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# FROM BOOTLE RECTORY

## Christmas and beyond

Before writing this letter, I looked through the past magazine articles on my computer, and found that it was me who was asked to write the December/January article for last year. I wrote then “I suspect most of us are in the midst of writing cards, buying presents, and trying to arrange meetings and greetings with our nearest and dearest. Then of course there are the spicy smells of the special food being prepared for the special day. Also, as the Christmas song says, ‘It is the busiest time of the year.’”

What I did not say was that the year before, all our plans for Christmas were called to a halt very suddenly because of COVID. It was certainly not the Christmas we had all hoped for. It came with a great deal of uncertainty for the future year to come.

Yet sadly, I suspect this may ring true for many people this year too, except this time COVID will not be the cause – poverty will be. We all know of the price of fuel and rising food prices. Now we have economists and bankers talking about interest rates and tax rises in the New Year. All of us will be affected of course, but for those who are less well off, or poorly paid, it will be a very anxious time. Like many, my son and his girlfriend even now can’t afford to heat their home. Christmas and New Year may be a very poor event for many in our community.

Yes, we will pray in our churches and in our private prayer for those less well off than ourselves, but prayer also changes things. Do not be surprised if we ourselves are called to be active in service. We may be called to join with others to help those in our community who are in need. Deitrich Bonhoeffer said, ‘There is no such thing as cheap grace’. He expressed a view that through God’s good grace we receive all the blessing of heaven. However, we in turn are called to act on that grace by standing and sharing with others. It is for this reason that Bonhoeffer returned to Germany instead of staying safely living in the USA throughout World War 2. He said he could never have gone back to Germany if he had not been with his fellow Germans who were standing against such an evil as Hitler. For this sacrificial belief, we know he was arrested and killed for speaking out against an evil regime.

We see at Christmas a baby in a manger, and a family who became refugees. God’s gift to us. The child Jesus who ultimately gave His life for us.

Advent, Christmas and Epiphany, all three seasons have a theological meaning. Advent, the looking for the second coming, Christmas, when we experience the first coming of Christ, and Epiphany, the manifestation of Christ to the world. All profoundly meaningful in their own right, but like the Trinity, bound together declaring the love of God to all. We are holders of that love and our lives should witness to it by our actions.

Those who bring great kindness into the world and change so many lives for the better, do not intend to be the great and the good, they just respond to God's calling. I and my family have experienced such kindness from others when we were at our poorest, and know the difference it made to our lives. It was a true blessing from God. I am sorry if this sounds like 'doom and gloom', but at the heart of Christmas is the love of God. Jesus was born to bring joy to all our hearts. Not just to mine or yours, but to the heart of the world. That joy is to last a lifetime, it is not just for Christmas.

God bless.

*Angela*

## **FROM THE SEATALLAN PARISH REGISTERS**

### **Occasional Offices conducted between the 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022 and the 10<sup>th</sup> Nov 2022**

#### *BECKERMET*

- 7<sup>th</sup> Nov Interment of Ashes Mary Nelson Bawden

#### *CALDER BRIDGE, PONSONBY and OLD CHURCH*

- No Occasional Offices known

#### *SEASCALE*

- 7<sup>th</sup> Nov Crematorium Funeral Margaret 'Peggy' Sharing

#### *GOSFORTH, NETHER WASDALE and WASDALE HEAD (All at Gosforth)*

- 20<sup>th</sup> Oct Funeral and Burial John Kenneth Smith
- 27<sup>th</sup> Oct Funeral and Burial Elizabeth Temple
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov Funeral and Cremation Ronald Edward Poole
- 8<sup>th</sup> Nov Interment of Ashes Jean Richardson



## GOSFORTH PARISH CHURCH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Gosforth Parish Church Management Committee. The committee has not met since the meeting reported in the November Magazine. However, we do know that we will have a substantial expenditure, which we had not budgeted for, arising from the annual maintenance check on the clock. The next regular management meeting to monitor the situation will be on Tuesday 10th January and the report will be in the February magazine. If you have anything you wish us to consider please phone 01946 725 300.

*Ruth Schofield (Clerk to the Committee)*

## DECORATING ST MARY'S FOR CHRISTMAS and the FLOWER FUND



We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 10 am, ready for the Carol Service on the 18<sup>th</sup>. All are most welcome to join us – you don't have to be an expert at arranging flowers, we all help each other and enjoy the time together! Refreshments are provided. If you would like to contribute towards the cost of flowers this Christmas, please have a word with me.

