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FROM GOSFORTH RECTORY

What does it all mean to you?

These days, it is easier to live in a privatised bubble than it is to fully open our eyes and ears to all the problems that beset us in modern Europe. Mass movements of desperate, displaced people, the slow death of democracy, the emergence of an ultra rich elite, and the aftermath of Covid 19 – all these phenomena confuse us. They make us worry about our ‘rights’. Where do we stand? Amidst all of this, there has also been more to disturb us...we cannot fail to be mindful of the war that carries on in the Ukraine even now... as we enjoy the Spring weather. I don’t know about you, but all this repeatedly leaves me wondering how much I have simply taken for granted, over the last 50 years, since people like me were born.

Back in the 1930’s, there was a man called John Griffin, who controlled an enormous railway bridge over the Mississippi River. John took his young son along to work with him one day. After putting the massive drawbridge up, he was eating his lunch when, suddenly, he heard the whistle of the Memphis Express, roaring towards the river crossing. Leaping from the observation deck, Griffin ran to lower the bridge so that the train could safely cross the mighty river to the other side. But, as he ran, he glanced down, and felt his heart stop. John’s son had fallen into the gearbox of the bridge, and was trapped. Desperately, he tried to devise a rescue plan, but there was no time - his son was down there – and there were more than 400 passengers on the train, heading for certain disaster. Griffin knew what he had to do. He buried his face in his arm, and pushed the master switch. The bridge lowered, and the train thundered safely across to the other side. As the train passed by, John Griffin found himself looking into the carriages, at businessmen reading newspapers, ladies sipping coffee, and children eating ice cream – all oblivious to the sacrifice that had given them a future. In agony he cried out, ‘I sacrificed my son for you people. Don’t you care?’ But the train rolled on.

At this uncertain point in our shared history, we must not forget those who are working sacrificially, in order to uphold what we see as our human rights and the democracies of the Western World. It is not an easy time to be in government! Having said that, it is also worth looking once more at the ‘bigger picture’. It puts our troubles in context. In this world full of wrongdoing, injustice and death – full of sin - the Christian Faith points to a Father God, who, out of love for the world that he made, gave us his Son, to show us how to overcome our selfishness. Of course, instead of following his example, Jesus fell foul of the people he came to

save. He got caught 'in the cogs of the machine' and was killed on the cross by people just like me. But in the cross, we find a bridge to eternal life. Sin and death were defeated there. Faith in Christ, his sacrifice, his death and his resurrection, gives the hope of eternal life, no matter how difficult things get. Enjoy May, whatever it brings, and may the peace that comes from trusting in Christ reign in your hearts and minds, now and forever more! Amen.

Philip

FROM THE SEATALLAN PARISH REGISTERS

**Occasional Offices conducted between
the 15th March 2023 to 4th April 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

No Occasional Offices known

SOUTH CALDER MISSION COMMUNITY PRAYERS

These continue to take place on Zoom every Thursday morning at 9.30 am and last about 20 minutes. Everyone is welcome to join us.

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



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



This is held monthly on the first Thursday of the month and this month it falls on Thursday 4th May – from 10.30 – 12 noon. Do come along and enjoy some lovely home baking! Admittance is free but donations to our nominated charity are most welcome.

As the annual Christian Aid collection is held in May we decided this would be our nominated charity this month.

GOSFORTH PARISH CHURCH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE at the time of writing we haven't met since the meeting reported in the March magazine. The next management committee meeting will be on Tuesday 9th May and the report hopefully will be in the June magazine. We have budgeted to allow for several jobs that will have to be done as a result of a quinquennial inspection of the building which is due in the next few months. If you have anything you wish us to consider please phone 01946 725 300.

Ruth Schofield (Clerk to the Committee)

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: 14 – 20th May



Collection envelopes will not be delivered to houses but will be available in the Gosforth and Wasdale churches from the beginning of May. (Calderbridge and Beckermet are part of the Egremont Group.) Please collect an envelope and return to church later in the month. However, we have been asked to donate on line this year, if possible, by going to: caweek.org In Gosforth you will also be able to donate at our monthly coffee morning Coffee, Cake & Chat on Thursday 4th May.

