

Sunday 3 March 2019

A very warm welcome to today's worship at St Aidan's and St George's as we conclude our sermon series: 'A FAITH THAT WORKS'. Over the last few weeks, in the Book of James, we've considered life in the real world - where the rich and poor struggle to get on, where there is as much suffering and sickness as joy, where Christians quarrel & fight and have a hard time controlling their tongues, and where we find ourselves compromised by becoming too friendly with 'the world'. In a world like this, the key to survival and growth as Christians, is to humbly receive the Word, which God has planted in us and not only to believe it but to behave in the light of it. To receive it humbly means doing it! Today we consider: 'How powerful is prayer?'

As a church family in South Barrow we seek to know more about Jesus and to make Him better known. For more details about Sunday and Mid-week activities pick up the **SPRING 2019 PROGRAMME CARD**, available at the back of church today or visit our Team Website:

www.sbtchurches.co.uk

Sunday 3 March 2019

***9.30am** Holy Communion at St Aidan's with Canon Gary Cregeen

***10.30am** Holy Communion at St George's with Mrs Jean Mease
Preach & Preside: Canon Gary Cregeen

Sunday 10 March 2019

***9.30am** Morning Worship at St Aidan's with Canon Gary Cregeen

***10.30am** Holy Communion at St George's with Mr Ted Fenton and Canon Gary Cregeen

Sunday 17 March 2019

***10.30am** Team Communion at St Aidan's with Canon Gary Cregeen

**Refreshments served after these services - all welcome to remain for a chat over coffee!*

SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT
Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please pray for...

- + those who are unwell & for their carers; for the lonely, anxious, sad hurting & bereaved, especially the family of Sandra Adams, Brunhilde Sadler, Phyllis Hordon, Albert Dixon, Allan Davies and John Rawlinson. *Matthew 11 v.28*
- + wisdom, discernment, honesty, integrity & grace to all MP's as they vote on Brexit. May our nation, along with the peoples of Europe, prosper & work together for peace & the common good.
- + those whose lives are in daily danger because of their faith in Christ as their Lord and Saviour; also those in our own country who are being discriminated against because of their Christian faith.
- + God's guidance in identifying a new Mission Community Leader.

HYMNS:
HO&N 237 I will sing
HO&N 216 How firm a foundation
HO&N 541 What a friend
HO&N 27 Amazing grace

BIBLE READING:
James 5: 7-20
Luke 11: 1-13

*The next Newsletter will be available on 10 March 2019 - items should be sent to either Judy, (829710) or email: judecowsill@hotmail.co.uk or Alison (alisonotto15@gmail.com) by **Wednesday 6 March. Thank you!***

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

This year, under the Church Representation Rules, a new Church Electoral Roll has to be prepared. Regular worshippers at either St George's or St Aidan's are invited to fill in an application form for enrolment on the Electoral Roll, which is effectively a list of membership and enables you to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meetings. Application Forms are available at the back and should be returned by Sunday 10 March at the latest. Thank you

PANCAKES & PRAISE!
TODAY - Sunday 3 March at 4 pm!
St James' Church, Blake Street.
Come along for a good sing, to hear what hymns are special and why, and to enjoy some tasty pancakes!

Furness Churches United Choir & Jubilate Praise
present



A musical telling the story of the birth of the Church on the day of Pentecost.

Showing the dramatic change which took place in the apostles, turning them from frightened and hopeless men to people who turned the world upside down!

Saturday 23rd March, 7.00pm
St. Mark's Church
Barrow in Furness, LA14 1BZ

Admission is free with a retiring collection to support Christian Music Ministries and St. Mary's Hospice, Ulverston

CHURCH FAMILY DIARY...

Monday 4th: 1.45 pm Funeral of the late Albert Dixon @ Crematorium (Gary)

Tuesday 5th: 9.15 am Barrow MC Prayer Meeting at St John's, Barrow Island

11.30 am Funeral of the late John Rawlinson @ Crematorium (Gary)

7.45 pm Life Explored at The Rectory, 98 Roose Road (Gary)

ASH WEDNESDAY, 6th: 10 am Holy Communion @ St Aidan's (Gary)

7.30 pm Holy Communion at St George's (Gary)

Friday 8th: 11.30 am Official Opening of Church Court, Roose Road

"The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."
Deuteronomy 31 v.8

TEAM TALK - available at the back of church TODAY!

