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SERVICES AT ST MARY'S

SUNDAYS

- 8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION (Book of Common Prayer, 1662)
9.30 am THE PARISH EUCHARIST and SUNDAY SCHOOL
(NEXT SUNG MATTINS will be 31st August)
4.00 pm VISION EXTRA (will be on 24th August)
6.30 pm EVENING PRAYER (Book of Common Prayer, 1662)

WEEKDAYS

Holy Communion is celebrated every Tuesday at 9.45 am (Book of Common Prayer) and Wednesday at 12.45 pm.
Tots Church 1st Friday in the month.
Prayer for Peace, Saturdays 9.00 am to 10.00 am

CALENDAR AND SPECIAL DAYS

SUNDAY 3 RD AUGUST	TRINITY 7
SUNDAY 10 TH AUGUST	TRINITY 8
SUNDAY 17 TH AUGUST	TRINITY 9
SUNDAY 24 TH AUGUST	TRINITY 10 ST BARTHOLOMEW
SUNDAY 31 ST AUGUST	TRINITY 11

Holy Communion is regularly administered in the Cumberland Infirmary. The Chaplain may be contacted via the hospital on 01228 523444

Material for the bulletin and weekly pew sheet should be sent to
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St Mary's Parish Church Wigton



MONTHLY NEWS BULLETIN

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From the Registers

Holy Baptism

6th July

Reuben Thomas Hill

'Born of water and the Spirit'

Christian Funerals

11th July

Jennifer Bowness (Crematorium)

14th July

Jackie Snooks (Crematorium)

31st July

Alan James Lyall

'In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life'

Reverend Richard writes....

Why do we go on holiday?

Surely the answer should be to take a break or get a rest! I think the real answer though is to have a moan....and I speak from experience.

On my recent holiday, I kid you not, people were complaining and moaning about everything. The coffee was too strong, the pool was too cold, the sun was too hot. One gentleman, who must have been well into his 80s, was even complaining that not enough women were falling for his advances.

A time of rest and relaxation is really important, we all need it, even God himself rested in creation on the 7th day. But when WE rest, we tend to do something different

or go on holiday which will never give us perfect rest and can often be more stressful.

Jesus tells us to take our rest in him, place all our worries and burdens of this world into his hands so that we can gain the rest we deserve. True and perfect rest for us humans is when our hearts are at peace and that peace only comes from the prince of peace himself, Jesus.

So I hope you manage to get a break or a holiday this year and that it is a good one, and it does not become a stress, strain or chance for a moan.

Remember though if you are looking for true and perfect rest, a rest away from the strains of this world, that can only be found in the one who is perfect, Jesus.

Happy Holidays.

Rev Richard

VJ DAY

The Evensong on 17th August will be a commemoration for VJ Day.

TOTS CHURCH

Tots Church commenced in July, next one 1st August. The time is a very relaxed and informal service and involves some simple worship, tea and coffee, biscuits and cake, and lots of toys! All parents and pre-school children welcome to come along. The tots can bring along Mums, Dads and carers.

NEW ASSOCIATE PRIEST

The Reverend Paul Arnesen is a retired priest who has been worshipping with us for a while and has now been given permission by the Bishop to take services in Wigton and Thursby to help Reverend Richard. The Parishes are very grateful to Paul for doing this for us and thank him for his ministry.

MOTHERS' UNION

St Mary's Mothers' Union is observing Mary Sumner Day on Tuesday 12th August at the 9.45 am Communion Service. (Mary Sumner is the Founder of the Mothers' Union.) Anyone who wishes can meet in the Market Hall café afterwards.

WINDOWS APPEAL

The total raised to date for the Windows Appeal is £180,925; thank you and keep up the good work. Limited-Edition Windows Appeal mugs with a picture of St Mary's are still available at a cost of £5. At the PCC meeting held on 15th July the second 150 Club Draw was made – 1st Prize No 100 Barbara Pearson, 2nd Prize No 87 Julia Henderson, 3rd Prize No 141 Ruth Henderson, 4th Prize No 147 Gerald Walker.

COFFEE MORNING

Due to the current economic situation church funds for general expenses are rapidly being depleted. Consequently, a Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 30th August to raise money for church funds. We will be selling sponsorship of window panes at this event in support of the Windows Appeal.

MORLAND CHORISTERS CAMP

Three of our young choristers are at Morland Choristers Camp from 27th July – 3rd August. As part of the choir, they will sing a choral evensong in Carlisle Cathedral on Friday 1st August at 5.45pm and a concert in Penrith Methodist Church on Saturday 2nd August at 7.00pm. They would appreciate your support.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

The Prayer for Peace takes place on Saturdays 9.00 – 10.00am. It is a time for a quiet prayer for peace in St Mary's. Please feel free to come and go during that time.

GAZA RELIEF EFFORT VIA CHRISTIAN AID

There will be a box in church for the next few weeks for donations towards the aid effort for the starving people of Gaza.

LEPROSY MISSION

During August donations will be in support of the important work of the LEPROSY MISSION. There will be a talk on the work of the Leprosy Mission by Wendy Fielding at the Vision service on 24th August.

HOME GROUP

The home group is having a summer break but will restart in September.

CHILDREN

The young people continue to meet each Sunday for their activities at the same time as the 9.30 am service. A warm welcome is extended to all children.