CORONATION CELEBRATIONS IN GOSFORTH



On Sunday 7th May there will be a special service at St Mary's Church at 11.00 am to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III which will be followed at 12.30 pm by a Big Bring and Share Lunch. If the weather is suitable, it will be held outside, otherwise it will be in St Mary's Room.

Everyone is welcome to join in this lunch, whether you have attended the service beforehand or not, just bring along some food to share. Tea and coffee will be provided – if you want something stronger bring your own!

On Monday 8th May the WI and the Parish Council are hosting a joint Coffee Morning in Gosforth Public Hall to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III – see the two posters elsewhere in the magazine giving all the details. The theme will be 'Volunteering' and different voluntary groups will have stalls.

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Sunday 14th May 11am **Morning Praise**

Sunday 28th May 11am **Thanksgiving for the Lambs**

There are services at Nether Wasdale Church at 9.30am on 7th & 21st May.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD is the title of a panel display that will run from Saturday 20th May through till Sunday 11th June to complement the **Thanksgiving for the Harvest of the Lambs**, see above. The Bible has many shepherd texts and Wasdale's fields are full of lambs – there's no lack of inspiration for this display!

VISITORS are also a 'harvest' to be thankful for, and they are the lifeblood of the valley and its many hospitality venues, and the church too. Numbers are increasing each year, in tune with the growing popularity of the western Lakes.

RESTORATION FUNDRAISING - the in-church appeal to our many visitors was launched just before Easter. A lengthy application process to reach national and regional philanthropic sources, institutional and commercial donors, charities, and trusts, known to support projects of this sort, is now underway and will occupy much of the spring and summer, and perhaps beyond!

ST OLAF'S PCMC meets twice annually at the Wasdale Head Inn. At the spring meeting we reviewed the 2022 accounts, these showed a healthy increase in receipts and a slight reduction in church running costs, which has enabled us to cover the cost of the restoration's preliminary surveys, environmental research, and the design and planning stages of the architect's brief without withdrawing reserves. As a registered charity, our accounts are published and can be inspected on the Charity Commission website. We also reviewed restoration plans, mission and worship and visitor numbers etc.

The PCMC also took the decision to re-occupy the Old School from the end of March 2024 as it is needed to store the church furniture while the restoration of St Olaf's is underway. The organ is the only exception, it is going to Durham to be refurbished. Thereafter, the Old School needs substantial refurbishment and the PCMC will be considering its future carefully over the next 18 months. Meanwhile the restoration of St Olaf's is the focus of attention.

HF

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MAY 2023

The next meeting is on **Monday 8th May** when we meet at 4pm at St Bees Priory for Hymns and Pimms to celebrate the coronation of King Charles and Queen Camilla and the work of volunteers in so many local organisations. If you require transport please contact Mary Waterhouse on 01946 727641.

Count your Blessings - If you haven't yet sent a donation but still wish to do so, please send the money to me (Ruth) at 21, Meadowfield Grove, Gosforth, Seascale CA20 1HL as soon as possible and definitely by the end of May, preferably as a cheque made out to Gosforth and Seascale Branch of the Mothers' Union.

PRAYER TOPICS FOR MAY

- The MU members and associates in Zone H– the English Province of York (18,025) that they may enjoy Christian Fellowship within the Mothers' Union while working on the various projects to support those in need.
- The people in the many parts of the world suffering from the effects of climate change being it earthquakes, floods, winds or draught.
- The politicians world wide as they make very difficult decisions in trying to bring peace in so many war-torn areas of the world, thinking in particular of Ukraine.
- In Christian Aid week 14th to 20th May, praying particularly for their members working to look after the people suffering from the effects of the current wars and those who are suffering from the effects of draught.
- King Charles and Queen Camilla as they prepare for and take part in the coronation.
- The volunteers who give their time and energy to so many local organisations and enable them to keep going.