Decorating the church with flowers throughout the year is funded by voluntary donations and I would like to thank all who have contributed to the flower fund this year. We use garden flowers and greenery when available but of course we do have to buy flowers during the winter months and for special festivals.

*Ann McKenzie – Tel:25700*

## SOUTH CALDER MISSION COMMUNITY PRAYERS

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## FROM THE EDITOR - The Vikings in Cumbria

A few weeks ago, local archaeologist Steve Dickinson gave a very interesting talk in Gosforth Public Hall about his research into the Viking presence in this area, seeking out the local Viking settlements. Some of you may well have attended this talk.

Just prior to this, I came across a group of men making a recording in Gosforth Churchyard, interviewing Steve, who was speaking about our Viking Cross and Hogbacks. When I spoke to them, I discovered they were making a podcast for "Countrystride" who record conversations exploring the landscapes, heritage and people of Cumbria and the Lake District.

Having looked at the Gosforth cross and hogbacks they set off to walk to Irton Church, via various footpaths, recording their journey enroute, to look at the Irton cross. If you are interested, their journey can be followed and listened to at [www.countrystride.co.uk](http://www.countrystride.co.uk)

This was talk No. 90, so there are many other talks of interest too.

## COFFEE, CAKE & CHAT (The Three C's) – 10.30-12 noon

On **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December** we will have a special Christmas 3Cs, with a Raffle, and the proceeds will go to the Children's Society, along with the money raised by the Christingle to be held on Christmas Eve.



Our January session will take place on **Thursday January 12<sup>th</sup>** when we welcome Revd Andrew Walker and family who will tell us about their work with Crosslinks in Mendoza, Argentina. Andrew and his wife Bethanie (daughter of Rosalind and Keith Amey) have been supported by our church for the past four years, so it will be good to meet them all again. The collection that day will be for **Crosslinks** and **3 Cs will become 4 – Coffee, Cake, Chat and Crosslinks!**



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## CHRISTMAS SERVICES and EVENTS in the SEATALLAN BENEFICE



### BECKERMET

**Christmas Day at 9.30 am:** Christmas Communion

### GOSFORTH

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00 pm** – Candlelit Christmas Concert of music and song by members of school and church in St Mary's Church, with mulled wine and mince pies.

Tickets: Adults £5; Children £1. Proceeds to school and church.

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Village Carol Singing and Service.

6.30 pm – Assemble in Village Car Park and sing carols enroute to church via Meadowfield Grove and Meadowfield. Church Service at 7.15 pm (See posters) followed by mince pies and mulled wine

**Christmas Eve at 4.00 pm** – Combined Crib and Christingle Service. Collection for the Children's Society.

**Christmas Day at 10.00 am** – Family Communion.

### NETHER WASDALE

**Christmas Eve at 11.30** – Midnight Communion.

### SEASCALE

**Sat/Sun - 10/11<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Tree Festival at St Cuthbert's.

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Fayre 11 – 4pm with Soup Lunch at St Cuthbert's.

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00 pm:** Village Carol Service at St Cuthbert's Church.

**Christmas Eve:** Crib Service at 4.00 pm at St Cuthbert's.

**Midnight Communion at 11.30 pm** at St Cuthbert's

**Christmas Day:** Morning Service at the Methodist Church at 10.00 am.

### WASDALE HEAD

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 6.00pm:** Carols in the Bar at Wasdale Head Inn.

**Christmas Day:** Festival Communion at 11.00 am



Using five famous pieces of art, this Advent offering will last no more than 40 minutes on each of the evenings that it runs.

Each session will open with an Advent hymn or Carol, followed by a video reflection on the picture for the evening. There will then be a time of Ignatian Contemplation, including some periods of silence for reflective prayer.

The sessions will close with Compline and a final hymn.

Please do come along, if you feel that the run up to Christmas is a hectic time when it can be difficult to remember 'the reason for the season'...

Venue: St Mary's Room Gosforth.

Time: 7.30pm

Dates:

1 <sup>st</sup> December	The Sistine Chapel	Michaelangelo
8 <sup>th</sup> December	The tree of Jesse	Absoiom Stumme
15 <sup>th</sup> December	John the Baptist in the wilderness	Geertgen tot Sint Jans
22 <sup>nd</sup> December	The dream of Joseph	Anton Raphael Mengs
Christmas Day	BeBe (The Nativity)	Paul Gauguin

This programme of events is open to anyone from the South Calder Mission Community.



