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From Rev Dave Pilkington – Drigg Rectory

Happy Easter!

After a long, cold and often wet winter, we are starting to emerge into the warmth of Spring. Whilst we have had some incredibly beautiful days, surrounded by snow capped mountains, the spring flowers and warmer air bring a sense of joy, a whisper of excitement as new life emerges around us in the form of flowers, trees, crops and lambs skipping through the fields.

It is this sense of joy and new life that we are reminded of at Easter in the Christian Faith. As we enter into Holy Week, we are reminded again and again of God's love for each one of us. We go on a journey through the week, of welcome on Palm Sunday, uncertainty on Maundy Thursday, loss on Friday and celebration on Easter Sunday. This can often mirror our own journey through life, as we are always somewhere on that cycle of life, death and resurrection.

The Gospel of John tells the story of Jesus washing the disciples' feet at the last supper. Peter, one of Jesus' disciples, did not like this - and when Jesus insists, Peter asks Jesus to wash his whole body. So Jesus explained to him that the disciples did not need their whole bodies washed, as in baptism, because they are clean and don't need a bath - but they do need to clean their feet, as this is the part of the body that gets exposed to dirt and needs to be regularly cleaned. This is the same as the invitation we have to receive Communion each Sunday. Jesus says "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." His invitation does not remove our imperfections. It is an opportunity to keep bringing to God those issues or habits in our hearts that hinder us from experiencing a deeper level of love and from allowing ourselves to be transformed by that love as we let go and surrender our lives to God on an ongoing basis.

Then, as we move to Good Friday, we see Jesus demonstrating this surrender as he goes to the cross. We are told in Philippians that Jesus emptied himself on the cross. God holds nothing back from us. He poured out his love for us on the cross. This isn't the act of an angry God punishing his son, but a demonstration of self giving, radically forgiving, co-suffering love.. as one of my favourite writers puts it. It is this act of love that Jesus demonstrates that creates that whisper of excitement and promise of new life, whilst recognising that sometimes we need to go through suffering to get this.

Another favourite writer of mine, Father Richard Rohr says this: “We suffer to get well. We surrender to win. We die to live. We give it away to keep it.” The message of Christ is counterintuitive. Jesus didn't fight for power. He didn't seek comfort or his own gain. We are told in the book of Corinthians that through his life, death, resurrection and ascension into heaven, God was reconciling the world to himself. He suffered to bring life and demonstrate his love for us.

Sometimes we wander away from the path of love. We pursue things that build walls around our lives, and that seek our own comfort rather than what's best. In doing so, we can hinder that flow of love between us and God, others and ourselves. The message of Easter is that God is love, and is always reconciling. He never turns his face away from us. On Easter Sunday we celebrate the resurrection. What was dead has been brought back to life. Death has been conquered, and in that moment we all have the offer of new life. So as we celebrate Easter this year, let's take time to pause and ask ourselves, where in our lives do we need reconciliation? What needs to die to bring forth new life? My encouragement is that God is for you and wants you to experience greater freedom and joy in this life.

Happy Easter from Reverend Dave



FROM THE SEATALLAN PARISH REGISTERS

**Known Occasional Offices conducted between
the 11th Feb 2023 to 15th March 2023**

BECKERMET

No Occasional Offices known

CALDER BRIDGE, PONSONBY and OLD CHURCH

No Occasional Offices known

SEASCALE

No Occasional Offices known

GOSFORTH, NETHER WASDALE and WASDALE HEAD

25th Feb Wedding at Wasdale Head Martina Smith and Neil Porter

GOSFORTH AND WASDALE PARISH

St Mary's Gosforth
St Michael and All Angels Nether Wasdale
St Olaf's Wasdale Head

Dear Parishioners

The 2023 **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will be held on Tuesday 18th April in St Mary's Room, Gosforth at 7.30 pm. All residents in the Parish are welcome to attend.

Those persons who are on the Electoral Register can vote to elect churchwardens to represent the three churches.

Those persons who are on the Church Electoral Roll can vote to elect Parochial Church Councillors to manage the overall running of the parish.

This year, in addition to the above, we will be electing representatives to the Deanery Synod.

Each church has its own Management Committee appointed at the APCM for the day to day running of each individual church.

If you would like to serve the parish as a churchwarden, as a member of the Parochial Church Council or as a Deanery Synod Representative please contact me for an application form. Please also contact me if you would like a copy of the annual reports which will be sent out by email prior to the meeting.

