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NB. As you will see our Curate Rachel's name has changed from Mason to Cunliffe, with a new email address also. This is because she is getting married on Saturday 2nd September. We send our love and best wishes to Rachel and Chris and pray for God's blessing upon them as they begin their married life together.



FROM THE SEATALLAN PARISH REGISTERS

**Occasional Offices conducted between
the 9th June 2023 and the 8th August 2023**

BECKERMET

30th June Funeral and Cremation

David Southward

CALDER BRIDGE, PONSONBY and OLD CHURCH

23rd July Scattering of Ashes at Ponsonby

Lindsay Richardson

SEASCALE

No occasional Offices known

GOSFORTH, NETHER WASDALE and WASDALE HEAD

9th July Baptism at Gosforth

Benjamin Garrett

FROM BOOTLE RECTORY – Harvest 2023

I am feeling a little sombre at the moment. It may be because I have a new grandchild and I am thinking about what future legacy are we going to leave her. As we know, there are wars and rumours of war constantly. Numerous places where there is injustice and poverty, which has never been globally addressed. We try to shift the problem of refugees, without asking the real question of how can we prevent such tragedy, which affects millions of people. This in turn encourages hidden slavery, and there are more slaves now than at the height of the slave trade. Then of course, to top all these things, we must look to the effects of climate change and global warming. This has affected the poorest nations first, but will come to our door very shortly.

This year we have heard of places such as South Korea, Japan and China who have had over and above the normal rainfall during the rainy season of June and July. This brought death and destruction to many communities. I know South Korea a little and I have been there during the rainy season. The rain is expected and looked forward to, as it will sustain the country for the rest of the year. This year, unlike most, I am sure it has brought fear and anxiety. This has even affected the Scout movement and their Jamboree which is being held there as I write this. Many were moved from the campsite into hotels because of the extreme heat. Then some were sent home because a severe typhoon was expected.

Then elsewhere, as we know, there have been fires ravaging areas of land and there is talk of poor harvests which have been the result of intense hot weather. We have been warned for some time of the melting of the ice-caps and rising water levels. One of the prisoners at Haverigg said he was very saddened when he saw a programme showing dead coral reefs, once alive with life and colour, but now white and dead because of the warming of the seas. Someone said to me recently that it has all happened before, it is just climate change. This may be so but, undoubtedly, it is us the human race who has tipped the delicate balance over the centuries.

I cannot help think of the anthropocentric nature of humanity throughout history. How our wants, and more than our needs, have always been above everything else. We have a need for power for example - President Putin, Donald Trump and even ourselves.

I have often thought how sad it is that the Church was such a latecomer in bringing to the attention of the world the need to care for our planet. It took organisations like Greenpeace and Friends of the Earth to remind us that we are meant to be caretakers not overlords, and for many years we ignored their cry.

During the recent past months in June and July, the Sunday readings and collects have reminded me of the General Confession in the Book of Common Prayer. "We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we

ought to have done: And done those things we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us.” Uncomfortable words but so true.

Many of the Old Testament Prophets and John the Baptist all called for repentance: a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Jesus told us to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul and mind and our neighbour as ourselves. A call to think of our actions in all we do.

Harry A Williams, in his book True Wilderness, talks of repentance. He speaks of it as not just feeling guilty or sorry for our actions, but it means discovering something about ourselves and realising the potential that we have within ourselves. “Discovering that you have more than you dreamed or knew.” If that is true, it means taking an undiscovered path and venturing on new ground. He expresses the opinion that this new direction is not a sudden activity but a deepening of growing in faith. With it will come many frustrations, but it will also be truly life giving. The repentance Williams is talking about is a very personal one of our individual relationship with God, our own journey with God.

However, what if this visionary repentance is reflected in our churches? That we take on this wider repentance as a church. Which in turn reflects our actions. We are asked by the Diocese about our carbon footprint. In many of our churches, because of their age, we can do little to change the way the buildings are heated, or how we retain that heat. Solar panels are not possible. However, we can do something about our money. Where do we bank? Have we asked the question of our banks about their ethical policies. Where do our banks invest their money? Money is powerful, economics is powerful, it even determines the price we pay for our coffee in a coffee shop, large or regular. The Church invests amounts of money, both individually and as a whole, irrespective of denomination. There is a lot of information about Ethical Banking that can be explored.