# *St Olaf's, Wasdale Head*

## *Faith in the Fells*

**CHRISTMAS** – the popular **Carols in the Inn** is on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 6pm** in the bar at the Wasdale Head Inn - an occasion not to be missed! Our thanks to the Inn for hosting the event each year. Many stay on for a meal afterwards, a convivial evening is in prospect!

**Christmas Day at 11am – Festival Holy Communion**, led by the Rector Philip Dorling. This is usually the best attended service of the year, please come if you can.

Our other **December and January services** are as follows:

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 11am – Morning Praise

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 11am – Celtic Praise

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 11am – Morning Praise

**THANK YOU** – it is time to say a big ‘thank you’ to everyone who has supported St Olaf’s this year, and to those who work so faithfully to open the church each day, lead worship, and help maintain the church and its churchyard. Each year visitor and pilgrim numbers are increasing, and St Olaf’s is becoming more financially sustainable, and able to look forward to a bright future, particularly if we can carry out the restoration and conservation projected for 2024.

Many are facing a challenging winter, there is a need for much kindness, and with this in mind we send everyone our best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

*Hugh Foulerton*

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## **DECEMBER 2022**

As usual there won't be a meeting in December.

The January meeting on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 12 noon will be the AGM followed by a bring and share lunch in St Mary's Room. Drinks will be provided. The programme for the rest of 2022 will be discussed. Please do come along for the fellowship and help to shape the way forward.

The Membership fee for 2023 will be £25. This has had to be increased because although the MU part has been kept the same the HSBC bank is now charging considerably more for our bank transactions in its so called Charity Account. We are looking for a cheaper alternative. Members of the Gosforth Section are asked to pay this fee in the New Year either by bank transfer (details from Jonathan Falkner) or to Ruth as cash or a cheque made out to Gosforth and Seascale branch of the Mothers Union.

## **PRAYER TOPICS FOR DECEMBER**

- The MU members and associates in the dioceses in Zone D – Kenya (117,604); Rwanda (27,150); Tanzania (850,000); Uganda (21,500), Jerusalem and the Middle East (3,330) - that they may enjoy Christian Fellowship within the Mothers' Union while keeping social distancing and using virtual methods of contact.
- Those who are suffering abuse, injustice and discrimination rather than being treated with equality and respect, that all may learn to celebrate our diversity and interdependence. Praying especially for the women of Afghanistan and Iran.
- All for whom the celebration of Christmas is difficult; those who are ill at home or in hospital, for the bereaved and the lost and the lonely. May they know the light of the Christ Child in their lives at this time.
- In this Christmas period, pray for the homeless, those living at Calderwood House at this time, those living in poverty and those for whom Christmas is a sad time because of their isolation.
- All those who have to work through the holiday period and particularly on Christmas Day itself. All who selflessly care for the vulnerable at this time - working in the health service, in care homes and in agencies supporting the homeless and depressed. Those working in essential services - to supply our food and medicines, to maintain the communication networks and the supply of various utilities needed in our homes. Also, those in the police and fire services.

## PRAYER TOPICS FOR JANUARY

- The MU members and associates in the dioceses in Zone E – Central Africa (3,650); Nigeria (60,000); South Sudan (53,000); Sudan (386), Southern Africa (61,664) - that they may enjoy Christian Fellowship within the Mothers' Union while keeping social distancing and using virtual methods of contact..
- As the magi brought gifts to the infant Christ, so may MU members bring to him our gifts and talents to be used for his glory, through our service as Mothers' Union across the world..
- Those who are poor in affluent areas of the world, where people are ashamed to admit their needs. That they may regain their dignity and receive what help they need to be comfortable and confident day by day.
- The people of war-torn countries as they face the perils of daily life and worry about their families, thinking especially of those in and from Ukraine.

## POEM FOR CHRISTMAS

### Gratis

This year we're just giving thanks--  
a lighter lift than grudgeries,  
up roofs, down chimneys, under trees--  
easier to gift we think  
when one size suits us all just fine,  
like blessings and beatitudes.  
Let us, please God, travel light,  
in easy grace, free gratitude  
for lengthened days, the briefer nights,  
solstice and epiphanies,  
a child's eyes, like stars so bright  
wise magi follow, gazing.