My contact details are carolynfoulerton@gmail.com phone 01946 725725. We look forward to seeing you on the 18th April.

Finally, on a personal note, having completed 6 years on the PCC I will not be seeking re-election this year, nor continuing as secretary. If you are interested in applying for this position, please contact me for further details.

Yours sincerely
Carolyn Foulerton
Secretary to the Parochial Church Council



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Please contact Jonathan Falkner on 01946 721852 for an invitation to Zoom.



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



This month we will meet in St Mary's Room on Thursday 6th April (Maundy Thursday) for our Easter coffee morning. Do come along and join us. As usual the chat will be good and the cakes delicious!

This month our collection will be for the Multiple Sclerosis Society (MS Society).

EASTER FLOWERS IN GOSFORTH CHURCH

We will be decorating the church for Easter on Saturday 8th April at 10 am and would like as many people as possible to come along to help – you don't have to be an expert! Coffee, tea and cake provided for helpers!



If you would like to contribute towards the cost of Easter lilies in memory of a loved one, could you please let me have the money and I will be happy to purchase them. Many thanks.

Ann McKenzie (25700)

GOSFORTH PARISH CHURCH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Gosforth Parish Church Management Committee. The committee has not met since the meeting reported in the March Magazine. The next regular management meeting will be on Tuesday 9th May and the report will be in the June magazine. If you have anything you wish us to consider please 'phone 01946 725300.

Ruth Schofield (Clerk to the Committee)



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APRIL SERVICES at St Olaf's:

Easter Day Sunday 9th April – 11am Festival Holy Communion, led by Philip.

Sunday 23rd April (St George's Day) – 11am Morning Praise, led by Carolyn.

There are services at Nether Wasdale Church at 9.30am on 2nd, 9th & 16th April.

VISITORS – during winter months December, January, February we welcomed 3575 visitors to St Olaf's, an average of 40 each day. This compares with the daily average over the last year of 78, indicating there is no longer a truly low season at Wasdale Head. Visitor numbers are currently increasing by 17% p.a.

RESTORATION FUNDRAISING – a team of four volunteers under guidance from professional funding consultants, Gifted Philanthropy Ltd, are handling the appeal to cover the cost of St Olaf's restoration, which is being launched during April. It will be a national appeal to philanthropic sources – trusts, charities, institutional and commercial donors known to support projects of this type. There will also be an in-church appeal to our many visitors. All costs to date have been covered by St Olaf's own resources and our target is to have the funds in place by the year end so that work can commence in Spring 2024.

THE FRCC WAR MEMORIAL in St Olaf's churchyard attracts many visitors, and deservedly so since it was in the memory of their fallen comrades that the Fell & Rock Climbing Club purchased 3000 acres of high fells and gifted the land to the nation as 'an eternal monument among the everlasting hills'. Today, several walks, hikes and fell runs are based on this gift and by tradition start and end at St Olaf's. The 12 peaks included in the gift are Lingmell, Broad Crag, Great End, Seathwaite Fell, Allen Crag, Glaramara, Grey Knotts, Brandreth, Base Brown, Green Gable, Great Gable and Kirk Fell. To these, other donors added Scafell Pike, Esk Hause, and Castle Crag in Borrowdale.

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APRIL 2023

In April branch members will be following the custom of the Gosforth section by attending the Churches together in Seascale and District - Stations of the Cross Service at 7pm on **Wednesday the 5th April** at St Joseph's Church Seascale. If you need transport, please contact Ruth on 25300.

Next month the meeting is on **Monday 8th May** when members of all the branches in the Deanery are asked to celebrate the coronation at St James Whitehaven. Details to follow.

Count your Blessings: If you have been doing this daily in Lent, or haven't done it and are willing to give a donation to support those in need, please send the money to me (Ruth) at 21, Meadowfield Grove, Gosforth, Seascale CA20 1HL or to Jonathan Falkner - preferably as a cheque made out to Gosforth and Seascale Branch of the Mothers' Union.

