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for the Seatallan Benefice
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All copy for the magazine needs to be with the Editor by the 15th of the preceding month, by email if possible.

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 got 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.

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## FROM THE SEATALLAN PARISH REGISTERS

Known Occasional Offices conducted between  
the 8th August 2023 and the 12th September 2023

### BECKERMET

- No occasional Offices known

### CALDER BRIDGE, PONSONBY and OLD CHURCH

- 12th August Burial of Ashes at Old Church Lynda Seath

### SEASCALE

- No occasional Offices known

### GOSFORTH, NETHER WASDALE and WASDALE HEAD

- 8th September Wedding at Wasdale Head Christopher Johnson & Sharon Brignull
- 30th August Burial of Ashes at Gosforth Edwin Davis
- 30th August Burial of Ashes at Gosforth Pamela Davis
- 23rd August Burial at Gosforth Patricia Langan
- 17th August Cremation and Funeral at Gosforth Alan Jacob

## Decisions

Decisions, decisions! For the last two weeks, I have been trying to decide when I should sit down and write the letter for the Parish Magazine. I admit, I am one of the world's worst offenders, when it comes to finding 'other things to do' as a deadline approaches. This time it has been no different. I am not sure... but I think it is the amount of change that is happening everywhere all the time that has made me distracted. To be honest, my attention is split all over the place. What am I to do?

At this time of year, things are changing for people all over the place. People are finishing their 'Gap year', or going back to school to start on an 'exam year'. Some people are coming to the end of a long summer break and suddenly realising that they have to head off to university. Others are trying to settle into new schools which one young person described to me as being a bit more 'shovey and swearsy' than they had expected! Some people are 'moving in' to take on new jobs. Some people are trying to move out and retire, but finding that their plans have had to change at the last minute. Some people are getting used to unexpected news. Nationally – and in the Church of England - the politics is on the move again, which just makes me want to know how they manage to stop it all in the first place if it is so important. I often wonder why we don't just call this time of year, 'New Year' and have a fire work display – hang on a minute... maybe we do have those again soon! ...

Change is confusing. Change is uncomfortable. Change can be inspiring. Change is often sad. Change can make people feel powerless. Change can be ignored for a while, and of course, change can be an opportunity to be embraced. All these statements can be true, but for change to be managed, people must be ready, both in their hearts and their minds. Being 'ready' means energetically thinking things through...and, dare I suggest it in this secular age, even opening them up to God in prayer? 'Here he goes!' I hear you mumble....

Jesus lived in a time of complete upheaval. He walked a dangerous line between the 'powers' of his age; he walked with courage, by prayer, and with normal people on his heart. If Jesus had lived in the UK today, I don't think he would have been distracted. I think he would have been talking to his neighbours. That's what he did back then in a time of massive change – and that is what I think he would be doing today. He'd be thinking about the future, and how people would get on with each other, as the world changed around them. He would be talking about The Kingdom. How can I say this with confidence? Because he is on record as saying 'Love your neighbour as you love yourself'....

None of us knows what being a neighbour will mean in the coming year, but whatever the future may bring, we must be determined to support and love the people who live next door to us without reservation. After all – in the midst of all this change... what would we do without them?!

Philip

## HARVEST FESTIVALS IN THE BENEFICE

Wasdale Head and Ponsonby both celebrated their Harvest Festivals in September, but Nether Wasdale, Seascale and Gosforth hold theirs on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October and Beckermest on the 8<sup>th</sup> October.

Most of our churches this year would prefer, if possible, harvest donations of food that would be suitable to pass on to the Foodbank – all must be non-perishable. Below is a list of suitable items:

Fruit juice - UHT, milk UHT (full fat or semi skimmed) in cartons, 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 and pasta, pasta sauces, instant mashed potato.  
Tea, coffee, jam, biscuits.

Gosforth will be decorating their church on Thursday morning 28<sup>th</sup> Sept. for the Gosforth School Harvest on the Friday morning. Do come and help if you can – everyone welcome! There will be refreshments for helpers as usual. Any donations of flowers or greenery would be gratefully received and can be left at the back of church beforehand or dropped off on the morning.