GOSFORTH METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

Minister: Revd. Paul Saunders

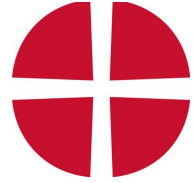
Minister: Deacon. Kina Saunders

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Now meeting in St. Mary's Room

May services:

Sundays 7th and 21st May at 6.30 pm in St Mary's Room.



“Ever old and ever new, keep me travelling along with you.”

Do you remember the plain wooden cross which we decorated with flowers on Easter Sunday mornings? It stood at the door of the Chapel for the whole week; reminding all those who passed by of new life and resurrection. This Easter, to our great delight, the congregation of St Bridget's Church, Moresby, gave it new life again as we had done.

Our old, much loved, Chapel will soon be sold, but the united Maundy Thursday communion service this year, which took place in St Mary's Room, was a celebration of the growing fellowship of our new journey together.

“A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another as I have loved you” – and that means sacrificial, self-giving love. At the end, Jesus prayed “that they may all be one, as I and the Father are one”. May is the month of Pentecost, the birth of the Church. There will again be an opportunity to worship together again on Sunday afternoon 28th May at 3.00 pm outside St Joseph's Church at Seascale.

May we all find inspiration and renewal that, with the power of the Holy Spirit, we will be given the strength to continue our journey together.

Mary Moody

CALDERBRIDGE AND PONSONBY NEWS

There will be a service of Holy Communion on Sunday 28th May in Calderbridge Village Hall at 9.30am followed by refreshments. Everyone is welcome.

Calder Sew & Sews are holding speaker and workshop sessions on -
Friday 12th May at 7.30pm -Tips, Tricks and Tools, a talk by Lis Binns. Entry is £5 on the door which includes refreshments.

Saturday 13th May - 10am to 4pm - Make an All-Roads Quilt. The cost for this is £25 for the day and booking is essential. Please contact spearsl@hotmail.com for further information..

Eleanor Glaister

BECKERMET NEWS

The work to upgrade the Reading Rooms is now making steady progress. The starting date was delayed by around a week and once started further problems have been encountered, thus not only delaying the intended completion date but also substantially increasing the cost. Fortunately, the additional cost has been covered by a further grant from the GDF, whilst other funding has been sourced to improve the interior of the building's décor and furniture.

The anticipated re-opening is now expected to be early June barring any further delays due to weather and availability of materials. From the information I have heard, the delay will be well worth the wait as the village will have a wonderful facility for all to be able to use. Roll on the opening - the exact date will be announced as soon as known.

Meanwhile the Coffee Cake & Chat weekly sessions continue as normal on Tuesdays from 9-11.30am and on Thursdays from 1.30-3.30pm, thanks to being able to use the St John's Church as a temporary venue. Everyone is more than welcome to attend whether you live within the village or surrounding area.

The monthly Quiz Night and Bingo Evenings also continue thanks to Beckermets School, who have allowed us to use their school hall. The Next Quiz is Fri 21st April & the Bingo Fri 28th April both from 6-30-8.30pm. Once again everyone is most welcome to join in & enjoy an evening with friends. The dates for the May Quiz & Bingo sessions are still to be arranged with the school so please look out for the posters advertising them on Facebook and on the noticeboards.

Food donations continue to be collected for those still struggling during these difficult financial times. The boxes for donating food can always be found in the front porch of the church which is open daily.

The services this month in St John's Church will be Holy Communion on Sunday 7th May with Morning Praise on the 28th May both starting at 9.30am. Everyone is most welcome to come along and participate regardless of their individual beliefs and faith.

On Sunday 7th May the village will be holding "The Big Lunch" a bring & share picnic in the village car park to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III starting at 12.30pm. Activities include plant sale, Coronation themed quiz, treasure hunt, fancy dress as King or Queen with a presentation of Best Dressed House award at 2.30pm and if you want to continue the celebrations then the White Mare will be happy to accommodate.

John Mackay
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Fishing Club: If you want to join this club, or simply want some more information, please contact David on 019467-24632.

Bookings: The Reading Room has a fully equipped kitchen, facilities for people with disability, in fact everything you would need for a great party. Why not call David on 019467-24632 to see if it is available for your next event?

