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### **Today is Stewardship Sunday.**

Stewardship is the way that we look at the world when we become a disciple of Jesus Christ. At its heart is the recognition that all we have and all that we are is a gift from God. We are on a journey and, as we come closer to God, we respond by living our discipleship in response to all that God has given us. Stewardship is a way of life in which we recognise that we are stewards of all that God has given us; and that includes our time, our talents, our possessions and our money.

Stewardship is an active response to the words 'I believe!'; or to put it another way stewardship is a part of our spirituality and a way of life in which we seek to use all that we have to continue the mission of sharing the good news of the God's Kingdom.

As a result:

- we advance the mission of the church to proclaim God's love in Christ:
- we release resources for the relief of the poor:
- we become more aware of our responsibility to be good stewards of God's creation.

### **The four key principles of Christian Stewardship**

1. **Discipleship:** How we handle money, wealth and possessions is a central part of our discipleship.
2. **Mission:** Our giving of time, money and talents resources God's mission in the world.
3. **Generosity:** Our generosity is one of the values that should mark us out as Christians.
4. **Lifestyle:** Giving is from our whole income, not from what's left over.

Please refer to this months Parish Magazine and prayerfully consider you're giving to The Parish of Whitehaven. Thank You. Robert.

We are not allowed to sing during services or speak loudly. When you are asked to respond please do so in a 'soft voice'. Please remain seated unless asked to stand. When sharing the peace we do it verbally only. Sadly, there are no refreshments following the service until further notice.

### **Today's Readings**

Romans 14: 1-12

John 14: 1-14

### **Today's Hymns**

Praise my soul the King of heaven  
Be Thou my guardian and my guide  
All for Jesus  
I cannot tell

### **St. Nicholas' Centre**

Due to Covid-19, the PCC have taken the decision to close and 'mothball' the centre till such a time as we can open safely. Very sadly, this has meant that we have had to make our cook and cleaner (Christine and Joan) redundant. Please hold them in your prayers at this time. For an interim time we are seeking to relocate the Parish Office to St. James'. More details to follow soon.

**Our 10am Sunday services are streamed on our Facebook page - follow the link on our church website.**

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## **Bishop's Harvest Appeal 2020**



Dear friends,  
I would like to offer my sincere thanks for the support you have given to the harvest appeal over the last three years. It's wonderful to read about the progress being made. Having seen this work for myself in South Africa, I can testify to the truly transformational work that is happening. The projects

supported will now continue and in this way the support of the diocese will continue reap a rich harvest in the coming years.

The Harvest Appeal moves now to a new three year cycle and shifts focus. Over the next three years we will be working with the Mother's Union and Christian Aid. The two main projects are outlined in this leaflet and I commend them to you. As in previous years ten per cent of your donation will also support three UK organisations who are working for a fairer and more sustainable world: Cumbria Development Education Centre, Carlisle One World Centre and Global Justice Now.

It will be good to work with our fellow Christians in Africa and Palestine for the sake of the gospel, to provide support and help to those most in need. These projects are encouraging local leadership and developing resilience, it is important that we are able to stand alongside those most in need.

When Jesus said, 'I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly' (John 10:10), he meant that life is about so much more than just being alive. It means nourishing, being able to be the people God created us to be. Poverty and the results of communities divided stand in the way of that; so I pray that through this appeal, we may be able support our friends to reap a plentiful harvest.

Thank you.

The Rt Rev James Newcome, Bishop of Carlisle

**St. James' Church Harvest Festival**

**Sunday 4th October**

**8am and 10am Services**

Envelopes for your financial gifts are available at the back of church.

Thank You