It is also the little things. Do we think of what coffee or tea we have on a Sunday morning in church? Is it Fairtrade? Have we supported local? Fairtrade, once small, is now found in most supermarkets. Do we personally hold shares in companies and do we bother about the share holders’ meeting? What influence can we have? I once went to a share holders’ meeting of Procter and Gamble, eye opening to what consumer pressure can do. What charities do we support if any at all? As we ask for money from our parishioners, do we tithe as a church and pass our good gifts on to others?

Yes, much of the actions that are happening, we cannot change, but we are people of God and God brings hope and salvation. Yet God needs people to work for change. Miracles come when people turn prayer into action. Let this not be just a bitter harvest but one of repentance and joy.

God bless,
Angela (Rev. Angela Overton-Benge)

GOSFORTH PARISH CHURCH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

At the July meeting we looked at the May and June accounts - £4,992.06 had been transferred from reserves. We then looked at the Budget Review for the first 6 months of 2023 and found this very disappointing as our income has not kept up with inflation. The forecast for the end of the year is now a deficit of £9,891 and a drop in the reserves to £19,125, when we aim for a minimum of £27, 581.

Thanks were expressed to Ann and Peter McKenzie for 'Coffee and Cake in the Garden' which raised £463. Other possible means of fund raising were discussed and it was noted that people could offer their time and skills to do tasks which reduce our expenditure. If there is anyone willing to do a sponsored run for St Mary's in a charity event (eg The Great North Run) we would be delighted to hear from them.

The Mission and Outreach committee will be reconvened to discuss plans for 2024.

The bell tower has been repaired, broken guttering replaced and the stone work near the porch has been discussed with the architect. A site visit is needed to look at the flooding in the NE corner of the churchyard. The Quinquennial Architect's inspection has taken place and the report is awaited.

The draft fire risk assessment was accepted and the need to have the doors opening in the opposite direction noted. A working party is needed in the churchyard to include raking up the old grass. A Boon Day was fixed for Saturday 2nd September.

The group consisting of the vicar and wardens considering the inside of church and the proposed heritage and faith project, reported a successful grant application from GDF of £9,999 for a projector and screen system in church and a replacement projector for St Mary's Room. Faculty applications are needed now. Advice from a heritage museum specialist is due in early August re the development of the project on our heritage artefacts. Future grant applications and faculties re the changes in church are being processed. The purchase of a people counter was authorised and a check will be made to see if the Mountain Goat has resumed its pre-covid visits.

We then did a progress check on our 5 Marks of Mission:

- i) Evangelism – work continues on the project using our heritage artefacts to talk faith.
- ii) Discipleship – Advent and Lent courses have been held and will continue. In conjunction with the Methodists, there will be a course

on Ephesians in the Autumn.

- iii) Service to the local Community – ongoing re coffee mornings, churchyard and school – we need to identify some more examples.
- iv) Social Justice – needs to be revisited re talks in Advent.
- v) Care for Creation – ongoing re churchyard and our thinking re lighting etc.

It was decided that to save money on heating, the regular 11am services would move back into St Mary's Room from 8th October. Simple bags to be hung on backs of chairs to hold service sheets and books

Ruth stated that she will continue as clerk only until the end of April 2024. Her replacement should be considered so that there is a smooth hand over before the beginning of May.

The next regular meeting is on Tuesday 10th October and the report hopefully will be in the November magazine. If you have anything you wish us to consider please phone 01946 725 300.

Ruth Schofield (Clerk to the Committee)

SOUTH CALDER MISSION COMMUNITY PRAYERS

These continue to take place on Zoom every Thursday morning at 9.30 am and last about 20 minutes. If you would like to join us please contact Jonathan Falkner on 01946 721852 for an invitation to Zoom.

A short service of Morning Prayer also takes place in Gosforth Church at 8.30 am from Tuesday to Friday each week and everyone is very welcome to join this also.



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

Our coffee morning this month will be on Thursday 7th September so do come along for a chat and the usual tempting cakes!

Admission is free but a donation to our chosen charity is always most welcome. This month donation goes towards St. Mary's Church.



St Olaf's, Wasdale Head

faith in the fells



It was good to welcome a group of Polish visitors from the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, who spent five days with us in early August. They camped at the Inn; walked, climbed, or swam every day, and worshipped each morning and evening in St Olaf's – this included their main Sabbath service as the weather wasn't fit to keep to their original plan to have this beside the Lake. It was very special to hear worship in

another tongue in St Olaf's (and to have 7 services over a long weekend!) This was their third camp at Wasdale Head, their first since Covid, and we hope it will not be long before they come again.

HARVEST FESTIVAL - Sunday 24th September 11am. A special opportunity to thank God for the farming, hospitality and visitors that are the lifeblood of Wasdale Head, and for the wonders of his creation that surround us.

