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for the Seatallan Benefice
Gosforth & Wasdale
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## FROM THE SEATALLAN PARISH REGISTERS

Occasional Offices conducted between  
the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023 and the 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023

### BECKERMET

30<sup>th</sup> May Funeral and Burial Claude Magrabi

### CALDER BRIDGE, PONSONBY and OLD CHURCH

7<sup>th</sup> June Interment of Ashes – Old Church Arnold Lord

7<sup>th</sup> June Interment of Ashes – Old Church Joan Lord

### SEASCALE

25<sup>th</sup> May Funeral and Cremation Harry Twentyman

### GOSFORTH, NETHER WASDALE and WASDALE HEAD

8<sup>th</sup> June Interment of Ashes - Gosforth Harry Twentyman

## A 'Hello' from the Revd Rachel Mason – our new Curate

Hello! My name is Rachel and I am very excited to be joining you as Curate in the Benefice of Seatallan and South Calder Mission Community for the next few years.

I have lived in a few different places during my life, growing up in a village in North Shropshire, before heading to both Scotland and then London for my university studies, then to Surrey followed by a return to the middle of the UK to South Cheshire for work. At university I studied Geosciences, and I continue to be fascinated by rocks and their formation, as well as having a particular interest in volcanoes! Since I finished my university studies, up until I went to train for ordained ministry, I worked for churches heading up Children and Families Ministry – overseeing and running mission and ministry for children aged 0-11 and their families.

I grew up in a Christian home and faith has always been part of who I am. In the battles and blessings of life, I have known God is with me and guiding me. For me, living life with Jesus Christ is living life in full colour, and I want everyone to experience this for themselves. One of my favourite Bible verses is from Psalm 46:10, 'Be still, and know that I am God.' In the busyness and challenges of life, I trust in the One who is God, who sees all and knows all and who deeply loves me, and it is in him I can have hope, peace, and joy whatever life's circumstances.

As well as my interest in rocks and volcanoes, I enjoy being outdoors, whether that be gardening, running, or walking and exploring the countryside. I also very much enjoy reading and learning, as well as being creative and baking. And have a great fondness for teddy bears!

In September, my fiancé, Chris, and I are getting married. Chris is originally also from Cheshire, though we did not meet there! He has lived up in Cumbria near Workington for several years now, first doing a PhD at the National Nuclear Laboratory in Workington, and then working there as a Research Scientist. In his free time, he enjoys cycling in the countryside, reading, learning about history, and over the last year he has taken up bellringing!



We are both excited to be embarking on this new chapter of our lives with you all. Living life with Jesus is such an adventure! We look forward to living in Beckermeth and I am delighted to be joining the Seatallan Benefice and South Calder Mission Community as Curate. I am very much looking forward to meeting you and getting to know you in the weeks and months to come.

*Rachel*

## **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.



## **GOSFORTH PARISH CHURCH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

The next meeting is on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July and the report hopefully will be in the September magazine. If you have anything you wish us to consider please phone 01946 725 300.

*Ruth Schofield (Clerk to the Committee)*

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

We hold coffee mornings on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month from 10.30 – 12 noon and the dates for the next two months are Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August.

Come along for a chat and bring a friend too. There are always some irresistible cakes on offer to enjoy. Admission free but a donation to our chosen charity always welcome. In July it is Wasdale Mountain Rescue and August is Fix the Fells.



## GOSFORTH AGRICULTURAL SHOW 19<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2023

Look out for one or more of the schedules on the website [www.gosforthshow.co.uk](http://www.gosforthshow.co.uk), in a local shop or the library and put in an entry for this year's show. **Local entries in a local show make for increased interest**, so please don't hesitate, there's bound to be a class that you can enter.

Did you know that the first Gosforth Show was held in 1876? The show took place in two fields close to the church, belonging to Mr John Tyson of Blennerhazel Farm, which is now part of Denton Park Housing Estate. In the larger field the horse classes were held with driving and leaping courses staked out. Spectators, who travelled from surrounding farms and villages as well as by train to Seascale station, had a good view of events from a large grandstand as well as the view afforded by the higher ground at one end of the field. This field also held the implement exhibits and the luncheon marquee. Round the walls of the other field were cattle, sheep and pig pens.

The entries in all classes totaled 478 of which 128 were for horses, including agricultural, roadsters, hackneys and leapers. The remaining entries were for cattle, sheep, pigs and root vegetables (Long red Mangolds, Swede turnips and Hybrids). The only class where ladies dominated was for 3lbs of butter without print or mark!

The full history of the Gosforth Agricultural Society can be found on the website above.

## THE LOCAL FOODBANK

Just a reminder to everyone that the local Foodbank is still in need of our support. There are boxes for donations of food at the back of our churches and these are taken to Egremont Foodbank each week, so try and remember to bring something along when you come on Sunday or drop it in during the week.