ANNOUNCEMENT - these details were kindly circulated by Robin following news of Gary & Julie's move to Penrith...

Dear friends,

*With his permission, I wanted to let you know that it has been announced today (at the South Barrow monthly joint Team Service, as well as at churches across Penrith) that **Gary Cregeen** has been appointed by the Bishop of Carlisle as **Penrith Mission Community Leader and Mission Area Leader in the Penrith Deanery**.*

This is a new role, and the circumstances around the move are similar to how Gary & Julie came to be in Barrow, in response to a request by the Bishop. This is a 'strategic development role' which will draw on Gary's experience, and not having a parish himself, will see him work closely with the Archdeacon of Carlisle, as well as clergy and lay leaders across the regional Penrith Mission Area, to enable growth in mission and discipleship.

*Gary & Julie's final service in Barrow will be the South Barrow Team Service on **Sunday 19th May**, and Gary will be licensed in his new role by the Bishop of Carlisle on Monday 24th June (time & venue TBC).*

It is over seven years since the Cregeens arrived in Barrow, and I know their partnership in the Lord's service, their friendship, and their leadership will have meant so much to so many of us. There's an inevitable and fitting sadness about the news, because we'll miss Gary & Julie dearly, but we are thankful for the ways in which they have been a means of God's grace to us, and so there's also an expectant gladness for the way in which God might bless others through them in Penrith. Like their move to Barrow, in many ways, it's not a move they expected.

I am sure there will be a variety of opportunities to express our thanks to God for Gary & Julie in the next few months, but in the meantime, please pray for them, along with folk at St George's and St Aidan's, who will now be seeking God's guidance and looking expectantly to see what God has in store for the next part of their journey as a church family.

As Gary often says, despite change and uncertainty, we know that God is 'ever faithful and ever sure', God bless, Robin

Gary & Julie write: It goes without saying that we have loved living here in Barrow and we are thankful for all that God has done, and for His sustaining and guidance during that time. We are also deeply grateful for the love, support and kindness shown to us by folk at St George's, St Aidan's and across churches and the wider community, during our time here. Consequently, it will be a huge wrench for us to leave a people and a place which has become very special to us.

We believe God is at work in His people in Barrow and that His work will continue whether we are here or not. We believe that the South Barrow Team is in a good place for someone else to come in and build on the foundations that are now here. We realise that some of members of the congregations may be feeling somewhat saddened, shocked, disappointed or even angry at this news. However our aim has always been to serve God fully and faithfully and to encourage others to do the same, knowing that He always has good plans for all His people. While Vicars may 'come and go' God remains; He is ever faithful and ever sure and we can trust Him fully. As Robin say, we would value your prayers, not least for the work here in Barrow. The Bishop of Carlisle has given an assurance that we can begin the process to appoint a new Team Rector of South Barrow – pray that this will be the case and that the person of God's choosing will be forthcoming.

With our love, thanks and prayers, Gary & Julie XX

LENT LUNCHES AT ST GEORGE'S & ST AIDAN'S + TEARFUND'S YEMEN APPEAL

Each Tuesday at St George's and Thursday at St Aidan's hearty home-made soup, with a bread roll, will be served between 12.15 pm and 1.15 pm. Tea/coffee will be served afterwards. All proceeds will go to Tearfund's EMERGENCY YEMEN APPEAL

Yemen is home to the world's worst humanitarian crisis today – with 22.2 million people in urgent need of humanitarian aid. The nation has been left devastated after nearly four years of conflict. Thousands of innocent civilians have died and three-quarters of Yemenis can't access safe water, food, healthcare or sanitation. The people of Yemen are facing multiple crises, including armed conflict, displacement, disease and a risk of famine. Tearfund's partners in Yemen are working tirelessly in very difficult circumstances to reach those suffering the most. They are providing safe drinking water and food for vulnerable households, and improving access to healthcare and hygiene advice to reduce the spread of deadly disease. With more funds, TEARFUND and their partners can immediately respond to the growing needs of the Yemeni people.

Our support can help save lives!

HELP NEEDED! Could you offer to make some soup or to serve at any of the Lent Lunches? If so, please sign up on the lists at the back of church.

All help appreciated!

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