The Benefice Harvest Supper will be held in Calderbridge Village Hall at 7.00 pm on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September. It will be a Bring & Share Supper, so please bring along either a savoury dish or a dessert/cake to share with everyone else, something to drink and an item of food for the local Foodbank. 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.

## **WASDALE HEAD SHEPHERD'S MEET AND SHOW**

Row Head Farm

Saturday 14th October 2023

### Timetable of Events

All Day: Vintage vehicles on display, Trade Stands and Craft Stalls

|          |                                 |
|----------|---------------------------------|
| 10.00 am | Sheep classes                   |
| 12.30 pm | Children's sports               |
| 1.00     | Non-working and Pet dog classes |
| 1.00     | Hound trails                    |
| 1.15     | Fell races                      |
| 1.30     | Boots & Beards competition      |
| 1.45     | Terrier classes                 |
| 3.00     | Terrier racing                  |
| 3.15     | Shepherd's dog classes          |
| 3.30     | Vintage Parade                  |
| 4.00     | Wrestling                       |
| 4.15     | Prize giving                    |

(Times are approximate depending on earlier events running to time.)

This is always a great day out so make sure you mark it on your calendar.

You will see some sheep judging, watch some speedy hounds lapping the valley and some talented fell runners zooming up and down Kirk Fell, all while enjoying some delicious food on the field and lots of fresh air – and hopefully sunshine!

See you there!

The Show Committee

## **GOSFORTH PARISH CHURCH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

The meeting planned for 10th October is no longer possible and we will have to arrange another date in October, hopefully the report 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 5th October 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's donation will go towards the Bishop's Harvest for the Hungry, supporting disadvantaged women and their families in DR Congo, Israel and the occupied Palestinian Territories.



# *St Olaf's, Wasdale Head*

## *faith in the fells*

This is being written on 6<sup>th</sup> September, well before the usual copy date for the magazine as we're away for the next two weeks, so news is brief - not much of September has happened yet!

**IVY'S BAPTISM** – Ivy Race, daughter of Matthew and Stephanie, was baptised by Philip on the last Sunday in August, a lovely occasion with a large gathering of family and friends in the church to support her at the combined Baptism and Holy Communion service.

### **OCTOBER SERVICES**

|        |                  |         |                                   |
|--------|------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|
| Sunday | 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 9.30am  | Nether Wasdale, Harvest Communion |
| Sunday | 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 11am    | Wasdale Head, Morning Praise      |
| Sunday | 15 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am  | Nether Wasdale, Morning Prayer    |
| Sunday | 22 <sup>th</sup> | 11am    | Wasdale Head, Celtic Praise       |
| Sunday | 29 <sup>th</sup> | 10.30am | Seascale – Messy Holy Communion!  |

**SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> October – WASDALE HEAD SHOW** at Row Head Farm.

**ST OLAF'S PCMC MEETING** – The Trustees' October meeting is at the Inn on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 5.30pm.

**VISITORS** – St Olaf's welcomed 4670 visitors and pilgrims in August, an increase of 6% on last year and the highest monthly total yet recorded. Each year numbers continue to rise, and this is pleasing considering we had quite poor weather at the start of the year, and during the summer holidays too.

**VIP VISIT** – At the time this is written we are looking forward to welcoming Cumbria's Lord Lieutenant and High Sheriff to St Olaf's, both recently appointed by HM The King. They are coming to view St Olaf's and study the plans for its restoration. A report on their visit will be in November's Magazine.

***Hugh Foulerton***

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## **OCTOBER 2023**

### **Mothers' Union**

This month's meeting is on Monday 23rd October 2023 when we meet at 2.00pm in St. Mary's Room for a talk and slideshow on Iona by Allison Hanshaw. The remaining meeting for 2023 is on Monday 27th November 2023 – a Social Afternoon in Seascale.