As last year, our Harvest Festival is dedicated to raising money and donations of produce for the North Lakes Foodbank. The foodbank is designed to help.... individuals and families in crisis through the provision of emergency food supplies. These are a short-term measure, allowing a breathing space at times of great need while professional assistance is given to help them out of their crisis. The **North Lakes Foodbank** forms part of the **Trussell Trust**.

We hope to raise £500 in donations and appropriate food for the Foodbank. Here is a list of the items on their inventory, please note it is all non-perishable to avoid wastage:

- Fruit juice UHT (carton), milk UHT (full fat or semi skimmed), cereals.
- Tinned: soups, beans, carrots, peas, sweetcorn, tomatoes, spaghetti, ravioli, macaroni cheese, hot dogs, chicken, meat balls, chicken, tuna, rice, custard, fruit, sponge puddings.
- Dried rice, dried pasta, pasta sauces, instant mash potato.
- Tea, coffee, jam, biscuits.

Contributions: please bring produce to St Olaf's on Thursday 21st or Friday 22th September, or to 28 Whitecroft, Gosforth and we can take it up to St Olaf's.

HARVEST EXHIBITION - This will run from Friday 22th September through till Sunday 1st October. Its ten panels will illustrate church and community life, our commitment to visitors and the wider world, and our mission faith in the fells. Do visit St Olaf's during the Harvest period! Your support means so much.

HARVEST SUPPER – 7pm Wednesday 28th September at Calder Bridge Village Hall. This year all the local churches are combining to put on a Bring & Share Harvest Supper - full details appear below.

SEPTEMBER SERVICES

Sunday 3rd 9.30am Nether Wasdale, Communion

Sunday 10th 11am Wasdale Head, Communion

Sunday 17th 9.30am Nether Wasdale, Morning Prayer

Sunday 24th 11am Wasdale Head, Harvest Festival

(An October date for your diary: **Saturday 14th October – Wasdale Head Show**)

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SEATALLAN BENEFICE HARVEST SUPPER

Thursday 28th September at 7.00pm – Calderbridge Village Hall

It was suggested this year that we have a Harvest Supper for all the churches in our Benefice, rather than each church organizing their own.

A good opportunity to meet together in thanksgiving and celebration to share a meal!

Calderbridge Village Hall has been booked for the occasion and it will be a 'Bring and Share' supper – which means everyone brings along either a savoury dish or a dessert to share with everyone else. Please also bring along something to drink and also an item of food for the local Foodbank – you can find a list of suitable things in the Wasdale Head article above. After supper there will be an easy quiz!

Admission is free but donations and the proceeds from a Raffle will go towards the Bishop's Harvest Appeal.

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VILLAGE BOON DAY at Gosforth Church & Churchyard **Saturday 2nd September from 9.30 – 5.00 pm**

We do hope that as many people as possible will come along and help us with our annual clean and tidy-up of the church and churchyard, especially the churchyard! The grass is cut fortnightly but we need to clear paths which have become overgrown and trim back briars and branches, so please come equipped with the necessary tools. Many visitors, some from overseas, come to see our unique Viking Cross and Hogbacks and we would like your help to keep everything looking neat and tidy, so do come and join us for an hour or two – we don't expect you to spend the whole day working! Mugs of tea and cakes will be your reward!



GOSFORTH PUBLIC HALL REFURBISHMENT

OPEN DAY
Saturday 16th September 2023
11 am – 3 pm

Gosforth Public Hall Committee invite you to the Public Hall to meet the Architects and Committee.

This will be an opportunity to tour the present building, understand the current lay-out and its problems, and view the plans and computer-generated 3D models proposed to upgrade it.

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SEPTEMBER 2023

This month's meeting is on Monday 25th September when we meet at 2.00pm in Seascale Methodist Room for a talk by Mary and Sheila on Seascale Messy Church. Those wanting transport please contact Ruth on 25300 or Norma on 25366. The remaining meetings for 2023 are - Monday October 23rd - a slideshow on Iona in Gosforth and Monday 27th November – a Social Afternoon in Seascale.

PRAYER TOPICS FOR SEPTEMBER

- The MU members and associates in the Dioceses in Zone A – South Korea (2,700); Myanmar (8,950); India (1,000,000); Sri Lanka (3,200); and Thailand (519) that they may enjoy Christian Fellowship within the Mothers' Union.
- On International Literacy Day (8th September) Mothers' Union Literacy and Development Projects across the world.
- Those who gather the harvest of the land and seas and those who transport the harvest to enable others to eat. Those working for a more equitable distribution of this food throughout the world.
- Those starting at school, college or university this month as they prepare for the next stage of their life and particularly those beginning their school life at Gosforth C of E Primary School.