### St Cuthbert's Church, Seascale

Organ Recital by Peter Morrison  
(Chorley)

Saturday 8th July at 2.00 pm



# **Gosforth Show**

## **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August**

Come and Support your local Show and in the process  
have a great fun day out.  
The attraction this year is

### **Knights of the North Stunt Jousting**



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# St Olaf's, Wasdale Head

## *faith in the fells*

### **JULY & AUGUST SERVICES at St Olaf's:**

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 11am **Celtic Praise**

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 11am **Morning Praise**, led by **Revd Rachel Mason**, our new curate.

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August 11am **Morning Worship**

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 11am **Holy Communion & Baptism**

*There are services at **Nether Wasdale Church** at 9.30am on all the other Sundays in July and August, including Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July when there is a united service of Holy Communion for the parishes of Gosforth & Wasdale, Beckermat, Calder Bridge and Seascale. Message: Come and worship in Wasdale!*

**THE GOOD SHEPHERD** panel display in St Olaf's, which ran for four weeks till Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June, was well received and we welcomed just over 2900 visitors during the period. The panel displays work well in supporting our *faith in the fells mission*, they are a simple, effective, and low cost way of sharing the Christian message with visitors.

Talking of visitors, **WASDALE PARISH MEETING** on 6<sup>th</sup> June was well attended and two topics on which there was unanimous agreement were the desperate need for loos and better organised parking for visitors to Wasdale Head. The National Trust offer both at their Lake Head site, and similar facilities are needed at Wasdale Head Green.

Going through St Olaf's records, I came across a letter from the Lake District National Park's Chief Planning Officer, R B Baynes, dated 28<sup>th</sup> April 1975, with detailed proposals and plans for properly organised parking, the restoration of the Green and the provision of toilets - the lack of which, he reports, was causing the County Medical Authorities increasing concern as " the number of visitors has grown." Nothing in his proposals seems outdated, except the date!

It is no wonder that the stunning scenery we enjoy every day (God's gift to us all) is a magnet for visitors who in turn help make Wasdale viable. Mr Baynes' plans are more relevant today than ever before, is it possible to celebrate their impending 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary by implementing them? Better late than never.

HF

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## **JULY 2023**

Our July meeting is on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July when we meet at 2.00pm for a Quiet Afternoon in Gosforth Church.

There isn't a meeting in August and details of the September meeting will be in the next magazine.

### **PRAYER TOPICS FOR JULY**

- The MU members and associates in the Dioceses in Zone J – Scotland (497) that they may enjoy Christian Fellowship within the Mothers' Union.
- The MU Wave of Prayer for 30<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> July includes Carlisle Diocese. We can all use it individually to pray for members in our own Diocese and especially Deb Lee as our Diocesan Leader.
- All who have had to leave their homes and their countries to live as refugees, especially those families who are now living in our mission community.
- Leaders of all nations – that they find ways to think of other nations as their good neighbour and strive for peace and reconciliation
- Those leaving a school, college or university this month as they prepare for the next stage of their life.

### **PRAYER TOPICS FOR AUGUST**

- The MU members and associates in the Dioceses in Zone K– Wales (5,665) that they may enjoy Christian Fellowship within the Mothers' Union.
- All survivors of violence, both domestic and in the wider society, that they may find love and support and we may find effective ways to support and encourage them.
- Mothers' Union initiatives across the world which enable families to flourish in difficult circumstances.

- The children and families known to you that, whatever the challenges facing them, will be able to enjoy a stable family life.
- Those on holiday in this area and those from the parish away from the area on their holiday, that they may enjoy rest and relaxation.

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August is **Mary Sumner Day** when we celebrate the birth of our founder. The language of her prayer is dated because of the time when it was written but what it expresses is very relevant for us all:

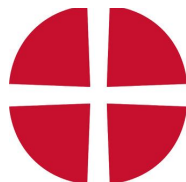
All this day, O Lord, let me touch as many lives  
as possible for thee;  
and every life I touch, do thou by thy spirit quicken,  
whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe, or the life I live.  
Amen



## GOSFORTH METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

**Minister:** Revd. Paul Saunders  
**Minister:** Deacon. Kina Saunders  
 Tel: 01900 823273

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



Services of worship in July & August are as follows:

2<sup>nd</sup> July at 6.30pm with Keith Hudson  
 16<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30pm with Rev Ian Parker  
 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 7.00pm with Phoenix Praise (also on Zoom)

6<sup>th</sup> August at 6.30pm with Rev Paul Harold  
 20<sup>th</sup> August at 6.30pm with Deaconess Kina Saunders  
 27<sup>th</sup> August at 7.00pm with Phoenix Praise (also on Zoom)

The summer evenings are warm and light  
 So come with us on Sunday night,  
 To give to God our thanks and praise  
 For blessing us through all our days.  
 Do come and join our happy throng  
 To worship God in words and song.