### **PRAYER TOPICS FOR OCTOBER**

Please pray for:-

- The MU members and associates in the Dioceses in Zone B – Canada (600); South America (3,760)); USA (500); and West Indies (8,492) that they may enjoy Christian Fellowship within the Mothers' Union.
- Mothers' Union Financial and Literacy Programmes in this and other countries around the world; for those who are benefiting from taking part, those who are running the courses and the other organisations who are supporting MU in this work.
- Prison Chaplains and all the initiatives for prisoners and their families undertaken by MU members, that this work will be a source of help, comfort, reassurance and support for the prisoners, their families and those who work in the prisons.
- All MU initiatives and campaigns to eradicate poverty here and around the world. Families whose income is not enough to sustain them until their next pay day. Children who go to bed hungry and mothers who miss meals to feed their families. Foodbanks and the volunteers who work in them. The local food bank in Egremont. That others will provide goods from this year's harvest and previous harvests to keep that food bank stocked.
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# GOSFORTH METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

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## Now meeting in St. Mary's Room

Services of worship in October:  
Sundays 1st and 15th at 6.30 pm.

As a community we continue to grow in both numbers and faith. It's so nice to walk into St Mary's room on a Sunday evening and have to search for an available seat. It's been over three years now since we closed the door for the final time at our lovely old Chapel and two years since we opened the new door of our Gosforth Methodist Community. God gave us the opportunity to start again and we are truly thankful for that.

Our twice monthly services are always lively, interesting and there is something for everyone, no matter where they are on their own personal journey of faith. No question is too basic to ask, and believe you me there are usually lots of questions asked during the services. Despite the services being informal the spiritual content is strong and Gods presence is there with us.

The children and young people bring their own contribution to worship. They entertain us with sketches which make us smile but their contribution is far from superficial; the prayers they compose themselves, whilst written in a more simple form, are deeply meaningful and profound. So, if you haven't yet attended one of our services, please come along to St Mary's room at 6.30pm on the first and third Sundays of each month. Make sure you arrive early to get a good seat. Hope to see you there.  
Lynn Pattison



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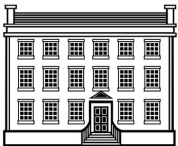
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# Christ, Christians and the Church

## 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 <sup>st</sup> | What we are in Christ. Ephesians 1              | Keith Hudson     |
| October 5 <sup>th</sup>    | What we were in the world. Ephesians 2.         | Alistair Smeaton |
| October 19 <sup>th</sup>   | What the Church should become. Ephesians 3.     | TBC              |
| November 2 <sup>nd</sup>   | How we live in the Church. Ephesians 4:1 – 5:2. | KH               |
| November 16 <sup>th</sup>  | How we live in the home. Ephesians 5:3 – 6:9    | Kina Saunders    |
| November 30 <sup>th</sup>  | 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](mailto:khudson@freenetname.co.uk)

## **NEWS FROM SEASCALE**

### **Seascale Tea and Chat**

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm when we will be holding our Harvest Songs of Praise. Gifts of a tin or packet of food for the Harvest Table would be appreciated and, together with any money raised on the afternoon, these will be donated to the North Lakes Foodbank.

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 2.30pm will be our last Tea and Chat meeting for this year as we will return to the Friendship Hour during the winter months.

All are welcome to join us at any of our meetings.

Jackie Folkes

### **Over 50s Youth Club – 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> October**

All are welcome to come and enjoy fun and laughter on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays 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 with mindfulness colouring or just have a chat over a cuppa. This is run by the Shackles Off team, who do a wonderful job! We have a regular attendance of men and women with ages ranging from under 50 to 90 years old.

### **Shackles Off Fundraiser – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October**

Shackles Off have continued to provide first class Youth work both here in Seascale and in Millom. It has been a particularly challenging time for staff in getting Millom operating to the same high standard as Seascale. On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October the Methodist Church will be helping them by running a fund raiser between 9.30 – 11.30 am, serving toasted tea cakes alongside coffees and teas. There will also be a cake stall and raffle. Everyone welcome.



## BECKERMET NEWS

The refurbished Reading Rooms within the village, on Sellafield Road, have continued to be well used and appreciated by all within our community. Since their reopening there has been a great interest in hiring the premises, together with a great variety of new activities and courses being made available to anyone who wishes to take the opportunity to participate.