MU Diaries, Christmas Cards, Calendars etc. The range and grouping of cards this year makes group ordering more difficult. Mary Waterhouse will buy some for resale. Those who have internet access are asked to look on line to view the catalogue at www.mueshop.org If you wish to place your own order please ensure you find the section on your Diocese and choose Carlisle so that our county MU gets a small % of what you spend. If you only want a few and don't want to pay postage, please contact Mary as soon as possible. Ruth will contact the members without internet personally.



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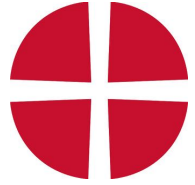
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Now meeting in St. Mary's Room

Services of worship in September:
Sundays 3rd and 17th at 6.30 pm.

The Methodist Year (like the academic year) begins again in September, and our fort-nightly services will continue, the fellowship growing in numbers. There is always a warm welcome for visitors.

We are very much looking forward to our next United Service on Sunday October 1st for this year's Harvest Thanksgiving. One of my (many!) favourite hymns is the gloriously joyful "Great is Thy faithfulness" – reminding us of God's great goodness throughout the year:

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness,
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Mary Moody



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Christ, Christians and the Church

Six Studies in Ephesians

Gosforth Methodist Congregation in conjunction with Phoenix Praise and the South Calder Mission Community are organising/hosting a series of studies in Ephesians for the autumn study season.

These will take place fortnightly on Thursdays in autumn, commencing on Thursday September 21st, in St Mary's Room, Gosforth, at 20:00 and over Zoom. It is hoped that some 'face to face' Zoom venues will be set up in the north of the Methodist Circuit. Refreshments will be available in Gosforth, from 19:30. Each session will last an hour with informal chat before and after.

There will be six studies which will be based, roughly, on the six chapters of Ephesians.

The aim is to address basic and practical issues concerning what it means to be a Christian, what the Christian life consists of and to explore what Church life should be like in the modern world. These studies are intended to be fun, uplifting and, above all, practical. They will involve short presentations, small group discussions and question and answer sessions.

Complex theological issues will be avoided but a reading list will be made available for trouble makers or those who would like to explore more deeply! There won't be an exam. (Well not in this life at least...)

September 21 st	What we are in Christ. Ephesians 1	Keith Hudson
October 5 th	What we were in the world. Ephesians 2.	Alistair Smeaton
October 19 th	What the Church should become. Ephesians 3.	TBC
November 2 nd	How we live in the Church. Ephesians 4:1 – 5:2.	KH
November 16 th	How we live in the home. Ephesians 5:3 – 6:9	Kina Saunders
November 30 th	How we live in the world. Ephesians 6:10 – end.	KH

For more details and ideas regarding content and Zoom please contact Keith Hudson, khudson@freenetname.co.uk

GOSFORTH PATRONAL FESTIVAL – Sunday 10th September

Once again, we will celebrate by having a Bring & Share lunch together after our morning service on Sunday 10th so do bring something along to eat, drink, and share. It can be savoury or sweet or both! Coffee will be served as usual after the service for those who aren't able to stay for lunch. Lunch will start around 12.30 pm

NEWS FROM SEASCALE

Alzheimer's Memory Walk

Our local version of the Alzheimer's Memory Walk is taking place on Saturday 2nd September. We have been organising this event for several years and have found different people walk with us each year, but it's a really lovely way of getting to meet and chat with new people.

This is a local event which is open to everyone in the community, young or not so young, very fit, not fit at all and everything in between.

The idea of the walk is to join forces with others who may or may not have known someone with Alzheimers but want to raise the profile of the Alzheimer's Society.

We meet at Cross Lanes start of Viking Way in Seascale at 1:30pm. We walk the Viking Way from Seascale to Gosforth and return to Seascale. We only walk as much as we feel able, we don't need to walk the entire length of the Viking Way and we walk at our own pace or ride our mobility scooters.

When we return to Seascale, Enid always has a welcoming cup of tea and cake waiting for us at her home in Croft Head Road and is very happy for any non-walkers to come for a chat and enjoy a cup of tea with cake while waiting to welcome the walkers home.

We do not seek individual sponsorship for the charity, we walk as a community group "Seascale Strollers". If anyone would like to join us on the walk, or make a donation/sponsor the group, please speak to Allison, Jackie or Janet.

