# Notices for the Solway Plain Churches 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021 – Easter 4

God calls us to worship in Spirit and in truth. As we come together, we pray that we may seek the wisdom of the Father who calls us into relationship with him

# **Sunday Worship**

Welcome to our Service today

- Hand sanitiser is available at the entrance and should be used on your way in and out of the church
- Face coverings must be worn, following government guidance, with the normal exceptions for health reasons
- The 2m social distancing rules must be followed. We will be only using alternate pews and those not in use have been clearly marked. Households can share a pew.
- When entering or leaving church, please respect the social distancing of others. Following the government's guidance, you must not gather or mingle inside with people not in your household, please save any conversations until you are outside
- As part of the governments Test & Trace strategy we will record the names and contact details of those attending worship (this information will only be kept for 21 days)
  The NHS QR code can be scanned as you enter if you have a smartphone
- There will be no congregational singing of hymns, music will be played at the beginning and end of services.
- The offertory place will not be passed around, there will be a collection plate at the back of church for your donations as you enter the church
- In services of Holy Communion, we will not 'share' the peace. We will share only the bread at communion. Please follow all directions of the minister when receiving (the bread will be brought and served to you in your seat) the bread will be distributed, and the words said when everyone has received the bread into their hands for all to consume at the same time.
- If you have any symptoms of Covid-19 please stay at home and contact NHS if you need further advice

### **Next Sunday**

8.00am - Silloth - Holy Communion (BR)

9.00am - Westnewton - Family Service (AC)

9.30am - Holme St Cuthbert - Holy Communion (BR)

9.30am – St Mungo's, Bromfield – Family Service (TB)

9.30am – St Bride's, Kirkbride – Holy Communion (MS)

10.30am – Holme Cultram – Family Service (AC)

10.45am – Newton Arlosh – Holy Communion (MS)

11.00am - Christ Church, Silloth - Family Service (BR)

# **Readings for next Sunday**

Acts 8:26-40 John 15:1-8

## **Collect for today**

Almighty God,

whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him,

from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. Amen.

# Bible Readings for today

#### Acts 4:5-12

Because they have proclaimed Jesus' resurrection from the dead, Peter & John have been arrested by the Sanhedrin, the ruling council of the Jews. Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter addresses the council

## John 10:11-18

In the Old Testament, God is often referred to as the shepherd. The ancient ideal of "the good shepherd", protecting and making the ultimate sacrifice for his sheep, is regarded as being fulfilled by Jesus, his life and his death

## **Annual Meetings**

The Electoral Rolls will be updated in preparation for the annual meetings. Forms available from the churches. Annual Meetings and meeting for the election of Churchwardens will take place at Newton Arlosh – Tuesday 4th May 7.30pm Solway Plain – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May 11.00am Kirkbride - TBA

## **Bible Study**

Following our successful online Lent discussions, we will be holding fortnightly Bible Studies on Zoom on Thursday evenings. We will follow the theme of "The Parables" starting on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm. If you would like to join in, please contact Andrew <a href="mailto:callaway.ad@gmail.com">callaway.ad@gmail.com</a> for a link to the Zoom meeting. If you've not used Zoom, let us know and we can send you information about how to join on computer, tablet or smartphone.

## **Virtual Service online**

The online service is broadcast on Sundays at 10am on the Christ Church, Silloth Facebook page and available all week <a href="https://www.facebook.com/christchurchsilloth">www.facebook.com/christchurchsilloth</a>

The service is also available to listen to over the telephone **016973 25902**, charged as a local call or free if you have a call package.

St Matthew's Westnewton \* St Mungo's Bromfield \* Christ Church Waverton \* St Bride's Kirkbride St Mary Holme Cultram \* Holme St Cuthbert \* Christ Church Silloth \* St John the Evangelist, Newton Arlosh

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