

An Anglican presence on the Cartmel Peninsula



*St Peter's
Field Broughton*

Sunday 17th February 2019
3rd Sunday before Lent
Valentine's Sunday
A Celebration of Love
Holy Communion
Revd Nick Devenish

'So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.'



The meeting of Jacob and Rachel (1853) by William Dyce (1806–1864). Dyce was a Scottish artist; he was associated with the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood and played a part in their early popularity.

Sonnet 116 by William Shakespeare

Let me not to the marriage of true minds
Admit impediments. Love is not love
Which alters when it alteration finds,
Or bends with the remover to remove.
O no! it is an ever-fixed mark
That looks on tempests and is never shaken;
It is the star to every wand'ring bark,
Whose worth's unknown, although his height be taken.
Love's not Time's fool, though rosy lips and cheeks
Within his bending sickle's compass come;
Love alters not with his brief hours and weeks,
But bears it out even to the edge of doom.
If this be error and upon me prov'd,
I never writ, nor no man ever lov'd.

A Vow - by Wendy Cope

I cannot promise never to be angry;
I cannot promise always to be kind.
You know what you are taking on, my darling –
It's only at the start that love is blind.
And yet I'm still the one you want to be with
And you're the one for me – of that I'm sure.
You are my closest friend, my favourite person,
The lover and the home I've waited for.
I cannot promise that I will deserve you
From this day on. I hope to pass that test.
I love you and I want to make you happy.
I promise I will do my very best.

I am a Christian – by Maya Angelou

When I say 'I am a Christian'
I'm not shouting 'I am saved.'
I'm whispering 'I get lost'
That is why I chose this way.

When I say 'I am a Christian'
I don't speak of this with pride.
I'm confessing that I stumble
And need someone to be my guide.

When I say 'I am a Christian'
I'm not trying to be strong.
I'm professing that I am weak
And pray for strength to carry on.

When I say 'I am a Christian'
I'm not bragging of success.
I'm admitting I have failed
And cannot ever pay the debt.

When I say 'I am a Christian'
I'm not claiming to be perfect.
My flaws are too visible
But God believes I'm worth it.

When I say 'I am a Christian'
I still feel the sting of pain.
I have my share of heartaches
Which is why I seek HIS name.

When I say 'I am a Christian'
I do not wish to judge.
I have no authority
I only know I'm loved.



Jacob's Love for Rachel (Genesis 29)

Then Jacob went on his journey, and came to the land of the people of the east. As he looked, he saw a well in the field. The stone on the well's mouth was large, and when all the flocks were gathered there, the shepherds would roll the stone from the mouth of the well, and water the sheep, and put the stone back in its place on the mouth of the well.

Jacob said to them, 'My brothers, where do you come from?' They said, 'We are from Haran.' He said to them, 'Do you know Laban, son of Nahor?' They said, 'We do.' He said to them, 'Is it well with him?' 'Yes,' they replied, 'and here is his daughter Rachel, coming with the sheep.'

While he was still speaking with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep. Now when Jacob saw Rachel, he went up and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of his uncle Laban. Then Jacob kissed Rachel, and wept aloud. And Jacob told Rachel that he was her father's kinsman; and she ran and told her father.

When Laban heard the news about his nephew Jacob, he ran to meet him; he embraced him and kissed him, and brought him to his house. Laban said to him, 'Surely you are my bone and my flesh!' And he stayed with him for a month.

Then Laban said to Jacob, 'Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?' Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were weak, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, 'I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter, Rachel.' Laban said, 'It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.'

So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.



Today's Hymns



516	Love Divine	♫ <i>Blaenwern</i>
455	Guide me O Thou Great Redeemer	♫ <i>Cwm Rhondda</i>
278	Alleluia Sing the Jesus.	♫ <i>Hyfrydol</i>
81	Lord for the Years	♫ <i>Lord of the Years</i>



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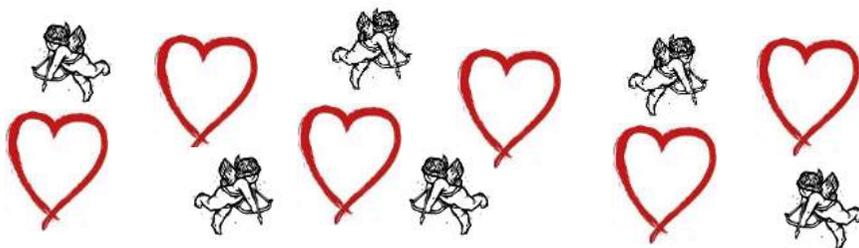
Meditation as usual at 5.30pm.

Beating the Bounds: The walk around the parish boundary will take place on Saturday 23rd March. Meet at 9.30 am at Broughton Bank.

Mothering Sunday: 31st March - A service with distribution of flower posies and thanksgiving for all our mothers and 'mother' parishes.

'Discover More During Lent': A series of Lent talks – please see the posters and leaflets for details, or have a word with Judith.

Friendship Club: Wednesday 20th February 10.00am – 12.30pm 'Sit, Stretch and Smile' High Newton Village Hall, High Newton. See poster for details.



Our Next Service

Sunday 24th February – 2nd Sunday before Lent
Common Worship – Holy Communion

After the service, please join us at the back of the church for tea or coffee. Please take a copy of this pew sheet to read at home, or for anyone who might like to receive one. If you know anyone who would like to receive home communion, please let one of the churchwardens know.