Seascale Tea and Chat

Our Autumn meetings will start on Wednesday 6th September at 2.30pm in Seascale Methodist church hall. We will be having a Puddings Afternoon instead of our usual cakes.

Brenda Goulding will be running her Greetings cards stall at the meeting, she always brings along a good selection of cards which she is able to personalise.

Looking ahead on Wednesday 4th October Reverend Jonathan and Mrs Sheila Falkner will be leading our Harvest Songs of Praise. All are welcome to join us at any of our meetings.

Messy Church at Seascale

July saw us beside the sea on a very gusty Saturday morning. The weather did, however, mean that the windmills and kites certainly spun and flew! The usual stones from the beach were very useful as anchors for various craft materials! Several conversations started with passers-by who asked what we were doing - a good opportunity to explain Messy Church. It was lovely to be joined by Rachel, our new curate.

Saturday 16th September from 10-11.30am, alongside the regular Coffee Morning at the Methodist Church Hall, will be the next meeting of **Messy Church**. Everyone is very welcome to come and join in the craft activities and /or enjoy a cup of coffee, tea or squash!



CALDERBRIDGE AND PONSONBY NEWS

Church Services:

10th September - 3pm Evensong at Low Church, Beckermets.

24th September - 9.30am Harvest Festival at Ponsonby Church.

Thank you to everyone who turned out in atrocious weather conditions to support our Summer Fair. With your generosity £745 was raised for Church Funds.

The Metal Waste Skip has been emptied raising £129 for Church Funds - many thanks to all who use it. For those who don't already know, the skip is situated next to the last bungalow on the Calderbridge to Beckermets Road, where you are welcome to drop off any waste metal you need rid of, excluding fridge freezers which they can't take.

Work at the Playing Field is now complete so bring the children down to have some fun. You will find this behind the Village Hall.



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.

BECKERMET NEWS

As no doubt many of you have been aware the Reading Rooms in the village have been closed, for what seems like forever, while they have been refurbished thanks to the funding provided through a grant from the Geological Disposal Facility (GDF) Group, as other groups have been able to access funding for projects within their own communities.

After five long months of anticipation and expectation of what the Reading Rooms will look like following this closure the wait is finally over. I am delighted to be able to say at last that the doors are now open and the rooms in use for us all to benefit from once again. The time spent waiting has been well worth it as the building has undergone major improvements, both to the fabric/structure of the building and also to the interior of the premises. The improvements include a completely new and much stronger roof construction with modern tiles, a new modern heating system using heat pumps which will be much more effective and efficient than the old outdated storage heaters which had well passed their anticipated lifespan. These improvements will now make the building watertight with excellent modern insulation that together with the new heating system will make it less costly to run especially with the high cost of electricity that we are all facing. Another bonus from the heat pumps is that not only can they be used to heat the building during colder weather but they can also be used to cool the premises down during the hot summer months. They may not be used that often during our summer months but on the few occasions needed they will be most valuable keeping us all cooler.

As well as the improved structure there has also been a major transformation inside the building itself with both toilets being fully refurbished to an extremely high standard, all new tables and chairs including four lovely comfy chairs in the room used for activities such as the coffee cake & chat sessions and a built-in serving bar for functions. In the other room a new storage area has been created for the previous tables & chairs which can be brought out as required. This room has also been equipped with an 84-inch TV screen, while both rooms have been fully decorated with sage green on all woodwork and fitted with much needed modern lighting.

If you have not had the chance to see the transformation first hand then I suggest you take the opportunity by going along to either of the Coffee Cake & Chat sessions that take place each week on a Tuesday from 9.30-11.30am or on a Thursday from 1.30-3.30pm. If you can make it to one of these sessions you will be made to feel more than welcome. There is no charge for tea/coffee and cakes just a donation would be welcome but



not compulsory. With the re-opening of the rooms various groups have moved back in to use the premises. As already said coffee cake & chat sessions are back in full swing and the Quiz & Bingo Nights are also returning. The next Bingo Evening will be on Friday 25th August with the

Quiz Night on Friday 1st September both starting at 6.30pm and lasting around two hours. Hopefully, with the new improvements, more people will attend these and other activities being put on in the building. All activities are open to all who wish to attend from wherever you live. Why not get a team up and join one of the quiz nights or for a game of bingo where again you will be made most welcome. Keep as eye on both the Reading Room and Beckermet Village Facebook pages for adverts for these activities together with new ones coming on line.