*Mary Moody*



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## **WEEDS by Norman Nicholson**

Some people are flower lovers, I'm a weed lover.

Weeds don't need planting in well-drained soil;  
They don't ask for fertilizer or bits of rag to scare away birds.  
They come without invitation;  
And they don't take the hint when you want them to go.  
Weeds are nobody's guests: More like squatters.

Coltsfoot laying claim to every new-dug clump of clay;  
Pearlwort scraping up a living between bricks from a ha'porth of mortar;  
Dandelions you daren't pick or you know what will happen;  
Sour docks that make a first-rate poultice for nettle-stings;  
And flat-foot plantain in the back street, gathering more dust than the  
dustmen.

Even the names are a folk-song:  
Fat hen, rat's tail, cat's ear, old men's baccy and Stinking Billy  
Ring a prettier chime for me than honeysuckle or jasmine,  
And Sweet Cicely smells cleaner than Sweet William though she's barred  
from the garden.

And they have their uses, weeds. Think of the old, worked-out mines:  
Quarries and tunnels, earth scorched and scruffy, torn-up railways,  
splintered sleepers,  
And a whole Sahara of grit and smother and cinders.

But go in summer and where is all the clutter?  
A new town has risen of a thousand towers,  
Every spiky belfry humming with a peal of bees.  
Rosebay willow-herb: Only a weed!

Flowers are for wrapping in cellophane to present as a bouquet;  
Flowers are for prize arrangements in vases and silver tea-pots;  
Flowers are for plaiting into funeral wreaths.  
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## CALDERBRIDGE AND PONSONBY NEWS

### Services for July

9<sup>th</sup> July Old Church Beckermet - Evensong at 3pm

23<sup>rd</sup> July Calderbridge Village Hall - Holy Communion 9.30am followed by refreshments.

### Services for August

13<sup>th</sup> August Ponsonby Church - Evensong at 3pm followed by Pimms in the pews.

27<sup>th</sup> August Calderbridge Village Hall - Holy Communion at 9.30am followed by refreshments

**Calderbridge & Ponsonby** Summer Fayre will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30pm. Afternoon Tea will be served - £5.00 per head. There will also be a raffle and cake stall. Please come along and support us and enjoy a lovely home-made tea.

### Playground Equipment

Anyone who has young children may be interested to know that work is underway to install some exciting new playground equipment in the playing field behind the Village Hall. Hopefully this work will be completed very shortly and ready to be enjoyed by all.

## SUMMER SAINTS

In these summer months Common Worship remembers a number of holy people who are notable in monastic circles.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> of July we have Benedict of Nursia, who was Abbot of Monte Cassino and who is regarded as the 'Founder of Western Monasticism'. The 19<sup>th</sup> sees Gregory of Nyssa and his sister Marina who were 'Teachers of the Faith', and the 31<sup>st</sup> remembers Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits.

August the 8<sup>th</sup> gives us Dominic of the Order of Preachers and the 11<sup>th</sup> Clare of the Minoreesses, usually called the 'Poor Clares'.

There are, of course, many other holy people remembered in these two months and we benefit from the teaching and example of them all.



## NEWS FROM SEASCALE

**Messy Church** enjoyed attending Drigg Gala in June. Lots of windmills, caterpillars and snakes were created! Lovely to meet everyone who visited our stall!

On **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July we plan to have Messy Church** by the beach in Seascale, between 10am and 12 noon. Watch out for posters and posts on Gosforth & Seascale Matters (Facebook).

All the following activities are held in the **Methodist Church Hall** and we are always pleased to welcome visitors.

### **Saturday Coffee**

Coffee and Tea together with cakes and biscuits are served every Saturday from 10 – 11.30am. We collect donations which are always given to charity, either local or national, in times of disaster.

### **Tea and Chat**

Tea and Chat meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 2.30pm. We always serve a good selection of home-made cakes together with sausage rolls. There is a small raffle each time and donations are collected which are used for the benefit of members, with a gift in times of illness or in recognition of birthdays. We also contribute towards the heating bill for the church hall.

### **Tea Services**

A new venture has started in Seascale with the introduction of Tea Services, which are held on a Wednesday afternoon. It was felt there was probably a need for this in Seascale as we were aware of members who find it difficult to attend church since the service moved to 9.30am. The format for a Tea Service is a short service of worship (approximately 30 minutes long) followed by a time of fellowship with refreshments.

It was decided we would have a service once a quarter this year and then evaluate if there was a need and whether we would hold services more often in the future.

At the time of writing, we look forward to our next Tea Service on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August at 2.30pm, which will be led by Deacon Kina Saunders together with Reverend Jonathan and Mrs Sheila Falkner.

### **Over 50's Youth Club**

All are welcome to come and enjoy the fun and laughter on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month in Seascale Methodist Hall from 2:00 - 4:00pm.