A wide variety of free courses are being offered by Whitehaven Adult Learning. These include card making and exploring acrylic painting & watercolour techniques to name but a few. As well as these activities there are a great number of workshops being offered throughout the autumn & winter months for anyone to sign up to. If you are interested in taking the opportunity to participate in any of these activities then keep an eye on the Reading Room Facebook page. By participating you will not only be able to learn new skills but you will also have the opportunity to meet like-minded people and form new friendships. As well as these activities or workshops there will be other opportunities such as film nights, band nights as well as being able to hire the facilities for private functions and children's parties, with ample space for sitting down for food and space for games and having fun. A large 84-inch TV screen is also available to entertain your youngsters.

If taking part in activities/workshops is not for you, then why not come along and spend an enjoyable time with friends at 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. Tea, coffee, biscuits and a variety of cakes are all available. There is no charge for tea/coffee and cakes but a donation would be welcome, but not compulsory. You do not need to live within Beckermets to be able to attend these sessions so it would be lovely to see new faces coming along to join in with our regular members.

In addition to our regular Coffee Cake & Chat sessions, our Quiz Nights & Bingo Evenings continue to be enjoyed by our regulars, with newcomers always welcome to join in. The next Quiz Night will be on Friday 6th October 2023 while the next Bingo Evening will be on Friday 20th October 2023, both starting at 6.30pm and lasting around two hours. It would be lovely to see you attend these evenings regardless of where you live as it is always lovely to see people coming along and having an enjoyable evening. We always try and make both these entertaining with lots of fun and laughter. Keep an eye on both the Reading Room and Beckermets Village Facebook pages for adverts for these activities

together with new ones coming on line.

To help support the wonderful Macmillan Charity we will be holding a Special Coffee Morning event on Wednesday 4th October from 10am -12noon in the Reading Rooms. As well as the refreshments there will also be some fundraising activities to help us raise even more funds for their cause. Please try to come along to do whatever we can as individuals to support people with cancer.

Within the Reading Rooms 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. If you feel able to donate something then the box for donating food can be found in the front porch of the Reading Rooms. Any donation however small will be greatly appreciated (tinned/packet etc. but not fresh).

A new fundraising initiative has recently been launched. The Beckermets Village Association are organising a village lottery on a 50/50 basis. The cost for entry is a single payment of £25 to cover the whole year, with three prizes drawn at random on the first Tuesday of the month at the Coffee Cake & Chat session in the Reading Rooms. There will be seven months of prizes at £50, £30, £20 with five months at £100, £60, £40 which will be half of the income. The other half will be available for good causes in the village to help them fund new initiatives within their organisation. If you are interested then contact me using my details below.

The Reading Rooms are a valuable asset for the community of Beckermets 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.

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## West Lakes U3A October events

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

Contact : Marilyn on 07817499849, [smithybrow@icloud.com](mailto:smithybrow@icloud.com)  
or check website for further details and updates.



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

Monday 2nd October: Cycling - Meet outside Gosforth Public Hall 10am. Two hour planned route to include refreshment stop. All welcome. 019467 25831

Mondays 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd October: Chair based exercises with Lin Davis. 60 minute sessions starting at 2.30 followed by refreshments. Gosforth Public Hall

Wednesday 4th October History: 'German WW2 Disguised Ghost Ships' Max Taylor - Drigg Village Hall. Refreshments 10.15 for 10.45 start

Wednesdays 4th, 18th October: IT/Digital support drop in - Gosforth Library, 4-5 pm

Wednesdays 4th, 11th, 18th 25th October: French Conversation - The Kellbank , Gosforth 10.15-12.15 Details from James 07931996742 This group is currently at capacity.