Membership: Membership renewals for 2023 are due from 1st March. £7 for annual membership and £4 to join a club.

These can be renewed/started any time. If you are an existing member or want to join us contact David on drmarsden@outlook.com or 019467-24632.

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ALL WELCOME

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## THE LOCAL FOODBANK

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**Contact:** Marilyn on 07817499849 or [smithybrow@icloud.com](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> May - Cycling** - Meet - outside Gosforth Public Hall 10am . Two hour planned route to include refreshment stop. All welcome. 019467 25831 This will go ahead even though it is a Bank Holiday.

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> , 8<sup>th</sup> , 15<sup>th</sup> , 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> May - Chair based exercises** with Lin Davis. 30-45 minute sessions at Gosforth Public Hall starting at 1.30pm. Refreshments afterwards. As normal on the Bank holidays.

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May History – Walking Through History** Hadrian's Wall with Maurice Steele. Drigg Village Hall. Refreshments from 10.15 for 10.45 start

**Wednesdays 3<sup>rd</sup> , 10<sup>th</sup> , 17<sup>th</sup> , 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> May - French Conversation**, The Kellbank , Gosforth 10.15-12.15 Details from James 07931996742 This group is currently at capacity.

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May - Foundation Level Recorders** -Santon Bridge Village Hall Supper Room, 10-00-11.30. Please contact 07817499849, [smithybrow@icloud.com](mailto:smithybrow@icloud.com) before coming for the first time or for details.  
Thursday 4th May - Singing for Fun Seascale Methodist Hall 2.30-4.00 . Kathy on 019467 21217

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May – 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 This will go ahead as normal on this Bank Holiday.

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May – 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 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> May – IT drop in** - 4.00-5.30 Gosforth library. Digital support with Karen Warmoth, Marilyn Marshall and Russell Ould  
Thursday 11th May - Art Appreciation – Meet at the Beacon Museum, Whitehaven at 11.00 to view the National Gallery visiting masterpiece- 'Tobias and the Angel' by Verrocchio. Own transport.

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> April – Intermediate Recorders** - Santon Village Hall supper room. Refreshments available from 10.00 Playing from 10.15 -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

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Open Mind** - A talk by Clare Paling of ‘Live Longer Better’.Gosforth Public Hall, Refreshments from 10.15 for an 10.45 start

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Discovery** - ‘ The Science of Colour’ with Richard Wilmot. St Mary’s Rooms, Gosforth . Refreshments from 2pm for a 2.30 start.

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May - Reading group** St Mary’s Rooms , Gosforth 10.30. Contact Jean on 019467 28713

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Out and About** – Visit to Hadrian’s Wall and Vindolanda . Contact Vera on 019467 25213 to book.



## GOSFORTH WI

The May meeting of the Gosforth WI will take place on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 at Gosforth Public Hall at 7.15 pm. This month's speaker is Helen Elvin who will show us the art of willow weaving and the competition will be an item of Royal Memorabilia.



The Coronation will follow shortly after and the Gosforth WI are joining the Gosforth Parish Council to celebrate with a coffee morning on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023 in the Public Hall from 10 am to 12 noon. The theme is volunteering and voluntary groups will have displays, including the Gosforth Library.



Admission is free and tea and cakes will be available (adult £5 / child £2). There will be a raffle, children’s crafts and various stalls. Any funds raised will be divided between the WI and the Prince’s Trust.

The Parish Council will be running various fun competitions – look out for the posters round the village!





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## GOSFORTH SCHOOL NEWS



I think I must have missed March!

We already find ourselves in the Summer term - we don't know where the time has gone.

The Year 6 class visited Workington Magistrates Court to carry out a mock trial. The children impressed the magistrates with their knowledge and the questions they asked. They were even lucky enough to go down into the cells.

We had an open afternoon which was an opportunity for parents/carers/grandparents to come in to school and look at the displays around school and work in books. The children really enjoy talking about their work and things that they have enjoyed learning about. This was followed by our termly parent's evenings.