There are plenty of different activities on offer eg. table tennis, pool, cribbage, board games, quizzes, chill out area with mindfulness colouring in or just have a chat over a cuppa. Shackles Off team do a wonderful job of running this and providing the refreshments, it's a great opportunity for us all to get to know younger people within the area. We have a regular attendance of men and women with ages ranging from under 50 to 90 years old.

## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SEASCALE and DISTRICT

Pentecost – the day the Christian Church was founded. The Apostles were crowned with holy fire and given the gift of proclaiming the good news. They and all the disciples and followers of Jesus came together in fellowship, for worship and mutual support; those were dangerous times with the constant risk of persecution. Nonetheless the number of believers increased rapidly and they brought their wealth and possessions to be held in common. Some sold their land to fund the community, others offered their homes as safe centres for worship and to accommodate the members. Anyone in need was assisted; there was no stigma.



For Churches Together in Seascale and District celebrating Pentecost has long been a highlight of the year, marked by an afternoon service preferably in the open air (not always possible with the unreliability of the weather).

So, for the first time since the pandemic, on Sunday 28 May we gathered on the grassy area behind St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, visible from the main road. The church had provided us with chairs and Phoenix Praise, as always, provided the music. The service was led by the Reverend Dave Pilkington who also gave a personal and uplifting address. We were delighted to welcome among us old friends of Seascale and its churches. The sun blazed down, children played on the grass, and a brisk wind demolished several music stands and sent hats flying.



A collection raised £72 to add to the total we donated to Christian Aid. After the service we were welcomed into the outer hall of the church for refreshments. Our thanks go to Philip Holmes for arranging for us to use the church and grounds, to Father Peter Groody for giving permission and to the members of St Joseph's for their hospitality.

## BECKERMET NEWS

The work on the refurbished Readings Rooms is nearing completion, with final interior work being completed in the next couple of weeks, ready for it being reopened for business on the 1<sup>st</sup> July. We have all been able to see the progress from the outside with a new roof etc., but with the re-opening of the Reading Rooms the long wait will soon be over and we are all eager to see the major changes to the interior of the building. To help achieve their goal the committee in charge of the facility have asked for volunteers to lend their support with the final tasks to achieve their opening target of the 1<sup>st</sup> July. They are looking for volunteers on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> or Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June to help paint, tile, tidy up, or whatever, for a few hours. If you are able to lend a hand on either of these days then contact Clair Dunn as your help would be much appreciated. The first main fundraising event in the refurbished premises will be on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July when the Beckermet Village Show will take place with entertainment from "The Kickstarts" with a warm up act from 2 Rivers Rock - price £10.

Throughout all this refurbishment work the Coffee Cake & Chat Sessions have continued through the support of St John's Church Beckermet where we have been made most welcome. These sessions continue on Tuesday mornings from 9.30-11.30am and on Thursday afternoons from 1.30-3.30pm. Here we provide tea, coffee, cake & biscuits etc without charge and if people wish to make a donation that is always welcomed. Along with the refreshments, and much more important, is the opportunity to meet up for a good old blether with friends, plus the opportunity to get to know others from the village. The sessions are never dull, quite the contrary, the topics of conversations are varied often reminiscing about days gone by, especially childhood memories of school, home, discipline and times being caught getting into mischief by the local bobby with a clip around the ear. If you are passing or would like to come and join in, you will be most welcome.

The Quiz & Bingo Nights have continued thanks to the support from Beckermet Primary School and the headteacher who have allowed us to use their hall and stayed behind after school to assist and then lock up. These events have raised extra funds for both the school and St John's Church. The next Bingo Evening will be on 23<sup>rd</sup> June and this will be our final session in the school with the refurbished Reading Rooms being reopened on the 1<sup>st</sup> July. It would be lovely to see some new faces at this

last event in the school. July and August dates are as follows. Quiz Nights will be on 7<sup>th</sup> July & 11<sup>th</sup> August with Bingo Evenings on 21<sup>st</sup> July & 25<sup>th</sup> August. We look forward to you joining us on one or more of these evenings in the newly refurbished Reading Rooms, either at the quizzes or bingo, all from 6.30-8.30pm. Keep a look out on Facebook where these activities are advertised.

Food donations continue to be collected for those who continue to struggle during these difficult financial times. The boxes for donating food can be found at present in the front porch of St John's Church which is open daily and will then be in the Reading Rooms from the 1<sup>st</sup> July. With the summer school break coming up some parents will find it even harder to be able to feed their children who would normally receive a free school meal so if you are able to donate any items of food it will be most appreciated. (tinned/packet etc. - not fresh)

The services for July & August in St John's Church will be Holy Communion on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July & 13<sup>th</sup> August with Morning Praise on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July & 27<sup>th</sup> August all starting at 9.30am. Everyone is most welcome to come along and participate regardless of their individual beliefs and faith. At the end of each service everyone is invited to remain and have free tea, coffee and biscuits. The next meeting of St John's PCC will take place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in the church.