Thursday 5th October and Wednesday 18th October: Foundation Level Recorders - Santon Bridge Village Hall Supper Room, Thursday 10-00-11.30; Wednesday 2.30-4.00. 07817499849,

Thursday 5th Oct: Singing for Fun - Seascale Methodist Hall 2.30-4.00 . Kathy on 019467 21217

Monday 9th October: Strolling group - A 2 mile gentle stroll followed by a refreshment stop. Starting at 2pm. Route to be decided. Val 07796 527876

Tuesday 10th October: 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

Thursday 12th October: Art Appreciation –\_Art of America Part 1 on DVD. St Joseph's Hall, Seascale. Refreshments from 10.15 for a 10.45 start.

Friday 13th & 27th October: Intermediate Recorders - Santon Village Hall supper room. Refreshments available from 10.00 Playing from 10.15 -12.00. 017817 499849

Tuesday 17th October: Family History Group – Santon Village Hall 10.00 – 12.00. For further details or to express an interest email Hilary on [westlakesu3afhg@gmail.com](mailto:westlakesu3afhg@gmail.com)

Thursday 19th October: Open Mind – 'The Two Prominent Families engaged in the Rum Trade ' – Mike James, followed by an optional community lunch. Gosforth Public Hall. Refreshments from 10.15 for a 10.45 start.

Tuesday 24th October: Discovery Group -St Mary's Room, Gosforth 2.00 for 2.30 start. ' Nuclear Space Batteries' Speaker: Prof. Tim Tinsley, National Nuclear Laboratory.

Thursday 26th October: Reading Group - St Mary's Room, 10.30. Contact Jean 019467 28713

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ALL WELCOME – Ring 019467-24632 to book

Future events:

DATE TBC – Coffee Morning and Book Sale – 10am – 12

Fri 1st Dec – Mince Pie and Wine

**Table Tennis Club:** Meets on a Wednesday - 6:00pm to 7:30pm. All welcome, young or old. Contact David on 019467-24632. Other times can be arranged.

**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.

## NEWS FROM GOSFORTH SCHOOL



*Mrs S Layzell  
Assistant Headteacher*

Our new school year has started off very well. We have nineteen new starters in Reception who have settled in really quickly. We are busy preparing for the Harvest Festival in church on 29th September. Each class will perform something and we will be having a collection for the local FoodBank.

We are working with our Forest School teacher, Miss Lister, to develop our outdoor area. The older children started by clearing up the front of school and collecting seeds to plant. We are hoping to plant more trees and develop a wild flower meadow.

FOGS are working hard to continue to fund raise for school. Over 30 people ran the 5K Fun Run along the Viking Way, there is a Macrame Workshop coming in October and plans are well underway for the Christmas Market. After its success last year, we have decided school isn't big enough to host the market, so this year we are moving to the Village Hall. The Christmas Market will take place on Saturday 2nd December from 10am to 2pm.

*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.



## MUNCASTER MICROBUS

We continue to urgently need for volunteer drivers to help us run our service.

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Saturday 15th October – KENDAL - £10.50

Friday 20th October – EGREMONT FARMERS MARKET

Saturday 28th October – KESWICK - £9

Saturday 11th November – WINDERMERE AND AMBLESIDE - £10.50

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

## GOSFORTH LIBRARY

Opening hours as follows:

Saturday: 10.00 – 12.00 hrs.

Monday: 13.00 – 14.30 hrs.

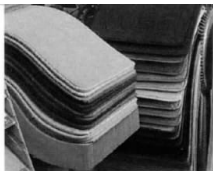
Wednesday: 16.00 – 17.30 hrs.



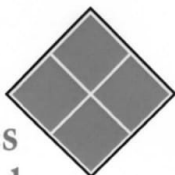
The library is looking for more volunteers to continue with this village service. You do not need any library skills to be a volunteer and there will always be two on duty. It does not involve a lot of your time – anything from a 2-hour session once a month or once a week. If you are able to help, drop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

The summer reading challenge has ended and was completed by more children than previous years. During the summer the number of young families visiting the library increased and all our regular members continued to use the service.

Many duplicate donated books were sold or given away at Gosforth Show, creating space for new donations.



