It is a discipleship tool designed to nourish and encourage prayer during the eleven days of 'Thy Kingdom Come'. The app can be obtained from the Diocese of Carlisle website or from Apple App Store and the Google Play store.

## **Plant Stall**

The stall continues to attract plant lovers. Many thanks to Dianne and John for their efforts to raise money for our church. As we go to press, the total raised is in excess of £200.

## **New Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor**

Bishop James has announced the appointment of Joanna Van Lachertop as the new Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor. Jane will take up her appointment on Wednesday 14th June to follow the retirement of Charles Proctor from the role. Charles has worked incredibly hard and successfully over recent years to raise awareness of safeguarding issues and to ensure that sound safeguarding practices are embedded in churches and organisations throughout the Diocese.

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