Loweswater had a visit in school from Barbara who owns Hills and Skills. She taught the children outdoor and survival skills in preparation for their walk up Dodd Fell the following week. They were blessed with the weather and had a fabulous day - enjoying their lunch at the summit.

A team of Year 3 and 4 boys and girls represented school in a Football Tournament against other local schools at Cleator Moor AstroTurf. We are very lucky to have our minibuses and volunteer drivers to allow us to travel to these events with little cost implications. The team performed really well only losing one match!

FOGS held a Family Bingo Evening which saw over 60 people attend. The event was Easter themed so all the prizes were chocolate eggs - all donated by families in school. The evening raised £252 which will go towards purchasing more iPads to be used in school by the pupils.

Our Forest School sessions continue with a class each week working in the grounds with Sue Lister. It is an exciting time at the moment as signs of Spring are everywhere. Our Reception children got to see their own signs of Spring with a visit to Strudda Bank to see Farmer Kev and his lambs.

A team of eight children from across KS2 represented school at St Bees in a Cross Country event against other schools. The team were fantastic coming back to school with two firsts, a second and two thirds. The Year 3/4 participants were also awarded a trophy for their performance.

Our Easter celebrations included a decorated egg competition which all children in school took part in and was judged by Rev Dorling - I'm sure one of the highlights of his year. We had the first Easter Service in church since COVID. It was lovely to see our families in church celebrating with us.



**8TH MAY 2023**  
**CORONATION**  
**COFFEE MORNING**

**Gosforth Public Hall**  
**10 am – 12 noon**

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## GOSFORTH LIBRARY

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Saturday: 10.00 – 12.00 hrs.  
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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.

## NEWS FROM GADS - GOSFORTH AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY



Rehearsals for “Peter Pan” are well underway but we are still short of stage and support crew. 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 help but don’t want to act on stage. Assuming we can solve that little challenge.....

Tickets will go on sale in mid-May. We are expecting good audience numbers for this show, so there will be seating plans on the GADS website and tickets will be available to pre-book and buy online, just as they are for a pantomime. The 3 performances will be from Thu 15 to Sat 17 June, all at 7:30 pm with doors opening at 7. All tickets will be priced at £7.50. If you didn’t know, J M Barrie gifted the rights to Peter Pan to Great Ormond Street Hospital in 1929, so every ticket sold will be helping a very worthy cause.

To keep up to date and keep an eye on ticket availability, you can visit our website ([www.gads.org.uk](http://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](mailto:play@gads.org.uk).

*Jim Polmear, GADS*

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## Gosforth Public Hall



If you were around in July 2017, you may remember a Charity Night in aid of the Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team and the Gosforth First Responders. The Nuworks Theatre Group came all the way from Melbourne (yes – Australia) to perform for us. Their interpretations of Snow White and Romeo and Juliet were a great success and the evening raised over £1,000 for the charities. We haven't chosen the charities for this time yet, but Nuworks will be back in Gosforth this summer with another completely new and original show. On Friday 7 July they will be performing "The Pirate Code". There will be more details next time.

## GOSFORTH PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

The April Council meeting was rescheduled to avoid members' Easter absences, hence no report of this meeting is possible for this month's Magazine.

Parishioners may not be aware that this will be the last meeting of the "old council" with a new council being elected on 4th May. However, as only 6 nominations have been submitted so far, the Council will have vacancies for 5 further members. Interested parishioners are invited to obtain further information by speaking to the Parish Clerk, or a present councillor, and/or attending the first meeting of the new Council scheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> May.

*Graham Hutson*

## 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.



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## ROTARY CLUB OF WEST LAKELAND

The highlight in the recent weeks was our Annual Charter Dinner, held at Muncaster Castle, attended by over 60 people, including our District Governor Kath Bromilow, Rotarians from Aspatria, Carnforth, Cockermouth, Maryport and Whitehaven in addition to our own club members and their guests. It was hosted by Ewan Frost-Pennington ably supported by his parents, Peter and Iona.

The evening commenced with an most interesting guided tour of the main rooms in the castle led by Ewan and Peter, where we were shown some of 6,000 volumes in a wonderfully restored library and the dining room with interesting furniture and family portraits.