*Thomas Lynch*

*This poem appears in Bone Rosary: New and Selected Poems by Thomas Lynch (Bloodaxe Books). Thomas Lynch is a retired American undertaker who retains strong links with his Irish history, and that country's poetic community.*

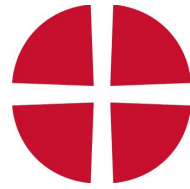
*(Selected for us by Martyn Halsall)*

# GOSFORTH METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

**Minister:** Revd. Paul Saunders

**Minister:** Deacon. Kina Saunders

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**Now meeting in St. Mary's Room**

The December and January services are as follows:

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Holy Communion – 6.30 pm

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December – United Carol Service (See details)

## **Singing the Faith**

The November hymns I chose celebrated the greatness of “The Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth” in gloriously triumphant music. In December we worship and adore “Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord”. There are so many Christmas hymns and carols to choose from expressing joy, wonder, amazement, merriment and simple story-telling. Contrasts, sometimes seeming like contradictions, are the key notes. Charles Wesley’s memorable lines: “Our God contracted to a span, incomprehensibly made Man.” The creator King to the suffering servant in Graham Kendrick’s “Hands that flung stars into space, to cruel nails surrendered.” The King born in a stable, worshipped by Magi and shepherd. And John’s gospel opening: “The light shone in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.”

So, what hymns shall I choose to encapsulate our Christmas faith?  
Perhaps a very simple one – Christina Rossetti’s -

*“Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely, love divine,  
Love was born at Christmas, star and angels gave the sign.”*

or the more modern approach of John Bell –

*“Who would think that what was needed to transform and save  
the earth, might not be a plan or army, proud in purpose, proved in  
worth?”*

*Who would think, despite derision, that a child might lead the way?  
God surprises earth with heaven, coming here on Christmas Day.”*

We pray that our spirits may be lifted and our faith strengthened as once again we sing and hear the wonderful music and message of Christmas.

*Mary Moody*



**Sunday 18th December**

**GOSFORTH  
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and  
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## BECKERMET NEWS

The Reading Rooms have now become a Community Interest Company which means that we can now apply for grants for improvements. We are hoping to have a grant for the roof and heating upgrades. Planning permission is being applied for, which could mean that the Rooms may be closed in February and March with a grand re-opening in April. A Community Interest Co will provide a community hub for Beckermets and surrounding communities, a centre for Arts and Entertainment, and provide a facility for groups to pursue their interests. It is a not for profit enterprise and any surpluses will be re-invested back into the community.

### Events in December:

Art Class - Mondays 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> at 10.00.

Pilates - Thursdays 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> at 17.30.

Crochet Class - Tuesdays 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> at 18.00.

Coffee Cake and Chat - Tuesdays - 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> at 09.30;

Thursdays – 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> at 13.30.

**Quiz Night** - 2<sup>nd</sup> at 19.30.

**Bingo night** - 16<sup>th</sup> at 18.30.

**Craft Workshops - making Xmas decorations and wreaths** - Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> from 08.00 – 18.00.

**Xmas Fayre** - 4<sup>th</sup> from 13.00 -16.00.

**Children's Party** (run by Social Club) - 18<sup>th</sup> from 12.00 -19.00.

**GDF** - 9<sup>th</sup> from 14.00 -18.00.

**Parish Council Meeting** - 22<sup>nd</sup> at 19.00.

**A Rock Choir** has been started (for details see Beckermets Facebook or contact Claire Dunn)

**Christmas Lights Switch On** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 18.00 in St John's Churchyard followed by Carols and Mincepies.

**Events in January** – It is hoped that all the usual activities will start again in the New Year but so far -

Pilates - 5<sup>th</sup> at 17.30.

Social Committee - 8<sup>th</sup> at 10.00.

GDF - 25<sup>th</sup> from 12.00 -17.00

The Syndicates 18.00

**HAPPY XMAS AND BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE AND THANKS FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT**

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## CHRISTMAS BOOK REVIEW

A LAKE DISTRICT CHRISTMAS – Compiled by Alan Cleaver  
(Tales & Traditions of Cumbrian Yuletides Past)

Last Christmas I was given this book as a present and found it was a real gem of information. Turning to the first page I discovered that the heading was “Carol Singing at Wasdale” – I couldn’t believe it! It was a report taken from The Yorkshire Post in 1913 describing a carol singing wander through the small village of Nether Wasdale. Knowing the village well, I was able to imagine that I was on the wander too.

Looking on through the book I found another local heading “Wastwater Frozen”, a report taken from The Whitehaven News, 21<sup>st</sup> February, 1895. Apparently, it had been reported from Wasdale that there was a thin sheet of ice covering the lake, which didn’t usually freeze, being the deepest lake in the Lake District, 280ft deep. The winter of 1895 was referred to as the “Great Frost.”

A celebration of traditions in the historic counties of Cumberland and Westmorland, **A Lake District Christmas** is a variety-box miscellany of seasonal writings, memories, poems, recipes and songs.