The official opening of the new facilities in the village park in Beckermest took place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June. These new facilities have been well used during the past few months, especially during the wonderful weather we have been enjoying. Both these new facilities and the refurbishment of the Reading Rooms have only been possible through grants obtained from the Mid Copeland GDF Community Partnership something we are all very grateful for. If your organisation requires some financial assistance, it may be beneficial for you to contact them.

*John Mackay*



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Wednesday: 16.00 – 17.30 hrs.



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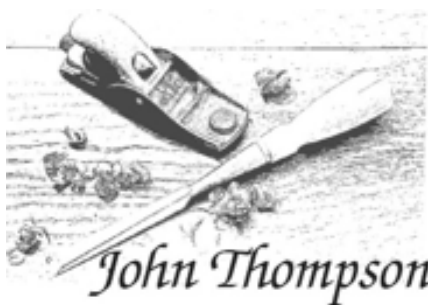
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## GOSFORTH PUBLIC HALL

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## THEATRE FACTORY

On Friday 21 July, the Theatre Factory apprentice actors from Barrow will be back for their annual visit. Voices of Generation Zed is a collection of 12 micro plays by award winning playwright Kevin Dyer, performed by a new generation of the North West’s brightest young student actors. It’s about honesty, anxiety, transparency, non-binary, gender fluidity, body positivity, neuro diversity, climate responsibility and more. These 12 micro plays are ‘woke’ and proud of it. They present a view of the world which prioritises communication, listening, inclusivity, empathy, kindness and friendship. These are tough talking plays. They deal with the hard things in life with humour and resilience worthy of the best generation ever, the mighty Generation Zed! Voices of Generation Zed has been designed for young people to watch. We recommend 12 years and upwards. However, there are references which maybe challenging or triggering for some people. They contain some strong language reflecting common language usage including sexual swear words; reference to pornography (but this is reference only - there is no discussion of pornographic content and it’s not graphic); discussion of stalking, controlling and coercive behaviour; discussion of bullying in friendship groups; discussion of unplanned pregnancy and trans issues.

Doors will open at 7pm for a 7:30 show, it’s a bargain at £5 (cash only) and will last just over an hour (plus an interval).

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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.

Please note that several groups are taking a summer break.

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July: Cycling** - Meet outside Gosforth Public Hall 10am . Two hour planned route to include refreshment stop. All welcome. 019467 25831

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> July: 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 5<sup>th</sup> July: History** -The Cavendishes of Holker – a talk by Janet Smith. Drigg Village Hall. Refreshments from 10.15 for 10.45 start.

**Wednesdays 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> July: French Conversation** -The Kellbank, Gosforth 10.15-12.15 Details from James 07931996742. This group is currently at capacity.

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July: Out and About** – Visit to Ulverston, Laurel and Hardy Museum and Consiehead Priory. Contact Vera on 019467 25 213 to book.

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July: 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.

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July: 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

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July: Art Appreciation** – Art of Germany Part 3 on DVD. St Joseph's Hall, Seascale. Refreshments from 10.15 for a 10.45 start.

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> July: 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 20<sup>th</sup> July: Open Mind** -'Just a Geordie Lass' – a talk by Major Anne Clouston about her life as a Nursing Army Major from her Jarrow roots. Gosforth Public Hall, Refreshments from 10.15 for an 10.45 start

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July: Reading group** - St Mary's Rooms , Gosforth 10.30. Contact Jean on 019467 28713

**PLEASE SEE WEBSITE FOR AUGUST EVENTS.**

## NEWS FROM GOSFORTH SCHOOL



I'm not sure why we think the summer term will be quiet compared to other terms but it certainly isn't turning out that way!

The Year 6's have enjoyed their residential trip. They travelled to Scarborough on the Monday before half term and spent a sunny five days in Yorkshire which included visiting York and Whitby, visiting Whitby Abbey and Scarborough Castle, and trying Footgolf for the first time. We were incredibly proud of how well the children represented school.

After half term they went straight into Play in a Day which involves them learning and presenting a play to the rest of the school in just one day. The chosen play was Romeo and Juliet. They were fabulous - really throwing themselves into their roles.

The children worked hard on their Drigg Gala entries all based around the Coronation. We had two winners - one first place and one second - which we were very happy with.

Our transition preparation has begun with Gosforth Nursery for the 19 new starters we have for September. Mrs Whitham has been down to visit the children at nursery and they have been up to school to spend some time in the classroom.

Our Year 3/4 class spent the day up at Wasdale as part of their Geography topic on Mountains. Our Year 2 class spent the day at Muncaster Castle as part of their History topic. Year 6 visited the Rum Story in Whitehaven to learn about Britain's slave trade and the impact on Whitehaven as part of their History topic.