We were served with an excellent meal by castle staff, followed by a fascinating talk by Ewan where he told of the new heating system at an affordable cost, recently installed in the castle, which consists of ground heat pumps, powered by solar panels. This allows the building to be kept at a constant pleasant temperature at an affordable cost, which not only benefits the castle's occupants, staff and visitors, but also aids the preservation of the many treasures in the castle. Many thanks to the family and their staff for a most enjoyable evening.

Recent regular meetings have included -

An illuminating talk from Will Rowling, whose family raise Herdwick Sheep on two farms on Kinneside Common and in Ennerdale. He told us their main income was from the Environment Agency as the sheep eat gorse and other undesirable vegetation on the fellside which, if left to flourish, would soon turn the fellside into impenetrable scrub.

A most interesting and educational talk was given to us by Lynn English from Cumbria Fire and Rescue on ways that people, particularly the older of those amongst us, can minimise the risks of fire and other dangers around the house and how to reduce their consequences - it gave us a lot to think about!

*Graham Hutson*





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**BIG BRING & SHARE LUNCH**

at

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**Sunday 7th May @ 12.30 pm**

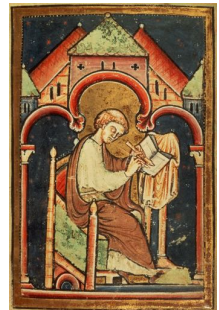
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**CELEBRATE THE CORONATION**

### SAINT FOR MAY - BEDE

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of May we remember the Venerable Bede, described in Common Worship as 'Monk of Jarrow (in Northumberland) Scholar and Historian'. He lived from childhood to his death in the double monastery (with monks and nuns living separately) of Wearmouth/Jarrow.

Bede wrote many books, the best-known being 'The Ecclesiastical History of the English People'. He was a Benedictine monk, and he is usually shown wearing a habit and carrying a book, possibly the one that made him so famous that he is often described as 'The Father of English History'.



## EVENING SERVICES IN GOSFORTH



Many readers of this magazine will know that the Gosforth Methodist Congregation now meets in St Mary's Room on the first and third Sundays of most months, at 6.30pm. But fewer folk may be aware that, although these services are Methodist-led, anyone and

everyone is warmly welcome to attend, from members of St Mary's or other local churches, to folk with no church allegiance or no faith at all.

Our services are always friendly and informal, and we encourage as much interaction as possible, whilst recognising that some folk are much happier to sit quietly and let others do the talking. Everyone is free to sing with gusto or just to sit back and listen during the hymns and songs, to ask questions or make comments on the readings and sermon, and to pray out loud during prayer times or just sit and pray or think in silence.

'Third Sundays' are particularly family-friendly; children and young people often take a leading role in these services, and there are usually sketches, games or other activities to join in with or just to watch and enjoy. 'First Sundays' are more geared towards the grown-ups, and are particularly appreciated by those folk who may find themselves doing lots of 'giving' on a Sunday morning in other churches. On a Sunday evening it can be very therapeutic for those with stewarding, preaching or worship-leading commitments in the morning to be able to relax, unwind and receive some spiritual refreshment themselves. Sometimes our 'first Sundays' include Holy Communion, but the service still feels very informal, with no set liturgy. Our intention is to provide a contrast to the more structured and/or liturgical format of many morning services, and although we follow the main pattern of the Church's year, we often depart from standard lectionary readings.

Our music is usually a mix of traditional hymns and more contemporary worship songs and choruses. We happily use material from any period and in any style so long as it communicates the message we want to put across: that there is a God who loves each one of us, and who wants to communicate with us all, both individually and when we meet for worship and fellowship together.

Services last for one hour. Up-to-date information about upcoming dates and times etc can be found by emailing [gosforthmeths@gmail.com](mailto:gosforthmeths@gmail.com). You will receive an immediate automatic reply which will give you the basic facts you need. If you would like other details please email

jillfhudson@hotmail.co.uk for a personal reply; I will get back to you as soon as I can.

