

NORTH WESTMORLAND WEEKLY

Sunday 6th July – Third Sunday after Trinity (Proper 9)

Year C: Trinity

Sunday's readings

Isaiah 66:10-14

Psalms 66:1-8

Galatians 6:7-16

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Trinity

Collect

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Book training



Training for PCC members old and new

With new members joining our PCCs in roles familiar and unfamiliar, I have been asked by one or two people to provide some training. There will be a range of 1 hour sessions which will be useful both to those who have never served before, and also to those who are already in post.

I am happy to do this, in the hope that it will reduce the amount of time we need to spend answering questions further down the line.

Training will be available in July, on the following subjects:

- Legal responsibilities of the PCC
- The role of Churchwarden
- The role of PCC Secretary
- Setting up the altar and church for communion

To book into training, please visit the online form which you can access from the benefice website, northwestmorland.church

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Do not sow to your own flesh; sow to the Spirit

Jesus sends out seventy disciples to prepare the way, telling them that the harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few. It feels much like that today! The seventy are to go simply: relying on hospitality, proclaiming peace, and healing the sick. On their return, they rejoice: even demons submitted to them! But Jesus shifts their focus—"Do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." Their worth lies not in success or power, but in belonging to God.

Paul echoes this in Galatians 6:8: "*Whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.*" The disciples' mission wasn't about status or results, it was about sowing to the Spirit: living in obedience, humility, and trust. In a world driven by achievement, Jesus reminds us that true joy comes not from what we do, but from who we are in Him.

This is our calling: to live Spirit-led lives that sow peace, healing, and grace. We trust that God brings the growth, and that our true reward lies in our eternal identity with Christ.



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Isaiah 66:10-14

¹⁰ Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,
all you who love her;
rejoice with her in joy,
all you who mourn over her—
¹¹ that you may nurse and be satisfied
from her consoling breast;
that you may drink deeply with delight
from her glorious bosom.
¹² For thus says the Lord:
I will extend prosperity to her like a river,
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing
stream;
and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm,
and dandled on her knees.
¹³ As a mother comforts her child,
so I will comfort you;
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.
¹⁴ You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;
your bodies shall flourish like the grass;
and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is
with his servants, and his indignation is against his
enemies.

Galatians 6:7-16

⁷ Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you
reap whatever you sow. ⁸ If you sow to your own
flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if
you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from
the Spirit. ⁹ So let us not grow weary in doing what
is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do
not give up. ¹⁰ So then, whenever we have an
opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and
especially for those of the family of faith.

¹¹ See what large letters I make when I am writing
in my own hand! ¹² It is those who want to make a
good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to
be circumcised—only that they may not be
persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³ Even the
circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but
they want you to be circumcised so that they may
boast about your flesh. ¹⁴ May I never boast of
anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
by which the world has been crucified to me, and I
to the world. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision nor
uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is
everything! ¹⁶ As for those who will follow this
rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon
the Israel of God.

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and
sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town
and place where he himself intended to go. ² He
said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the
labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the
harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. ³ Go
on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs
into the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no purse, no bag,
no sandals; and greet no one on the
road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace
to this house!" ⁶ And if anyone is there who shares
in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if
not, it will return to you. ⁷ Remain in the same
house, eating and drinking whatever they provide,
for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move
about from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter
a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set
before you; ⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say
to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to
you." ¹⁰ But whenever you enter a town and they
do not welcome you, go out into its streets and
say, ¹¹ "Even the dust of your town that clings to
our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet
know this: the kingdom of God has come near."

¹⁶ 'Whoever listens to you listens to me, and
whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever
rejects me rejects the one who sent me.'

¹⁷ The seventy returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, in
your name even the demons submit to us!' ¹⁸ He
said to them, 'I watched Satan fall from heaven like
a flash of lightning. ¹⁹ See, I have given you authority
to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the
power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt
you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the
spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names
are written in heaven.'