As part of the statutory assessment process Year 2 have completed their SATs, Year 4 have completed their Multiplication check and the Year 1 children have completed their Phonics Screening check. The children always give these assessments 100% and we couldn't ask for anything more.

We celebrated Sports Day which was a fabulous day for everyone, despite it being the hottest one in a very long time. We cut some of the races, kept in the shade as much as possible and ended the afternoon with an ice lolly. Our house winners were Birch - second year in a row!



Our leavers travel to Carlisle on Friday to the Cathedral to celebrate with many other church schools in Cumbria at the Diocesan Leavers Service. We have attended for last few years and it is a lovely occasion.

*Mrs S Layzell, Assistant Headteacher*

## NEWS FROM GOSFORTH BROWNIES



Brownies have been busy little bees, turning an untidy ill-kempt patch of land in the village into a garden for bees and butterflies. Bedding plants, roses and fuchsias were planted, wildflower seeds sown, and the weeds disappeared for a few months until they start to grow through again. Some say they are weeds but we think they are flowers for the bees. So take a look next time you are passing and see how it changes as the plants grow. We visited Wasdale Mountain Rescue the other month and completed our first aid badge whilst we were learning what the Team do. Hopefully we are soon going to look around the Fire Station and learn about fire safety, and we are going to have a fun camp afternoon at Fisherground campsite and do lots of activities to gain our Camp badge.



There will be a few vacancies at Brownies in September so if your daughter would like to join us then please register her name on [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk). And we are still needing leaders to come and help out; there's lots of different jobs to hand out so if you are able to spare a small amount of time then I am sure we can make use of your skills.

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## NEWS FROM GADS – GOSFORTH AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY



Despite one show just finishing, we are still pretty busy. If you came along to see Peter Pan, we hope you enjoyed it. Unfortunately, technical issues meant that we couldn't use our new radio microphones to enhance the sound but the younger ones did their very best to project their voices. In July, members of our Youth Theatre Group will perform extracts from the musical Honk! Jr. Then in August we will be holding our annual summer youth workshop but this will be fully subscribed before the end of June. Neither performance (Honk or the Summer Workshop) will be open to the general public – GADS members with their family and friends only.

In mid August we will be auditioning for our Musicals Night - to be performed 19, 20, 21 October. If you are a budding sing-star, keep an eye on our website and social media for details. We don't have dates yet, but we will also be auditioning for our next pantomime shortly afterwards. Can it be that time of year again already? Oh yes it can – we don't stop! Our website is [www.gads.org.uk](http://www.gads.org.uk), on Facebook we are gads1948 and we all hope you have a great summer

*Jim Polmear, GADS*



A scene from Peter Pan



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## **GOSFORTH WI**

Gosforth WI met in June 2023 in St Mary's Rooms where Sue Phillips came to tell us about her experience of Blip - a photo a day website which builds into an annual photo diary to record daily life in words and pictures. Sue's books generated an absorbing evening of chat and reminiscing.



On 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023, the WI will be meeting in Gosforth Public Hall at 7.15 pm to hear Kym Armstrong (you may know her from Muncaster Castle) talk to us about designing and making her own wedding dress. Kym will be bringing her Sewing and Crafting pop up shop for anyone interested in crafts. The competition this month is a wedding photo. We have invited other local WIs to attend this meeting with us - it will be fun to catch up with a few old friends.

There will be no meeting of the Gosforth WI on 1<sup>st</sup> August as that is the day of our annual outing.

Anyone who would like to join the WI is welcome to attend a meeting first as a visitor. We hope to see you there!

## **GOSFORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

The Annual Parish Meeting has been held and also a meeting of the "new" council. Six of the previous council have been returned and we have one new member - John Owens. However, we still have four vacancies. The creation of Cumberland as the single tier authority will lead to the devolution of more tasks to parishes. We already have overall responsibility for the Playing Fields and the Public Hall and a significant input in the planning process. If you want the village to remain a vibrant community, please join the Parish Council and contribute to this happening.

A long-standing scenario, nearing its end, is the Gravel Pit. This is a parcel of land on the left-hand side of the road to Seascale, just before the Parish Boundary, and the layby on the right.

The Council has been trustees of this land for many, many years and about 20 years ago we began the process of formerly taking legal ownership to allow us put the land to use for the benefit of the parish, so all suggestions welcome.

NB. Use as a Park and Ride site for Sellafield, is already on the list.

*Graham Hutson*



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## ROTARY CLUB OF WEST LAKELAND

The Plant Sale in Calderbridge Village Hall was an outstanding success - all plants were sold within the first 45 minutes, with over £2000 raised for Rotary charities and by other charity stalls.