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## NEWS FROM GADS – GOSFORTH AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY



*Jim Polmear, GADS*

For your delight and entertainment, GADS presents “A Night at the Musicals”

Rehearsals are well under way for our next show – “A Night at the Musicals” where the group will perform songs from a selection of much-loved shows from both stage and film. We invite you all to join us for a night of laughter, tears, joy and singing which (if rehearsals are anything to go by) will not disappoint! Performances will take place on Thu 19, Fri 20 and Sat 21 October, all starting at 7pm (doors open at 6.30pm). We recommend you buy your tickets in advance as we expect them to sell well.

Tickets are priced at £7.50 for adults and £5 for u18 and full time students with a 50p / ticket discount for groups of 10 or more. They go on general sale on Mon 25th September and you can order or get more details from our website. You can buy tickets online (there is a link), you can order by emailing [tickets@gads.org.uk](mailto:tickets@gads.org.uk) or you can phone Seascale 28392.

This show is yet another first for GADS – it’s our first production of this type and a first for its Director / Arranger. Also, we will have a bar serving drinks before the show and during the interval. As is becoming usual, we will also have our Ravenglass Homemade Ice-cream on sale all to help give you that West End experience in the Western Lake District. So, get yourselves down for one (or even two!) of the shows for a fantastic evening of entertainment, and yes, of course you can sing along with us.

Our website is [www.gads.org.uk](http://www.gads.org.uk) and on Facebook we are **gads1948**. Please use both to keep up to date and get in touch if necessary.





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## **GOSFORTH WI**



The Gosforth WI met on 5th September to hear a presentation by Fix the Fells, a conservation group of volunteers who repair Lakeland footpaths damaged by weather, water and wear. The photographs of paths before and after their work were proof of how much the repairs are needed.

The next meeting is on 3rd October at 7.15 pm in Gosforth Public Hall. There will be a presentation by a local historian on Local History and Artefacts. Refreshments will be served and visitors - and new members - are always welcome.

On 12th October, there will be a crafting session in St Mary's Room where we will be painting pebbles. The cost is £3 to cover room hire and refreshments. All are welcome.

## **THE LOCAL FOODBANK**

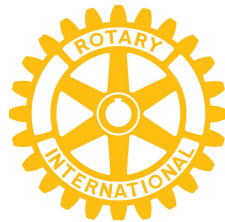
Just a reminder to everyone that the local Foodbank is still in need of our support. There are boxes for donations of food at the back of our churches and these are taken to Egremont Foodbank each week, so try and remember to bring something along when you come on Sunday or drop it in during the week.

## **A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR**

Many thanks to Karen Warmoth who has helped me put together this October magazine. Michiko is on holiday in Japan this month so Karen very kindly agreed to arrange the pages into magazine format for me and helped with the printing - something beyond my capability!

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## ROTARY CLUB OF WEST LAKELAND



*Graham Hutson*

The club has been out and about in recent weeks.

We assisted at Gosforth Show in our normal capacity, running the pedestrian gate. We were quite busy once the sun came out in mid-morning, so we were fortunate that the son of a member was on hand to show us how to use the credit card machine.

We had an interesting Treasure Hunt in the Ennerdale area, finishing at the Countryman for a good, if somewhat large, supper.

This was followed by an evening playing bowls at Seascale where members and guests were treated to a sausage and onions supper, prepared for us by the ladies of Inner Wheel.

Another interesting visit was when we were lucky enough to be invited to view Robert Gate's extensive private collection of exotic motor vehicles.

This was followed once more by a tasty meal at the Countryman.

### **SAINT FOR OCTOBER – ELIZABETH FRY**

Although not recognised officially as a Saint, the Quaker Elizabeth Fry is remembered by the Church of England on the 12th October.

She was particularly distressed by the dreadful conditions endured by women prisoners, especially in London's notorious Newgate Gaol. She did not, however, restrict her interests to this one problem but worked with great determination to improve conditions in other prisons, and to improve the lot of poor women generally. She was an early trainer of nurses, some of whom helped Florence Nightingale in the Crimea.

Elizabeth was supported by Queen Victoria, who made donations towards her work.