We look forward very much to welcoming you to one of our services in the near future.

*Jill Hudson, April 2023*



## **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.

**Phoenix Praise Evening Worship** – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of most months at 7pm in St Mary’s Room, Gosforth, 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](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 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](mailto: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](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 - MAY 2023

| May                             | Church                     | Service                      | Time  |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-------|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b>    |                            |                              |       |
| <b>7<sup>th</sup> May</b>       | Nether Wasdale             | HC                           | 9.30  |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup> of Easter</b> | Wabertwaite                | MP                           | 9.30  |
| <b>WHITE</b>                    | Seascale                   | HC @ Methodist Church        | 9.30  |
| <b>Proper</b>                   | Gosforth                   | Morning Praise               | 11.00 |
|                                 | Drigg                      | HC                           | 11.00 |
|                                 | Eskdale Boon               | HC                           | 11.00 |
|                                 | Muncaster                  | MP                           | 11.00 |
|                                 | Whicham                    | HC                           | 11.00 |
|                                 | Boothle                    | ES – Messy Church            | 4.00  |
|                                 | Gosforth – St Mary's Room  | Methodist led service        | 6.30  |
|                                 |                            |                              |       |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b>    |                            |                              |       |
| <b>14<sup>th</sup> May</b>      | Beckermat                  | HC                           | 9.30  |
| <b>6<sup>th</sup> of Easter</b> | Irton                      | HC                           | 9.30  |
| <b>WHITE</b>                    | Seascale                   | Methodist @ Methodist Church | 9.30  |
| <b>Proper</b>                   | Gosforth                   | HC                           | 11.00 |
|                                 | Wasdale Head               | Morning Praise               | 11.00 |
|                                 | Drigg                      | ES                           | 11.00 |
|                                 | Eskdale Boon               | MP                           | 11.00 |
|                                 | Corney                     | Plough Sunday                | 11.00 |
|                                 | Old Church Beckermat       | EP BCP                       | 3.00  |
|                                 | Whicham                    | ES                           | 6.00  |
|                                 |                            |                              |       |
| <b>18<sup>th</sup> May</b>      | Drigg                      | HC                           | 7.00  |
| <b>Ascension Day</b>            |                            |                              |       |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b>    |                            |                              |       |
| <b>21<sup>st</sup> May</b>      | Eskdale Green              | MP                           | 9.30  |
| <b>7<sup>th</sup> of Easter</b> | Nether Wasdale             | MP                           | 9.30  |
| <b>WHITE</b>                    | Wabertwaite                | HC                           | 9.30  |
| <b>Proper</b>                   | Seascale                   | HC @ Methodist Church        | 9.30  |
|                                 | Gosforth                   | MW                           | 11.00 |
|                                 | Drigg                      | HC                           | 11.00 |
|                                 | Muncaster                  | HC                           | 11.00 |
|                                 | Whicham                    | ES                           | 11.00 |
|                                 | Boothle                    | ES                           | 4.00  |
|                                 | Gosforth – St Mary's Room  | Informal All Age Worship     | 6.30  |
|                                 |                            |                              |       |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>    |                            |                              |       |
| <b>28<sup>th</sup> May</b>      | Calder Bridge Village Hall | HC                           | 9.30  |
| <b>Pentecost</b>                | Beckermat                  | MP                           | 9.30  |
| <b>WHITE</b>                    | Eskdale Green              | HC                           | 9.30  |
| <b>White Sunday</b>             | Seascale                   | Methodist @ Methodist Church | 9.30  |
|                                 | Gosforth                   | HC                           | 11.00 |
|                                 | Wasdale Head               | Thanksgiving for Lambs       | 11.00 |
|                                 | Drigg                      | MP                           | 11.00 |
|                                 | Irton                      | HC                           | 11.00 |
|                                 | Boothle                    | HC                           | 11.00 |
|                                 | Boothle Rectory            | Bible Study                  | 4.00  |
|                                 | Phoenix in St Mary's Room  | Zoom/Live                    | 7.00  |
|                                 |                            |                              |       |