PRAYER TOPICS FOR APRIL

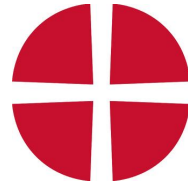
- The MU members and associates in the dioceses in Zone G – the English Province of Canterbury (29,088) and Europe (200 members scattered in small groups around the continent) that they may enjoy Christian Fellowship within the Mothers' Union while working on the various projects to support those in need.
- All those affected in areas of conflict throughout the world thinking especially of the war in Ukraine. That there will be a change of heart by the Russian Government and a way can be found to bring about peace.
- The people and agencies trying to provide aid to the war-torn countries, the areas such as Turkey affected by natural disasters, and those needing food and warmth in the current economic crisis.
- MU members working with prisoners to help maintain relationships with their families through projects such as "Being Dad" courses or providing resources for mums and babies in prisons.
- For wisdom and compassion for all those working in prison environments as they seek to transform lives.
- In our Mission Community pray for those preparing for confirmation at St Mary's on Sunday 30th April.

GOSFORTH METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

Minister: Revd. Paul Saunders

Minister: Deacon. Kina Saunders

Tel: 01900 823273



Now meeting in St. Mary's Room

April services:

Sun 2nd Palm Sunday: All-age worship led by Rev. Paul Harold at 6.30 pm

Thurs 4th Maundy Thursday United Communion led by Rev. Jonathan Falkner at 7.00 pm in St Mary's Room.

After a three year Covid gap, it was good to see a successful revival of Churches Together in Seascale and District. The "Annual" General Meeting at the beginning of March proved to be a happy and positive occasion. We reviewed the many opportunities that had already been taken to work and worship together during the past difficult times. Although the name "Mission Communities" has never caught on, the reality is to be seen in many activities.

Here in Gosforth we enjoyed the united Covenant service in January and the Mothering Sunday service in March and we are looking forward to the Maundy Thursday service in April. Easter is always a time of sharing worship and Phoenix have invited everyone to join them in St Mary's Room on Good Friday at 7.00 pm for music and meditation.

Following the sad news of Traidcraft's closing, with the proceeds from all our final sales, plus donations, we will be sending a total of £500 to Transform Trade. This is for their current appeal "Producer Fund", to support the smaller and more vulnerable groups that Traidcraft has been there for, over the last forty years.

Their hope is that these groups can continue to develop and thrive in the future.

The Gosforth and Wasdale Fairtrade Group would like to thank you all for your support over the past years.

Mary Moody

BECKERMET NEWS

READING ROOMS - the doors closed on 10th February and work commenced soon after. The building now has a polystyrene roof and the hammering goes on.

The Coffee, Cake and Chat and a warm hub are in St.John's Church on Tuesdays 09.30-11.30 and Thursdays 13.30-15.30 until further notice. The next Quiz is on 21st April at 6.30pm and Bingo on 28th April also at 6.30 pm – both are held in the School Hall.

Food donations for the Food Bank can be left in the church porch - thanks to all who contribute.

VISITS TO THE BECKERMET ARBORETUM

These are taking place on Thursday 30th April at 2.30 pm and Friday 31st April at 4.30 pm.

Cost is £5 and bookings and further information on the website www.littlemesopotamia.co.uk

LETS TALK ABOUT KNOTWEED:

It has been noticed that Knotweed has been seen growing along beck banks in the village and has been reported to the Parish Council. There is a lot of information about this on the computer -

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Hope this information is useful.

Kathleen Cook
kmcook@btinternet.com

CALDERBRIDGE AND PONSONBY NEWS

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Each community will receive x5 FREE fitness classes, run by the Mid Copeland Exercise & Community Engagement Coordinator, and Facilitator. Each class will be tailored to the community group, including an inclusive exercise class, health and well-being guest speakers, a FREE Healthy Happy Neighbours guide, FREE tea & coffee, Reading Well Loan Book Shop, and access to iCan's Live Well Guides. The fitness classes will be either Chair-Based Exercise and/or Bellicon UK Rebounders, both suitable for all ages and abilities.

We currently have sessions booked with the Santon Bridge WI, West Cumbria Dyslexia Association, Bee Unique Autism, West Cumbria Home Education Group, Beckermet Reading Rooms and the Gosforth U3A. To find out more, email midcopeland@icanfitnesscumbria.co.uk or join our Facebook Group: www.facebook.com/groups/icanmidcopeland/ for live community-focused updates. iCan would like to thank Joyce Cummings and Hannah Wright for their unwavering support.

Molly Campion

Exercise & Community Engagement Coordinator Mid Copeland
(WhatsApp 07535538257)

GOSFORTH WI

The April meeting of the Gosforth WI will take place on Tuesday 4th April at Gosforth Public Hall, beginning at 7.15 pm. The speaker will be Steph Sykes of Check Out my Plumage and she will be demonstrating her glass design craft.