## 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)

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

(Compiled by Brian Pateman and distributed by email to nearly 100 people by Helen Pateman)

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](mailto:aitchpateman@gmail.com)

# SOUTH CALDER MISSION COMMUNITY - OCTOBER 2023

| October                        | Church                       | Service                                 | Time  |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b>   |                              |                                         |       |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> October</b>  | Nether Wasdale               | HC - Harvest                            | 9.30  |
| <b>Trinity 17</b>              | Waberthwaite                 | MP - Harvest                            | 9.30  |
| <b>GREEN</b>                   | Seascale                     | HC @ Methodist Church - Harvest         | 9.30  |
| <b>Proper 21</b>               | Gosforth                     | Harvest Worship with Phoenix            | 11.00 |
|                                | Drigg                        | HC                                      | 11.00 |
|                                | Eskdale Boot                 | HC - Harvest                            | 11.00 |
|                                | Muncaster                    | MP - Harvest                            | 11.00 |
|                                | Whicham                      | HC                                      | 11.00 |
|                                | Bootle                       | FS-Messy Ch                             | 4.00  |
|                                | Gosforth                     | Evening Worship in St Mary's Rm         | 6.30  |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b>   |                              |                                         |       |
| <b>8<sup>th</sup> October</b>  | Beckermet                    | MP - Harvest                            | 9.30  |
| <b>Trinity 18</b>              | Irton                        | HC                                      | 9.30  |
| <b>GREEN</b>                   | Seascale                     | <b>No service @ Methodist Ch. today</b> | 9.30  |
| <b>Proper 22</b>               | Gosforth                     | HC                                      | 11.00 |
|                                | Wasdale Head                 | Morning Praise                          | 11.00 |
|                                | Drigg                        | FS - Harvest                            | 11.00 |
|                                | Eskdale Boot                 | MP                                      | 11.00 |
|                                | Corney                       | Harvest Festival                        | 11.00 |
|                                | Whicham                      | Evening Service                         | 6.00  |
|                                | Seascale                     | <b>No Faith and fellowship today</b>    | 7.00  |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b>   |                              |                                         |       |
| <b>15<sup>th</sup> October</b> | Eskdale Green                | MP                                      | 9.30  |
| <b>Trinity 19</b>              | Nether Wasdale               | MP                                      | 9.30  |
| <b>GREEN</b>                   | Waberthwaite                 | HC                                      | 9.30  |
| <b>Proper 23</b>               | Seascale                     | HC @ Methodist Church                   | 9.30  |
|                                | Gosforth                     | Morning Worship                         | 11.00 |
|                                | Drigg                        | HC                                      | 11.00 |
|                                | Muncaster                    | HC                                      | 11.00 |
|                                | Whicham                      | Pet 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>22<sup>nd</sup> October</b> | Calder Bridge Hall           | MP                                      | 9.30  |
| <b>Trinity 20</b>              | Beckermet                    | HC                                      | 9.30  |
| <b>GREEN</b>                   | Seascale                     | Methodist @ Methodist Church            | 9.30  |
| <b>Proper 24</b>               | Eskdale Green                | HC                                      | 9.30  |
|                                | Gosforth                     | HC                                      | 11.00 |
|                                | Wasdale Head                 | Celtic Praise                           | 11.00 |
|                                | Drigg                        | MP                                      | 11.00 |
|                                | Irton                        | HC                                      | 11.00 |
|                                | Bootle                       | HC                                      | 11.00 |
|                                | Bootle                       | Bible Study                             | 4.00  |
|                                | Gosforth-St Mary's Rm + Zoom | Phoenix Praise Evening Worship          | 7.00  |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>   |                              |                                         |       |
| <b>29<sup>th</sup> October</b> | <b>Benefice Sunday</b>       |                                         |       |
| <b>Last after Trinity</b>      | Seascale                     | Messy HC                                | 10.30 |
| <b>GREEN</b>                   | Waberthwaite                 | HC                                      | 11.00 |
| <b>Proper 25</b>               | Bootle                       | Bacon and blither                       | 11.00 |
|                                | Whicham                      | All Souls                               | 4.00  |