Pour a mulled wine, stoke the fire and open **A Lake District Christmas** for a nostalgic journey into Cumbrian yuletides past.

*Norma Hughes*

*Available at some local book stores and also from Amazon - £10.  
(ISBN 978-1-9998940-8-5)*

### SAINT FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY - St Wulfstan

There are many well known Saints in the calendar for December and January, but Wulfstan is, perhaps, not one of them. Wulfstan (or Wolstan, or Ulstan), was a Benedictine monk who became Bishop of Worcester several years before the best-known date in English history! Unlike the other Bishops, he served under both William the Conqueror and his son for a total of 32 years. He was known for his devotion and for the good management of his diocese. He died in 1095 whilst washing the feet of 12 poor men – which he often did – and he is remembered on the 10<sup>th</sup> January.



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## West Lakes U3A - DECEMBER 2022

<https://u3asites.org.uk/west-lakes/events>

Contact : Vera on 019467 25213 or check website for further details and updates



There is usually a small charge for indoor meetings.

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November – “Eskdale in Lockdown”** – presented by Maurice Steel. Free event at Santon Village Hall -2 pm followed by ‘chatty tea and cake’ All welcome.

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December: Singing for Fun** - Seascale Methodist Hall 2.30-4.00. Please check with Kathy on 019467 21217

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December: Cycling** - Meet outside Gosforth Public Hall 10am. Two hour planned route to include refreshment stop. 019467 25831

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December: History** – Drigg Village Hall. Refreshments from 10.15, talk at 10.45. ‘Holker Hall and the Cavendish Family’ a talk by Janet Smith

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> December: French Conversation** - This local group is now under the auspices of U3A meeting weekly at The Kellbank , Gosforth 10.15-12.15. Details from James 07931996742

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December: Art Appreciation** - St Joseph’s Church Hall, Seascale. Refreshments 10.15 for a 10.45 start. A second talk by Mike Fossey and Joan McMurtry – “The Art and History of Venice”

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December: Recorders** - All levels welcome, Santon Village Hall supper room. Refreshments available from 10.15. Playing from 10.30 -12.00. Please make contact before coming for the first time so that music can be shared. [smithybrow@icloud.com](mailto:smithybrow@icloud.com) 07817499849

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December: Out and About** - Visit to Rheghed where Amy Bateman’s “40 farms” photographic exhibition is showing and is free, followed by Cinema visit to Keswick to see a screening of Royal Ballet’s ‘The Nutcracker’ – alternatively spend the afternoon exploring Keswick. Contact Vera to book - 019467 25213

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December: Walking for strollers** - Route to be determined. Gentle 2 mile walk followed by a refreshment stop. Please check website nearer the time for details or contact Val on 07796527876

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December: Discussion Group.** This is a house group, meeting at 7 Denton Park Court, Gosforth at 10.30. Please ring Graham on 019467 25794 if you have not attended previously.

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December: Open Mind** - Gosforth Public Hall - 10.45 start. “Christmas Celebration and Song”. Tea /coffee from 10.30 Local singer and entertainer Cindy Hoten - The Lakes “Sweetheart” will entertain us from 11.00-12.00 <https://www.misscindyhoten.com>

A “dainty” lunch will follow. Cost - £10 members/£15 non-members. Please book on 019467 25213

Please note that both the Reading group and Discovery are taking a December break.



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## GOSFORTH SCHOOL NEWS



Before half term the children enjoyed the Autumn disco in the school hall. Hot dogs and pancakes were purchased along with sweets and drinks. They are always very well attended and this time raised over £300 for FOGS.

On coming back to school, we held an open afternoon which was a chance for parents who have children starting school next September to come and look round. It was well attended and the Year 6 children received positive feedback on their role as tour guides. We will find out next March how many children will join us in September 2023.

Miss Skivington, teacher of Year 4/5 in Ennerdale class, has decided to leave us after two years so we are in the process of appointing a new class teacher to start in January. We wish Miss Skivington the best of luck in her new post.

Preparations are well underway for Christmas plays after a two-year break. For our younger children this will be the first time they have performed in front of large audiences – we are sure they will rise to the occasion!

The majority of the children in school received their nasal flu vaccine from the local health team and staff were also offered their flu jab in school, free of charge by Castlegate Surgery in Cockermouth. This week we will mark Remembrance Day with a service in the church. There will be a flag procession with children who are part of Rainbows, Cubs, Brownies, Scouts and Guides coming along in their uniforms.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 9-12pm

Egremont Farmers Market (doing the refreshments)

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 10 - 2pm

Christmas Market in the school hall - 22 stalls have already confirmed.