Within the building we now have quite a large selection of books in our lending library which you are more than welcome to take away and read at no cost. If on the other hand you would like to take away the book for keeps then a small donation would be welcome. Food donations continue to be collected for those who continue to struggle during these difficult financial times. The box for donating food can be found in the front porch of the Reading Rooms. With the summer school break some parents 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 Reading Rooms are a valuable asset for the community of Beckermet and the greater the use of the premises the easier it will be for the small group of hard-working volunteer directors to ensure that it thrives and prospers for many years to come. This September will see the 100th birthday of the opening of the building back in 1923. On 2nd September there will be a grand Open Day to mark this occasion to which you are most welcome to attend. Keep a look out for the activities to celebrate this special anniversary through the Facebook pages, as well as all the new activities that are already planned together with new ones that will be available in the future.

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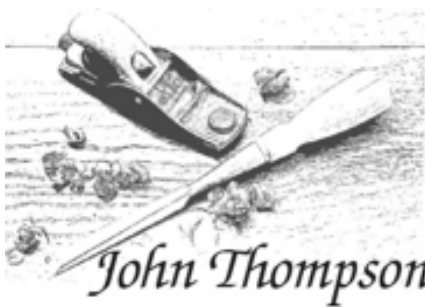
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Visitors are very welcome to attend a couple of meetings or events before becoming a member. Current annual membership is £5. There is usually a small charge for indoor meetings.

Monday 4th September: Cycling - Meet outside Gosforth Public Hall 10am . Two hour planned route to include refreshment stop. All welcome. 019467 25831

Mondays 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th September: Chair based exercises with Lin Davis. 30-45 minute sessions at Gosforth Public Hall starting at 2.30pm. Refreshments afterwards.

Wednesday 6th September - History “Riotous Whitehaven” a talk by John Little – Drigg Village Hall Refreshments 10.15 for 10.45 start.

Wednesdays 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th September - French Conversation, The Kellbank , Gosforth 10.15-12.15 Details from James 07931996742. This group is currently at capacity.

Thursday 7th September and Wednesday 27th September: Foundation Level Recorders - Santon Bridge Village Hall Supper Room, Thursday 10-00-11.30., Wednesday 2.30-4.00. Please contact 07817499849, smithybrow@icloud.com before coming for the first time or for details.

Thursday 7th September: Singing for Fun - Seascale Methodist Hall 2.30-4.00 . Kathy on 019467 21217.

Friday 8th and 22nd September: 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

Tuesday 12th September: 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.

Monday 11th September: Strolling Group/Out and About - A walk in Eskdale via The Ratty . Participants to organise own lunch in Boot - Pre booking essential. Val on 07796527876

Thursday 14th September: Art Appreciation – Art of Germany ‘Durer’ on DVD. St Joseph’s Hall, Seascale. Refreshments from 10.15 for a 10.45 start.

Tuesday 19th September: Family History Group – Santon Village Hall 10.00 – 12.00 . For further details or to express an interest email Hilary on westlakesu3afhg@gmail.com

Thursday 21st September: Open Mind – “America’s links with Cumberland ‘ a talk by Dr Christopher Donaldson. Gosforth Public Hall. Refreshments from 10.15 for a 10.45 start.

Thursday 28th September: Reading group - St Mary’s Rooms , Gosforth. 10.30 am Contact Jean on 019467 28713

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Playground: Come and see for yourself – A lovely playground in a great setting.

Wild Flower Meadow: Enjoy a walk or just sit and relax in the peace and quiet of the meadow. Supervised children are welcome.

Fishing Club: If you want to join this club it's only £11/year. If you 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.

Next Community Event: Village Lunch on 21st October at 12 noon. (Note new date.)

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We continue to urgently need volunteer drivers to help us run our service. If you would like to volunteer as a driver or to book any journeys, please ring Gill on 01229 717229.

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Saturday Trips coming up in September are:

16th Sept Coniston and Hawkshead - £9.00

30th Sept Workington - £8.50

Whitehaven shopping trips every Tuesday and Thursday – FREE if you have a NoWcard bus pass.

NEWS FROM GOSFORTH SCHOOL



Our busy summer term ended with lots of exciting activities. We celebrated all things Australia during our SMSC Day. The children learnt an Aboriginal welcome dance, found out about the Great Barrier Reef, decorated surf boards inspired by the artwork of Zachary Bennett Brook, heard a traditional tale and drew a selection of famous landmarks.

The Year 6s had a visit from Trudy Harrison who talked about looking after our environment. She was very impressed with their knowledge and their questions for her.