Our normal Tuesday meetings have included an interesting talk about Hospice at Home, a visit to the Grotto at Cleator Roman Catholic Church and a fascinating talk by Paul Pharaoh, who has done extensive research on the ancient footpath between Holmrook, Irton Church and Irton Hall, which was subject to prolonged court cases and other legal activities back in the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century. The footpath is now being restored by the Rotary Club, National Park and others, and will be finished in the near future, weather permitting.

Don't forget that Rotating Wheels will soon be upon us - Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July. Details on posters throughout the area.

*Graham Hutson*

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## GOSFORTH INDOOR MAT BOWLING CLUB

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

**Please note – No bowling in August. Restarts Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Sept.**

## 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**

### ZOOMED SERVICES

**11.00am Service of Holy Communion or 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)

**Phoenix Praise Informal Evening Worship** on 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month in St Mary's Room Gosforth at 7.00 pm led by Jill and Keith Hudson. Songs/hymns, readings, short talk, discussion and fellowship followed by refreshments. For more information please email [jillhudson@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jillhudson@hotmail.co.uk) and for a Zoom invitation email [khudson@freenetname.co.uk](mailto:khudson@freenetname.co.uk) or ring 01946 721592 or visit [www.phoenixpraise.org.uk](http://www.phoenixpraise.org.uk)

### SUNDAY EVENINGS

Monthly programme in St Mary's Room, Gosforth

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – Informal Worship at 6.30 pm – Songs/hymns, readings, short talk, discussion and fellowship (with occasional Holy Communion)

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – All-age worship at 6.30 pm – Especially suited to and often led by children + young people (and the young in heart).

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – see above.

Occasionally special events and circumstances may lead to changes in the regular programme.

**Faith and Fellowship** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of month at 7.00pm in Seascale at The Ferns, The Banks, hosted by Chris and Joy Chuter. Please ring Chris on 07768 421621 for details or email [free.c@outlook.com](mailto:free.c@outlook.com)

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## SOUTH CALDER MISSION COMMUNITY - JULY 2023

| July                         | Church                          | Service                         | Time  |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b> |                                 |                                 |       |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>   | Nether Wasdale                  | HC                              | 9.30  |
| <b>Trinity 4</b>             | Waberthwaite                    | MP                              | 9.30  |
| <b>GREEN</b>                 | Seascale                        | HC at St Cuthberts              | 9.30  |
| <b>Proper 8</b>              | Gosforth + Zoom                 | Morning Praise                  | 11.00 |
|                              | Drigg                           | HC                              | 11.00 |
|                              | Eskdale Boot                    | HC                              | 11.00 |
|                              | Muncaster                       | MP                              | 11.00 |
|                              | Whicham                         | HC                              | 11.00 |
|                              | Bootle                          | Family Service -Messy Church    | 4.00  |
|                              | Gosforth                        | Evening Worship in St Mary's Rm | 6.30  |
|                              |                                 |                                 |       |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b> |                                 |                                 |       |
| <b>9<sup>th</sup> July</b>   | Beckermet                       | HC                              | 9.30  |
| <b>Trinity 5</b>             | Irton                           | HC                              | 9.30  |
| <b>GREEN</b>                 | Seascale                        | Methodist led at St Cuthberts   | 9.30  |
| <b>Proper 9</b>              | Gosforth + Zoom                 | HC                              | 11.00 |
|                              | Wasdale Head                    | Celtic Praise                   | 11.00 |
|                              | Drigg                           | Family Service                  | 11.00 |
|                              | Eskdale Boot                    | MP                              | 11.00 |
|                              | Comey                           | HC                              | 11.00 |
|                              | Old Church Beck                 | Evening Prayer – BCP            | 3.00  |
|                              | Whicham                         | Beach Singing                   | 3.00  |
|                              | Seascale – The Ferns, The Banks | Faith & Fellowship              | 7.00  |
|                              |                                 |                                 |       |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b> |                                 |                                 |       |
| <b>16<sup>th</sup> July</b>  | Eskdale Green                   | MP                              | 9.30  |
| <b>Trinity 6</b>             | Nether Wasdale                  | Informal Morning Prayer         | 9.30  |
| <b>GREEN</b>                 | Waberthwaite                    | HC                              | 9.30  |
| <b>Proper 10</b>             | Seascale                        | HC at St Cuthberts              | 9.30  |
|                              | Gosforth + Zoom                 | Morning Worship                 | 11.00 |
|                              | Drigg                           | HC                              | 11.00 |
|                              | Muncaster                       | HC                              | 11.00 |
|                              | Whicham                         | Family Service                  | 11.00 |
|                              | Bootle                          | Evening Service                 | 6.00  |
|                              | Gosforth – St Mary's Room       | Informal All-Age Worship        | 6.30  |
|                              |                                 |                                 |       |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> |                                 |                                 |       |
| <b>23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>  | Calder Bridge Village Hall      | HC                              | 9.30  |
| <b>Trinity 7</b>             | Beckermet                       | MP                              | 9.30  |
| <b>GREEN</b>                 | Seascale                        | Methodist led @ St Cuthberts    | 9.30  |
| <b>Proper 11</b>             | Eskdale Green                   | HC                              | 9.30  |
|                              | Gosforth + Zoom                 | HC                              | 11.00 |
|                              | Wasdale Head                    | Morning Praise                  | 11.00 |
|                              | Drigg                           | MP                              | 11.00 |
|                              | Irton                           | HC                              | 11.00 |
|                              | Bootle                          | Pet Service                     | 11.00 |
|                              | Bootle                          | Bible Study                     | 3.00  |
|                              | Waberthwaite                    | Evening Prayer                  | 6.00  |
|                              | Gosforth – St Mary's Rm + Zoom  | Phoenix Praise Evening Worship  | 7.00  |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> | <b>Benefice Sunday</b>          |                                 |       |
| <b>29<sup>th</sup> July</b>  | Nether Wasdale                  | HC                              | 10.30 |
| <b>Trinity 8</b>             | Drigg                           | HC                              | 10.30 |
| <b>GREEN</b>                 | Whicham                         | HC                              | 11.00 |
| <b>Proper 12</b>             |                                 |                                 |       |

