

Thank you for joining us this morning.



St Paul's Church

Holme Eden

&

Wetheral Parish Church

Eden Churches are made up of St Paul's Holme Eden and
Wetheral with Warwick.
We are a church family committed to sharing the love of Jesus
with our local communities.



EWG is a group of people from the community including the villages of Aglionby, Scotby, Cumwhinton, Cotehill, Wetheral, Great Corby, Heads Nook, Corby Hill, Little Corby, Warwick Bridge, Holme Eden and Warwick on Eden, and is an initiative of our local churches.

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**A Service to Remember
Our Departed Loved Ones**

Sunday 31st October

Passages for Reflection

If I should die before the rest of you
Break not a flower nor inscribe a stone
Nor, when I'm gone, speak in a Sunday voice,
But be the usual selves that I have known.
Weep if you must, parting is hell.
But life goes on, so sing as well!

Joyce Grenfell

Deep peace of the running wave to you
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
Deep peace of the shining stars to you
Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you.
May the road rise to meet you;
May the wind be always at your back;
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
May the rains fall softly upon your fields.

Until we meet again,

May God hold you in the hollow of His hand.

Celtic Blessing

There is a sacredness in tears. They are not the mark of weakness but of power. They speak more eloquently than ten thousand tongues. They are messengers of overwhelming grief and unspeakable love.

Washington Irving

Hymn

Thine Be The Glory

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.
*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.
*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless
love:

bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

Rev Graeme Skinner

Go in the love and peace of Christ

All

Thanks be to God.

Welcome and Introduction

Leader Goodness is stronger than evil;
Love is stronger than hate
Light is stronger than darkness
Life is stronger than death
Victory is ours, victory is ours,
through him who loved us.
Desmond Tutu

Leader From where we are to where you take us
All Christ be beside us.

Leader Through our days and nights
All Bless us with courage.

Leader Through the journeys of our lives
All Bless us with healing and hope.

Leader May the Holy Spirit, who gives comfort and strength,
Jesus Christ, who gives hope and life,
and God the Father who gives meaning and purpose,
touch our lives today and everyday,
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son
and the Holy Spirit, be among us and those we love,
today and always.
All Amen

Leader We meet in the name of Jesus Christ, who died and was raised
to the glory of God the Father.
Grace, mercy and peace be with you all.
All and also with you.

Leader Father of all,
We pray for those we love and have come to remember this
morning, but see no longer.
As we honour their memory and give thanks for what they
meant to each of us, grant them your peace,
let light perpetual shine upon them,
and in your loving wisdom and almighty power,
work in them the good purpose of your perfect will;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.
One God, now and for ever
All Amen.

Hymn **For All the Saints**
For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest.
Alleluia, alleluia.

thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their Captain, in the well-fought fight;
thou in the darkness, still their one true light.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array:
the King of glory passes on his way.

Alleluia, Alleluia

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to the Father, Son and Holy Ghost

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Leader Let us pray.
Lord God, creator of all,
You have made us creatures of this earth,
But have also promised us a share in eternal life.
According to your promises,
May all who have died in the peace of Christ
Share with your saints in the joy of heaven,
Where there is neither sorrow nor pain
But life everlasting.

All Amen.

Please sit.

Lord of eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts Lord, at the end of the day.

Reading **Revelation 21: 1-7**

Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'"

He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children."

The congregation are invited to come forward to have their candles lit for loved ones, family and friends and to bring their prayer cards to the altar.

Music For Reflection

Come As You Are by David Crowder at St Paul's Church, Holme Eden

A Gaelic Blessing by John Rutter at Wetheral Parish Church

Leader We bring our prayers together in the prayer
 which Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

Hymn **Lord of All Hopefulness**

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust ever childlike, no care could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts Lord, at the break of the day

Reading **They are gone.**

You can shed tears that they have gone
or you can smile because they have lived.
You can close your eyes
and pray that they will come back,
or you can open your eyes and see all they have left.
Your heart can be empty because you can't see them
or you can be full of the love you shared.
You can turn your back on tomorrow
and live yesterday,
or you can be happy for tomorrow
because of yesterday.
You can remember them and only that they've gone,
or you can cherish their memory and let it live on.
You can cry and close your mind,
be empty and turn your back.
Or you can do what they would want:
Smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

David Harkins

Hymn **Be Still, For The Presence of the Lord**

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.
Come, bow before him now,
with reverence and fear.
In him, no sin is found
we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight,
our radiant King of Light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.
He comes to cleanse and heal
to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him,
in faith receive from him,
be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

David J Evans

Reading Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Talk Revd Graeme Skinner

Prayers

It is Christ himself who invites us to put our trust in him and walk in his light.

Often, it's hard to see the way ahead.

Father God, as we stumble through life,
teach us to trust your guiding hand.

(Silence)

May a light shine in the darkness of our confusion.

(A candle is lit)

Sometimes, we lose our way in the dark.

Father God, when we feel the pain of loneliness,
bereavement, broken relationships, or any other trial.

Open our hearts to receive your healing comfort.

(Silence)

May a light shine in the darkness of our pain.

(A candle is lit)

Father God you are with us at all times
and present everywhere.

Search us and know our hearts and minds,
turn us from sin

and guide us in your everlasting ways.

(Silence)

May a light shine in the darkness of our souls.

(A candle is lit)

All Amen