The competition is a coloured glass vase or ornament and light refreshments will be served. Visitors and new members are welcome to join us.

The WI Craft Group will meet on Thursday 30th March from 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm at St Mary's Rooms for crafting with an Easter theme - felting and decorating eggs! Cost £3 including refreshments, and all are welcome, including non-members.

West Lakes U3A - APRIL 2023

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

Contact: Marilyn on 07817499849 or smithybrow@icloud.com or check website for further details and updates.

Visitors are very welcome to attend a couple of meetings or events before becoming a member. Current annual membership is £5. There is usually a small charge for indoor meetings.



Monday 3rd April: Cycling - Meet outside Gosforth Public Hall 10am . Two hour planned route to include refreshment stop. All welcome. 019467 25831

Mondays 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th April: Chair based exercises with Lin Davis. 30-45 minute sessions at Gosforth Public Hall starting at 1.30pm. Refreshments afterwards.

Wednesday 5th April: History – “A Most High Handed Proceeding” The Irton Rights of Way Case – a talk by Paul Pharoah. Drigg Village Hall. Refreshments from 10.15 for 10.45 start

Wednesdays 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th 29th April: French Conversation, The Kellbank, Gosforth 10.15-12.15 Details from James 07931996742. This group is currently at capacity.

Thursday 6th April: Singing for Fun - Seascale Methodist Hall 2.30-4.00 . Kathy on 019467 21217

Monday 10th April: Strolling group. A 2 hour gentle stroll starting at 2pm and followed by a refreshment stop. Details issued via email to members and on the website nearer the time. Please note that dogs are not allowed on the strolls. Val 07796527876

Tuesday 11th April: – Discussion group - This is a house group meeting at 7 Denton Park Court, Gosforth. 10.30-12.30 If you have not attended previously please contact Graham on 019467 25794 before attending for the first time.

Wednesdays 12th & 26th April: IT drop in 4.00-5.30 Gosforth library. Digital support with Karen Warmoth, Marilyn Marshall and Russell Ould

Thursday 13th April: Art Appreciation – Venetian Artists Canaletto and Titian on DVD at St Joseph’s Hall, Seascale. Refreshments from 10.15 for 10.45 start

Fridays 14th & 28th April: 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 07817499849

Thursday 20th April: Open Mind - More fascinating photos from the Mary Fair archive presented by David Simpson. Gosforth Public Hall. Refreshments from 10.15 for a 10.45 start.

Tuesday 25th April: Discovery - The Fun of Bee Keeping with Piers Manson. St Mary's Rooms, Gosforth. Refreshments from 2pm for a 2.30 start

Thursday 27th April: Reading group - St Mary's Rooms, Gosforth 10.30. Contact Jean on 019467 28713



GOSFORTH SCHOOL NEWS



The half term began with us celebrating World Book Day. The children came to school dressed as a character from a book. Outfits included Grandpa from Grandpa's Great Escape, a handful of Matilda's from the Roald Dahl classic, and The White Witch, Aslan and the wardrobe from The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. The children all received a free book and a book token which can be

used towards purchasing a book.

The children in Year 6 were invited to St Bees School to celebrate International Day. They enjoyed a range of Italian dishes. This was in the same week that they found out which secondary school they had been allocated for September. We have the usual mix of children going to Millom School and West Lakes Academy in Egremont. The week after the Year 6 class were lucky enough to visit the Magistrates Court in Workington. After acting out a mock trial they got to go downstairs and visit the cells.

We currently have two students from the University of Cumbria on teaching placements - one working with Year 2 and one with Year 6. We really enjoy having students on placement with us as it is so rewarding to see how they develop.

Red Nose Day was marked with a non-uniform day in exchange for a donation to Comic Relief. On the same day we had an Open Afternoon which was a chance for parents to come into school and have a look at and chat about the work the children have done in class. The children love the afternoon and are very proud of their work.

Preparations are also underway for our Easter Service which will take place in church on Friday 31st March at 9.30am. Everyone welcome.