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Candlelit concert in church

*Mrs Sarah Layzell, Acting Headteacher*

## MUNCASTER MICROBUS

The weekly trips to Whitehaven are still taking place on Tuesdays and Thursdays but Saturday trips are rather uncertain at the moment due to the lack of drivers. Please check with Gill by phoning 01229 717229 about these for December and January.

## NEWS FROM GADS

### GADS Pantomime – Cinderella, by Alan Frayn. January 2023



Alan Frayn writes really funny panto scripts that are suitable for all ages and so is one of our favoured authors. We have previously performed his Jack and the Beanstalk, Aladdin, Dick Whittington, Sleeping Beauty and Snow White. So if you saw any of those, you will know what to expect. Cinderella is one of the UK's best loved pantomimes and she will run to the

ball in Gosforth Public Hall from **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2023.**

Cinderella is unusual because it has 2 dames and believe me it is a challenge to find size 12 ladies shoes to fit our two strapping Ugly Sisters. We also have the usual Cinderella, Buttons, Baron, Baroness, Prince Charming, his sidekick Dandini, Fairy, Lord Chamberlain and Hagan the Horse. Of course we also have a comedy duo of 2 very dodgy builders called Bodgey and Leggett. Will they get away with their plan to transform Hardship Hall into a 20 storey hotel complex? Will Cinderella marry the Prince? And will Bob the Bunny be bothered? With the help of our talented dancers and chorus you can find out!

**Tickets will go on sale to groups (Scouts, Guides etc) on 1 December, to GADS members on 15 December, and to the public from 29 December.** Ticket prices will be the same as last time (£7.50 for adults and £5 for u18 / students) with a 50p per ticket discount for groups of 10 or more.

Wednesday and Thursday shows are usually very busy with several good-humoured groups from the local scouts, cubs, brownies, beavers etc. Either is a great night to come along if you want to support their energetic audience participation. Friday and Saturday performances have also been well attended in recent years and the Saturday afternoon matinee has eased some of the evening congestion as well as being popular with the younger ones.

Seating plans and ticket sales can once again be seen on the GADS website for those of you who like to pick the best seats. When booking opens, you will be able to book by email ([pantotickets@gads.org.uk](mailto:pantotickets@gads.org.uk)), phone (28392) or via the website [www.gads.org.uk](http://www.gads.org.uk). On-line booking will be available again for those who prefer it. We will be able to take BACS, mobile phone and card payments (in person, but not over the phone) and we still even take cash and the occasional cheque. Wednesday,

Thursday, and Friday evening shows will start at 7pm. The Saturday performances will start at 1pm and 6pm. **For all shows, booking is recommended, and the doors will open 30 minutes before the start.**

We will have the usual complimentary programme and light refreshments during the interval and there will also be ice cream on sale during the interval, thanks to Ravenglass Handmade Ice Creams. They were so popular during "Oliver!" that we just had to ask them back.

**GADS Youth Theatre Group** will resume after panto on Wednesday 25 January at its new time of 5:30 pm and **Plays for Pleasure** should be back on the last Wednesday of each month starting at 7:30pm in the function room at the Kellbank. If you would like to keep up to date, you can visit our website for more information ([www.gads.org.uk](http://www.gads.org.uk)), follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or join our mailing list via the website. You can also email us using [secretary@gads.org.uk](mailto:secretary@gads.org.uk) or [panto@gads.org.uk](mailto:panto@gads.org.uk) for panto specific enquiries.

*Jim and Karen Polmear*

## GOSFORTH LIBRARY

Opening hours as follows:

Saturday	10.00 – 12.00 hrs
Monday	13.00 – 15.00 hrs
Wednesday	16.00 – 17.30 hrs



Gosforth library link is now open on Mondays from 13.00 -15.00 as a local warm spot and refreshments are being served along with normal library services, with an opportunity to meet friends and have a chat.

All of the GDF grant projects are completed and the money spent, several library users have commented about the improved appearance of the library both outside and inside.

## GOSFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Despite extensive pressure on Sellafield Ltd, they have still not come up with a solution to the significant problems caused to the village by the excessive number of cars belonging to Sellafield Workers "parked" in the Village Car Park, and elsewhere in the village. Urgent discussions are continuing.