The school had a visit from a group from Tanzania as part of the Cumbria-Rungwe Community Link. The group sang a song for the whole school before completing an art activity, then playing a game of football on the playground with Year 6. It was an enjoyable afternoon for everyone involved.

As part of their celebration in RE the Reception children took part in a mock wedding at the church. A huge thank you to Philip for giving his time to facilitate.

We had an open afternoon for the parents which gave them the opportunity to come into the classroom and look at the children's work and working environment. The children enjoy being able to talk about the work they have done.

In September we will welcome 19 children into Reception. All of them joining us from Gosforth Nursery. We are sure they will settle into school life very quickly.

Mrs S Layzell
Assistant Headteacher

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 the mats. Spare bowls available for you to try.

NEWS FROM GOSFORTH BROWNIES

See how our bee garden has grown! All the bedding plants and seeds we sowed in the spring have now grown and flowered, and we've been inundated with bees, butterflies and ladybirds. A huge success!



We have had a very busy summer term, with a final meeting down at Seascale beach followed by Mawson's ice cream. A huge well done to all the Brownies who have completed LOTS of badges this term, and many congratulations to those who gained Brownie Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards.

In September we do have a few vacancies, so if your daughter is aged between 7-10 then register interest on www.girlguiding.org.uk We are open to anyone living in any of the surrounding villages, not just Gosforth!

*Samantha Milliner
(Brownie Leader)*

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.

The library is running a summer reading challenge during the school holidays for young children up to the age of 11 years. Call into the library to join the challenge and collect gifts before the end of the holidays.



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NEWS FROM GADS – GOSFORTH AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY



As we write this, we have just finished our latest Summer Youth Workshop. 25 youngsters spent just a week preparing for a performance of “Circus Olympus” by Lindsay Price. This was an epic challenge and the Saturday evening show was brilliant despite one or two scripts appearing on stage due to last minute cast changes and probably a few nerves. They told six tales from Greek Mythology in a very colourful, entertaining and amusing way and had a lot of fun doing it. The show was open to family / friends and GADS members only (not the general public) and if you were lucky enough to be there, you will know what we mean. To help fund the week, we received a donation from Nuclear Waste Services / LLW Repository and we are most grateful for their support.



In GADS at the moment there is no time to rest. In August, we audition for our “Night at the Musicals” show in mid October and also for our January Pantomime. The next newsletter will contain more details about the “Night at the Musicals” – notably how to get your hands on a ticket or two.

Our website is www.gads.org.uk and on Facebook we are gads1948. Please use both to keep up to date and get in touch if necessary.

Jim Polmear, GADS



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GOSFORTH WI

The WI summer trip took place in August. After lunch at the Pheasant Inn, we went to Keswick and had a trip round Derwentwater on the Launch. This was followed by shopping in Keswick. A wonderful day, with thanks to the organisers for making it possible.



The next meeting of the Gosforth WI will take place on 5th September 2023 in Gosforth Public Hall at 7.15 pm. The speaker will be from Fix the Fells, a conservation programme working to combat the erosion of Lakeland footpaths. The competition will be a rock sample and light refreshments will be served. New members and visitors are always welcome.

There is a WI Crafting afternoon planned on Thursday 14th September 2023 at 1.30 - 3.30 pm at St Mary's Room. The theme will be Flower Hammering - you will need a small hammer and some brightly coloured flowers and foliage. There will be a small charge of £3 to cover the hire of the room and light refreshments. All are welcome!

GOSFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Cumberland Council have finally cut the undergrowth on the Viking Way after significant pressure from the Parish Council. However, the adjoining hedges will not be cut until the bird nesting season has finished.

Some movement has occurred on the transfer of the Car Park to the village, with further forms appearing from Cumberland.

Progress is being made with preparing a specification for the refurbishment of the children's play equipment on the playing fields.

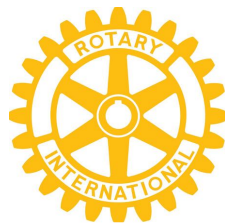
We have been notified of the intention to close Wasdale Road in the vicinity of the new development next to Ellerslie House from 23rd to 29th October.

NB. As there was no PC meeting in August, and the September meeting will be significantly after next month's press date, there may well be nothing to report for the next magazine.

Graham Hutson

ROTARY CLUB OF WEST LAKELAND

Our two most recent events have been Rotating Wheels and the renovation of the footpath from Holmrook to Irton Church.



