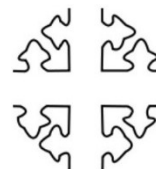


Autumn Clean – Unfortunately we will have to postpone the cleaning on the 20th, please look out for a new date in the coming weeks.

Helm Mission Community Environment Group, next meet on Saturday 25th October at Kendal URC, 106 Highgate. Our member, John Hall from Holy Trinity Kendal will be sharing his learning from Spiritual Adaptation courses, led by Rupert Read, Emeritus Professor University of East Anglia and co-founder of The Climate Majority. Refreshments from 10am. Prayer and talk 10.30am - noon.

A message from the Bishop of Carlisle

Bishop of Penrith We have been given permission to appoint a new Bishop of Penrith and the official notice of this was released on Friday 10th October. I have invited a diverse advisory group, drawn from across the diocese and wider church, to assist me with this appointment. The new Bishop will have some specific work around evangelism and encouraging vocations, and they will join me in caring for and encouraging clergy, ministers and parishes across the diocese and ecumenical county. They will need to be someone who knows and is known. The candidate information pack states that we are looking for someone who will open the scriptures and our Christian tradition in ways which challenge, encourage and excite us and draw us closer to God. We seek someone who, when we spend time with them, leaves us more excited about Jesus. People are invited to suggest suitable names to me by Monday 20 October, and interviews will be held in early January. If the person appointed is not already a bishop, we hope they will be consecrated on April 30th at York and will start with us as soon as possible after that. Please join me in praying that God will send us a suffragan bishop after His own heart. Every blessing Rob



A very warm welcome to St Mark's Church Sunday 12th October 2025

Welcome to worship today. During the service you will be invited to sit, kneel or stand at various points - these reflect what we most often do at St Mark's - but please do what is most comfortable for you.

Coffee, tea and biscuits are served after the 10am service and all are very welcome to stay.

Electricity Sponsorship The electricity this week is sponsored by an anonymous donor. Thank you to all of our donors.

Today – Trinity 17

10am	Holy Communion
12noon	Baptism of Amelia Gater
4pm	Families@4

The Week Ahead

Monday	12.30pm	Funeral of Grace Kemsley
	2pm	Mother's Union Deanery Meeting (vestry)
	7.30pm	Fun Quiz at Castlesteads View
Thursday	10am	Holy Communion followed by the Coffee Morning

Next Sunday – Trinity 18

8am	Holy Communion
10am	Morning Service

Next Sunday's Readings: 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5 & Luke 18.1-18

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All donations are very gratefully received. Thank you.*



Collect

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading: 2 Timothy 2.8-15

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Gospel Reading: Luke 17.11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

For our prayers

- ◇ all whose lives are devastated by war, conflict, disaster, oppression or disease
- ◇ Charles our King and all who hold influence and power in our world
- ◇ Rt Revd Rob Saner-Haigh the Bishop of Carlisle
- ◇ The Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally DBE, Archbishop of Canterbury designate
- ◇ all of us as we encounter change - and for wisdom and strength for those who will face additional responsibilities in the coming months
- ◇ those who are sick, struggling or recovering, including: Irene Armistead, Bernice Cooper, Doreen Hall, Pat McLoughlin, Kate Moore, Janet Penlington, May Smaje, Edna Watkinson and Moira Wild
- ◇ all who mourn at this time especially the family and friends of Grace Kemsley, Jenny Gale and Olive Gordon

Notices

Funeral date — The funeral of Jenny Gale will take place in St Mark's church on Thursday 30th October at 12.00pm.

THANK YOU!! A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the Bishop's Harvest appeal through the sale of produce and the Harvest supper. We raised £409

Tomorrow!! - Fun Quiz - We are having a "Fun Quiz" at Castlesteads View on 13th October 7.30pm. This is a social evening for all. Bring your own drinks and snacks. There is a list at the back of church to sign up either as a team of four or just put your name down and we will join you up with others. Bring a little cash for the raffle!

Coffee Morning on Thursday — The Coffee Morning will take place after the service on Thursday 16th October.