*Graham Hutson*

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## **ROTARY CLUB OF WEST LAKELAND**

Our winter program has continued with a fascinating talk from the wife of one of our members, Sean Beaty, on an Adventure Trek to a remote part of Greenland. The participants had an interesting and enjoyable time in fantastic scenery, as evidenced by the marvellous slides Sean showed us, despite the trip having to be curtailed when one of the leaders suffered a serious bout of Covid.

Another eye-opening talk from an impressive young lady who, with the assistance of "Women out West", is leading a normal and happy life after experiencing serious problems over a number of years.

*Graham Hutson*

## **GOSFORTH INDOOR MAT BOWLING CLUB**

December sessions are Wednesday, 7th and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> from 2pm to 4pm, in Gosforth Public Hall. £3.50 per session, including refreshments.

Spare bowls available. Please bring clean flat shoes.

RESTARTS WEDNESDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2023.

## **GOSFORTH WI**

Gosforth WI enjoyed a beautiful flower arranging demonstration at the November meeting. The AGM confirmed the committee will continue in their roles for the next year, with possibly two new committee members to help organise events.



The WI members' afternoon Christmas party is on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 1 pm with a quartet of harpists to entertain us. Party food will be on a bring and share basis. The competition theme will be a handmade Christmas table decoration.

The WI members' evening Christmas party will take place on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 7 pm at Sella Park hotel.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 meeting will be in the afternoon beginning at 2 pm as GADS will be rehearsing in the evening.

## SERVICES IN THE SOUTH CALDER MISSION COMMUNITY

Some Gosforth services and Phoenix services are being 'zoomed' each week. There is also a weekly liturgy available by email each Sunday. Please contact me if you want to go on the weekly distribution list.

**NB. PLEASE CHECK LOCAL NOTICES  
FOR THE MOST UP TO DATE SERVICE INFORMATION**

### **ZOOM SERVICES**

**11.00am Service of Morning Worship from the South Calder Mission Community**, hosted by St Mary's Church Gosforth. If you would like an invitation to this service please email [stmarys.gosforth.zoom@gmail.com](mailto:stmarys.gosforth.zoom@gmail.com) or ring the Revd Philip Dorling on 01946 725102 or 07500 239684.

**Virtual Phoenix Evening Worship** – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month. Hosted by Jill and Keith Hudson. Please contact Jill and Keith to obtain the latest information on this service. [www.phoenixpraise.org.uk](http://www.phoenixpraise.org.uk) For an invitation please email [khudson@freenetname.co.uk](mailto:khudson@freenetname.co.uk) or ring Keith and Jill on 01946 721592.

**Faith and Fellowship** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of month at 7pm in Seascale. Venue to be confirmed. Hosted by Chris and Joy Chuter. Please ring Chris on 07768 421621 for details. This meeting will replace the current Phoenix service until Christmas. Format will emerge depending on who comes. Chris' email is [free.c@outlook.com](mailto:free.c@outlook.com). Please free to contact him that way if you prefer.

### **WEEKLY SOUTH CALDER MISSION COMMUNITY LITURGY**

If you struggle with Zoom, or if you are unable to access it, the South Calder Mission Community is also producing a Weekly Service Booklet with prayers, readings, a reflection for the day and suggested hymns (which can either be read from a hymn book or listened to on Youtube).

If you would like to be emailed a copy of the weekly service each week, please contact the Reverend Philip Dorling on [philipdorling123@btinternet.com](mailto:philipdorling123@btinternet.com) or call him on 01946 725102 or 07500 239684 and he will arrange for a paper copy to be delivered to you.