We were fortunate that the weather on the day of the car show was essentially dry; vehicle entries were slightly up on last year, as were the trade stands, and attendance was only slightly down. This will allow us to donate around £6,000 to locally active charities. We were honoured again by the support of our local MP, Trudy Harrison, who presented the prizes.

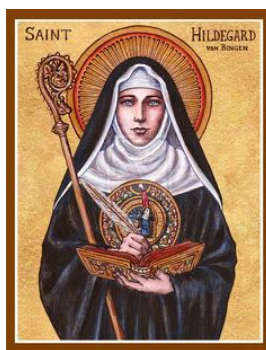
The renovation of the footpath has been completed in collaboration with the Lake District National Park and with financial support from the GDF. Principal tasks were clearing and draining but an inclined section through a wooded area required surfacing with hard core. All stiles were replaced with gates to make the path fully accessible for the disabled. A number of trees were planted to supplement an established tree avenue and a plaque erected to commemorate the renovation.

The path was recently tested by a party of over thirty Rotarians and friends, who found it a pleasant and relatively easy walk (see photo on the front cover).

Graham Hutson

SAINT FOR SEPTEMBER - HILDEGARD OF BINGEN

Radio 3 listeners may have heard music by Hildegard of Bingen, who lived in the 12th century. Her music is a rare survival of that time and is unusual because she wrote both the words and the music. But, she is remembered on the 17th of September for so much more. She was the Abbess of a Benedictine Nunnery and was renowned as the first German mystic, and as a prophet, a physician, and a political moralist who was not afraid to chastise princes and bishops. Her writings are not without influence today, and she is regarded as an outstanding representative of her time.



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
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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

Phoenix Praise Informal Evening Worship on 4th 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 and for a Zoom invitation email khudson@freenetname.co.uk or ring 01946 721592 or visit www.phoenixpraise.org.uk

SUNDAY EVENINGS

Monthly programme in St Mary's Room, Gosforth

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

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

4th Sunday – see above.

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

Faith and Fellowship - 2nd 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

Sunday Written Liturgy for those at home – Into His Courts with Praise

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A Sunday Liturgy is issued weekly and will be emailed to as many of our contacts as possible. It is produced in a simple form which can be read on-screen, enlarged if necessary, or printed out. It has proved to be a useful resource for lay worship as well as for sharing with friends or for private devotions. If you would like to be added to the mailing list, please contact Helen Pateman: aitchpateman@gmail.com

SOUTH CALDER MISSION COMMUNITY - SEPTEMBER 2023

September	Church	Service	Time
1st Sunday			
3rd September	Nether Wasdale	HC	9.30
Trinity 13	Waberthwaite	MP	9.30
GREEN	Seascale	HC at St Cuthbert's – Patronal Fest.	9.30
Proper 17	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 – St Mary's Room	6.30
2nd Sunday			
10th September	Beckermot	HC	9.30
Trinity 14	Irton	HC	9.30
GREEN	Seascale	Methodist @ Methodist Church	9.30
Proper 18	Gosforth	HC – Patronal Festival	11.00
	Wasdale Head	HC	11.00
	Drigg	Family Service	11.00
	Eskdale Boot	MP	11.00
	Corney	HC	11.00
	Old Church Beck	Evening Prayer (BCP)	3.00
	Whicham	Evening Service	6.00
	Seascale – The Ferns, The Banks	Faith and Fellowship	7.00
3rd Sunday			
17th September	Eskdale Green	MP	9.30
Trinity 15	Nether Wasdale	MP	9.30
GREEN	Waberthwaite	HC	9.30
Proper 19	Seascale	HC@Methodist Church	9.30
	Gosforth	Morning Worship	11.00
	Drigg	HC	11.00
	Muncaster	HC	11.00
	Whicham	Harvest Festival	11.00
	Bootle	HC	6.00
	Gosforth – St Mary's Room	Informal All-Age Worship	6.30
4th Sunday			
24th September	Ponsonby	HC – Harvest Festival	9.30
Trinity 16	Beckermot	MP	9.30
GREEN	Eskdale Green	HC	9.30
Proper 20	Seascale	Methodist @ Methodist Church	9.30
	Gosforth	HC	11.00
	Wasdale Head	MP – Harvest Festival	11.00
	Drigg	MP	11.00
	Irton	HC – Harvest Festival	11.00
	Bootle	Harvest Festival	11.00
	Whitbeck	Harvest Festival	4.00
	Gosforth-St Mary's Rm + Zoom	Phoenix Praise Evening Worship	7.00

Cover photo - Rotarians walking the newly renovated footpath from Irton Church to Holmrook