Mrs Sarah Layzell, Deputy Headteacher

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NEWS FROM GADS - GOSFORTH AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY



For our **Spring Play**, we have auditioned for “Peter Pan”, we have a wonderful cast lined up for you and rehearsals began on 14 March for performances from 15 to 17 June. However, we are very short of stage and support crew at the moment. These are the non-actors who help to build the set, paint the scenery and work back stage during the shows to move props, furniture and scenery. Although you won’t see them on stage, they are every bit as important as the actors for running a smooth performance with the standard of set and scenery you have become used to. DIY and artistic skills are needed here rather than acting ability, so please get in touch if you think you would like to get involved but don’t want to act on stage. **Without this vital support there will be no show, even though we have a full cast rehearsing.**

Plays for Pleasure has paused for rehearsals and will resume at the end of June for a couple of months. The last session was not very well attended so we will again be reading “Seeds of Doubt” by Peter Gordon. This is another comedy (we like comedies) - while Alan attempts to tend his vegetable plot, his peace of mind is disturbed, not only by his impending fortieth birthday but also by doubts about the fidelity of his wife, Claire. And so the plot thickens.

Our Youth Theatre Group is back in action for the Spring term, fully subscribed and learning about puppetry. The Summer Term will lead up to a Junior Musical “Honk! Jr”, with 2 performances in July.

To keep up to date, you can visit our website (www.gads.org.uk), follow us on Facebook and Instagram or join our mailing list via the website. You can also email us using play@gads.org.uk.

Jim Polmear, GADS

GOSFORTH LIBRARY

Opening hours as follows:
Saturday: 10.00 – 12.00 hrs.
Monday: 13.00 – 14.30 hrs.
Wednesday: 16.00 – 17.30 hrs.



The library is looking for more volunteers to continue with this village service. You do not need any library skills to be a volunteer and there will always be two on duty. It does not involve a lot of your time – anything from a 2-hour session once a month or once a week. If you are able to help, drop into the library and have a chat with the volunteers on duty.

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GOSFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

The introduction by Sellafield of tokens to local employees, restricting use of the buses onto site to local residents only, has freed up some spaces in the village car park for use by villagers and visitors to use local facilities. However, the Council are pursuing further measures to restrict all day parking on the car park by workers at Sellafield who don't live in the village.

We are also still investigating ways of limiting parking in other parts of the village where it is causing significant problems to the immediate residents of those areas.

Graham Hutson

ROTARY CLUB OF WEST LAKELAND

Parishioners will have noticed the clumps of crocus which are flowering at the entrance to Denton Park. These are for "The Purple for Polio" project organised by Rotary International to promote the elimination of Polio in third world countries, where it is still endemic.

Recent speakers have included Hilary Briggs who spoke to us on the subject of achieving your objectives, sharing her own experience of taking up Triathlon in her early fifties and subsequently winning International Competitions.

Another speaker was Shawn Close who educated and amused us on the History of Cleator and Cleator Moor, including fascinating anecdotes from his school days in the fifties and sixties.

Graham Hutson

MUNCASTER MICROBUS

We are looking for volunteer drivers to help us run our service.

If you would like to volunteer as a driver or to book any journeys ring Gill on: 01229-717229

The Microbus can get you there even in these times of dwindling bus services.

Saturday Trips in April are:

- Sat 1st April – Grange and Cartmel - £9
- Sat 15th April – Kendal - £10.50

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GOSFORTH INDOOR MAT BOWLING CLUB

The Club meets every Wednesday afternoon from 2 – 4 pm in Gosforth Public Hall. £3.50 per session, including refreshments. Please bring clean flat shoes, to protect our new mats. Spare bowls available for you to try.

IT'S SUBSCRIPTION TIME!

This April issue of the Parish Magazine completes the 'magazine year' and so annual subscriptions become due next month. **The subscription remains at £5** for the year, and it would be helpful, please, if you could have this ready for your magazine distributor when they deliver the May magazine. Cheques should be payable to **Gosforth & Wasdale PCC**. The digital version of the magazine remains free.

As in the past there will be 10 issues in the year – one each month with combined issues for December/January and July/August.

We thank subscribers and advertisers for supporting the magazine, and our 16 volunteers who deliver it.

SAINTS FOR MARCH - St George

As promised, we have a dragon, together with St George, on 23rd April. Of course, nothing is known about the dragon and, as it happens, very little about George either.

George is said to have been a senior Roman soldier martyred about the year 300. He is, however, widely regarded as an example among both Western and Eastern Christians, and also by Muslims. He is the Patron Saint not just of England but also of some Eastern European countries. He is usually depicted in art in armour and on horseback, with a white shield and the familiar red cross.

So, we have had the Patrons of Wales, Ireland and England. The Scots haven't been forgotten, but they must be patient!!!



ST OLAF'S WASDALE HEAD

Once again you can view the exhibition **One Friday** at St Olaf's Church, which this year will be running for the whole of April.