## SOUTH CALDER MISSION COMMUNITY - AUGUST 2023

| August                        | Church                       | Service                           | Time  |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b>  |                              |                                   |       |
| <b>6<sup>th</sup> August</b>  | Nether Wasdale               | HC                                | 9.30  |
| <b>Trinity 9</b>              | Waberthwaite                 | MP                                | 9.30  |
| <b>GREEN</b>                  | Seascale                     | HC at St Cuthberts                | 9.30  |
| <b>Proper 13</b>              | Gosforth                     | Morning Praise                    | 11.00 |
|                               | Drigg                        | HC                                | 11.00 |
|                               | Eskdale Boot                 | HC                                | 11.00 |
|                               | Muncaster                    | MP                                | 11.00 |
|                               | Whicham                      | HC                                | 11.00 |
|                               | Bootle                       | Family Service – Messy Church     | 4.00  |
|                               | Gosforth                     | Evening Worship in St Mary's Room | 6.30  |
|                               |                              |                                   |       |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b>  |                              |                                   |       |
| <b>13<sup>th</sup> August</b> | Beckermet                    | HC                                | 9.30  |
| <b>Trinity 10</b>             | Irtton                       | HC                                | 9.30  |
| <b>GREEN</b>                  | Seascale                     | Methodist led at St Cuthberts     | 9.30  |
| <b>Proper 14</b>              | Gosforth                     | HC                                | 11.00 |
|                               | Wasdale Head                 | Morning Worship                   | 11.00 |
|                               | Drigg                        | Family Service                    | 11.00 |
|                               | Eskdale Boot                 | MP                                | 11.00 |
|                               | Corney                       | HC                                | 11.00 |
|                               | Ponsonby                     | Evening Prayer (BCP)              | 3.00  |
|                               | Whicham                      | Evening Service                   | 6.00  |
|                               |                              |                                   |       |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b>  |                              |                                   |       |
| <b>20<sup>th</sup> August</b> | Eskdale Green                | MP                                | 9.30  |
| <b>Trinity 11</b>             | Nether Wasdale               | Informal Morning Prayer           | 9.30  |
| <b>GREEN</b>                  | Waberthwaite                 | HC                                | 9.30  |
| <b>Proper 15</b>              | Seascale                     | HC at St Cuthberts                | 9.30  |
|                               | Gosforth                     | Morning Worship                   | 11.00 |
|                               | Drigg                        | HC                                | 11.00 |
|                               | Muncaster                    | HC                                | 11.00 |
|                               | Whicham                      | Family Service                    | 11.00 |
|                               | Bootle                       | Evening Service                   | 6.00  |
|                               | Gosforth – St Mary's Room    | Informal All-Age Worship          | 6.30  |
|                               |                              |                                   |       |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>  |                              |                                   |       |
| <b>27<sup>th</sup> August</b> | Calder Bridge VH             | HC                                | 9.30  |
| <b>Trinity 16</b>             | Beckermet                    | MP                                | 9.30  |
| <b>GREEN</b>                  | Eskdale Green                | HC                                | 9.30  |
| <b>Proper 16</b>              | Seascale                     | Methodist@AC                      | 9.30  |
|                               | Gosforth                     | HC                                | 11.00 |
|                               | Wasdale Head                 | HC and Baptism                    | 11.00 |
|                               | Drigg                        | MP                                | 11.00 |
|                               | Irtton                       | HC                                | 11.00 |
|                               | Bootle                       | HC                                | 11.00 |
|                               | Bootle Rectory               | Bible Study                       | 4.00  |
|                               | Gosforth – St Mary's Rm+Zoom | Phoenix Praise Evening Worship    | 7.00  |

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