## SOUTH CALDER MISSION COMMUNITY - JANUARY 2023

January 2023	Church	Service	Time
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b>			
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Jan</b>	Nether Wasdale	HC	9.30
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> of Christmas</b>	Waberthwaite	MP	9.30
<b>WHITE</b>	Seascale	<b>NO SERVICE</b>	9.30
	Gosforth	M Praise – St Mary's Rm	11.00
	Drigg	HC	11.00
	Eskdale Boot	HC	11.00
	Muncaster	MP - Ravenglass	11.00
	Whicham	HC	11.00
	Bootle	FS-Messy Ch	4.00
	Gosforth	Meth EW St Mary's Rm	6.30
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b>			
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Beckermet	HC	9.30
<b>1<sup>st</sup> of Epiphany</b>	Irlton	HC	9.30
<b>WHITE</b>	Seascale	Methodist@Meth Church	9.30
<b>Proper</b>	Gosforth	HC – St Mary's Room	11.00
	Wasdale Head	Celtic Praise	11.00
	Drigg	FS	11.00
	Eskdale Boot	MP	11.00
	Whicham	HC	11.00
	Faith and Fellowship	Seascale	7.00
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b>			
<b>15<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Eskdale Green	MP	9.30
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> of Epiphany</b>	Nether Wasdale	MP	9.30
<b>WHITE</b>	Waberthwaite	HC	9.30
<b>Proper</b>	Seascale	HC @Methodist Church	9.30
	Gosforth	M/W – St Mary's Room	11.00
	Drigg	HC	11.00
	Muncaster	HC - Ravenglass	11.00
	Whicham	FS – Bs and B	11.00
	Bootle	EP	4.00
	Gosforth	Informal W in St M's Rm	6.30
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>			
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Jan</b>	Ponsonby	<b>NO SERVICE</b>	9.30
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> of Epiphany</b>	Beckermet	MP	9.30
<b>WHITE</b>	Seascale	Methodist@Meth Church	9.30
<b>Proper</b>	Eskdale Green	HC	9.30
	Gosforth	HC – St Mary's Room	11.00
	Wasdale Head	Morning Praise	11.00
	Drigg	MP	11.00
	Irlton	HC - Patronal	11.00
	Bootle	HC	11.00
	Bootle	Bible Study	4.00
	Phoenix	Zoom/Live TBC	7.00
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>	<b>Benefice Sunday</b>		
<b>29<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Beckermet	HC	10.30
<b>4<sup>th</sup> of Epiphany</b>	Whicham	HC	11.00
<b>WHITE</b>	Drigg	HC	11.00
<b>Candlemas</b>			



# SOUTH CALDER MISSION COMMUNITY - DECEMBER 2022

December 2022	Church	Service	Time
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b>			
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Nether Waddale	HC	9.30
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> of Advent</b>	Wabenthaite	MP	9.30
<b>PURPLE</b>	Seascale	HC at St Cuthbert's	9.30
<b>Proper</b>	Goeforth	MPharse	11.00
	Drigg	HC	11.00
	Eskdale Boat	HC	11.00
	Muncaster	MP at Ravensgass	11.00
	Whickam	HC	11.00
	Bootle	FS - Messa Ch	4.00
	Goeforth	Meth HC in St Mary's Rm	6.30
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b>			
<b>11<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Beckinnat	HC	9.30
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> of Advent</b>	Iton	HC	9.30
<b>PURPLE</b>	Seascale	Methodists at St. Cuth.	9.30
<b>Proper</b>	Goeforth	HC	11.00
	Waddale Head	Morning Prayer	11.00
	Drigg	FS	11.00
	Eskdale Boat	HC	11.00
	Corney	Carols	11.30
	Seascale	Christmas Tree Carols	4.00
	Whitbeck	Crib service	3.00
	Wabenthaite	Carols - candlelit	5.50
	Faith and Fellowship	Seascale	7.00
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b>			
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Wabenthaite	HC	9.30
<b>4<sup>th</sup> of Advent</b>	Beckinnat	MP	9.30
<b>PURPLE</b>	Seascale	HC @ St Cuthbert's	9.30
<b>Proper</b>	Nether Waddale	MP	9.30
	Drigg	HC	11.00
	Muncaster	HC - Ravensgass	11.00
	Whickam	Christingle	11.00
	Seascale	Carols @ St Cuthbert's	3.00
	Eskdale Green	Carols	3.30
	Bootle	Carols - candlelit	5.00
	Goeforth	Village Carols	6.30/7.15
	Iton	Carols	6.00
<b>Christmas Eve</b>			
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>			
<b>PURPLE</b>	Whickam	Carols	4.00
<b>Proper</b>	Seascale	Crib Ser. at St Cuthbert's	4.00
	Goeforth	Crib/Christingle Service	4.00
	Wabenthaite	Crib Service	4.00
<b>Midnight</b>			
<b>24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Iton	HC	11.00pm
<b>WHITE</b>	Nether Waddale	HC	11.30pm
<b>Proper</b>	Seascale	HC at St Cuthbert's	11.30pm
	Bootle	HC	11.30pm
<b>Christmas Day</b>			
<b>25<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Ponsonby	<b>NO SERVICE</b>	9.30
<b>WHITE</b>	Wabenthaite	HC	9.30
<b>Proper</b>	Beckinnat	HC	9.30
	Seascale	Meth @ Methodist Ch.	10.00
	Goeforth	HC	10.00
	Drigg	HC	10.00
	Eskdale Boat	HC	11.00
	Waddale Head	HC	11.00
	Whickam	HC	11.00



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