One Friday tells the story of Jesus' final day, using stunning modern images – 14 events that happen over the last 24 hours of Jesus' life, as told in the Gospels.

The artist, Jenny Hawke, creates vibrant and colourful depictions of nature, spirituality, and everyday life. Working with watercolour and acrylic ink, she loves the unpredictability of the medium as well as the vibrancy and fluidity of the colours it produces on the page. She hopes her paintings will encourage the viewer to pause and take time to reflect....



Do take a trip up to Wasdale Head to visit St Olaf's and see this exhibition.

N. Hughes

Front Cover:

Jesus speaks to his mother and his best friend - John 19: 25-27:

Standing near the cross were Jesus' mother, and his mother's sister, Mary (the wife of Clopas) and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother standing there beside the disciple he loved, he said to her, "Dear woman, here is your son." And he said to this disciple, "Here is your mother." And from then on this disciple took her into his home.

Notes from the artist: The bleakness of the situation is illustrated by the rather muted colours. There is an inevitability about the two heartbroken figures that are directed to each other by Jesus. They stand alone, with a distant doorway behind them since their lives will continue once they leave this terrible cross. They are now family. As we all are.

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 or ring the Revd Philip Dorling on 01946 725102 or 07500 239684.

Phoenix Praise Evening Worship – 4th Sunday of most months at 7pm in Seascale Methodist Church and on Zoom. Hosted by Jill and Keith Hudson. Please contact Jill and Keith to obtain the latest information on this service. www.phoenixpraise.org.uk For an invitation please email khudson@freenetname.co.uk or ring Keith and Jill on 01946 721592.

Faith and Fellowship – 2nd Sunday of month at 7pm in Seascale at The Ferns, The Banks. Hosted by Chris and Joy Chuter. Please ring Chris on 07768 421621 for details. Format will emerge depending on who comes. Chris' email is - free.c@outlook.com. Please feel 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 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 - APRIL 2023

April	Church	Service	Time
1st Sunday			
2nd April	Nether Wasdale	HC	9.30
Palm Sunday	Waberthwaite	MP	9.30
RED	Seascale	HC @ St Cuthbert's	9.30
	Gosforth	MW	11.00
	Drigg	HC	11.00
	Eskdale Boot	HC	11.00
	Muncaster	MP	11.00
	Whicham	HC	11.00
	Bootle	Dramatized Gospel	4.00
	Gosforth	Meth EW in St Mary's Room	6.30
	Seascale	UES	6.30
7th April			
Good Friday	Bootle	Messy Church	11am
PURPLE	Gosforth	Walk of Witness	12noon
	Seascale	Hour at the cross	2-3pm
	Whicham	Words at the cross	3pm
2nd Sunday			
9th April	Nether Wasdale	HC	9.30
Easter Day	Beckermet	HC	9.30
WHITE	Itton	HC	9.30
Proper	Seascale	Methodist @ St Cuthbert's HC	9.30
	Gosforth	Family HC	11.00
	Wasdale Head	HC	11.00
	Drigg	FS/HC	11.00
	Eskdale Boot	HC	11.00
	Corney	HC	11.00
3rd Sunday			
16th April	Eskdale Green	MP	9.30
2nd of Easter	Nether Wasdale	MP	9.30
WHITE	Waberthwaite	HC	9.30
Proper	Seascale	HC @ St Cuthbert's	9.30
	Gosforth	MW	11.00
	Drigg	HC	11.00
	Muncaster	HC	11.00
	Whicham	FS	11.00
	Bootle	ES	4.00
	Gosforth	informal AAW@AC	6.30
4th Sunday			
23rd April	Calder Bridge Village Hall	HC	9.30
3rd of Easter	Beckermet	MP	9.30
WHITE	Seascale	Methodist @ St Cuthbert's HC	9.30
Proper	Eskdale Green	HC	9.30
	Gosforth	HC	11.00
	Wasdale Head	Morning Praise	11.00
	Drigg	MP	11.00
	Itton	HC	11.00
	Bootle	HC	11.00
	Bootle Rectory	Bible Study	4.00
	Phoenix	Zoom/Live TBC	7.00
5th Sunday	Benefice Sunday		
30th April	Gosforth	HC + Worship	10.30
4th of Easter	Drigg	HC	10.30
WHITE	Silecroft	Beach Singing	3.00
	Faith and F	Seascale	7.00