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*for the Seatallan Benefice*

*Gosforth & Wasdale*

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## FROM THE SEATALLAN PARISH REGISTERS

**Occasional Offices conducted between  
the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and the 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

BECKERMET

9<sup>th</sup> October

Funeral and Burial

Barbara Jackson

CALDER BRIDGE, PONSONBY and OLD CHURCH

No occasional offices known

SEASCALE

No occasional Offices known

GOSFORTH, NETHER WASDALE and WASDALE HEAD

No occasional offices known

DRIGG

15<sup>th</sup> September

Burial

Dorothy Chatterley

## FROM OUR CURATE RACHEL

Every year, I wonder at just how dark it seems in the evenings when the clocks change. It doesn't seem that long ago that it was light when I was going to bed, yet now I'm not even home from my daytime activities before it goes dark! As the days shorten into the winter months, it seems we have little daylight at all.

As a child I was scared of the dark, I didn't like not being able to see what was around me. I had a wild imagination, thinking something or someone might be lurking in the shadows waiting to jump out at me! I am still not completely at ease in the dark.

Physical darkness brings to mind the realities of the powers of darkness and spiritual forces of evil at work in the world. We can choose to ignore them or recognise their presence: in war and conflict, oppression and injustice towards individuals and certain people groups, the mental health crisis in our society, the breakdown of families, the threats and unkind words thrown across cyberspace, the poor getting poorer, the list could go on...

But what are we to do? The darkness is all around us, sometimes it feels like it is closing in.

In the winter months when it is dark outside, I like to see the warm glow of light coming from people's homes as one passes by, the cosiness of a fire lit in the living room, the flicking of candlelight in a dark home, the twinkling of stars in the night sky. These lights bring me comfort, give me hope and fill me with joy.

Next month it will be Advent and so our minds are turning towards Christmas and the coming of Jesus Christ, who is the Light of the World. Light which shines in the darkness and is not overcome by it. He is the light which brings real comfort, hope, and joy into our lives.

Jesus tells his followers that we are to be the light of the world. By living in Christ, being bearers of His God-image in the world, we reflect His light and are to live as children of light, shining His light into the darkness of this world. How might we do this?

Paul the apostle tells us that the fruit of the light is found in all that is good, right, and true. It is not always easy to see and to know what is good, right, and true in our world today, we need the Holy Spirit to guide us. But it is in the darkness that light shines brightest of all, so in these dark days of winter, let's shine the light of Jesus Christ.

*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. 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.

## **GOSFORTH PARISH CHURCH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

The October meeting was postponed until the 31<sup>st</sup> October so too late for a report in this magazine. Hopefully there will be a report in the December/January magazine. If you have anything you wish us to consider please phone 01946 725 300. Ruth Schofield (Clerk to the Committee)

*Ruth Schofield (Clerk to the Committee)*

## **GOSFORTH CHURCH FUND RAISING**

The Methodists at Seascale have generously offered us a table at their Christmas Fair on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November. We do hope some of you will support us there between 10am and 2pm. We would welcome donations of cakes, biscuits, buns, tray bakes, scones, jams, marmalade or chutneys - Please let Norma or Ruth S. know if you can do so.

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

Our coffee morning this month will be on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 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 to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

## **VEN COLIN STANNARD**

We have just heard that Colin Stannard, Vicar of Gosforth and Wasdale in the 70s, subsequently becoming Archdeacon of Carlisle, died in August this year at the age of 99 years. A memorial service will take place at St John's Church, Upperby, Carlisle on 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 2.00 pm.

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## NOVEMBER 2023

**Our November meeting is a pre-Christmas Social Afternoon** in Seascale on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November** at 2.00 pm in the Methodist Hall. Anyone wanting transport please contact Ruth on 25300. As usual there won't be a meeting in December.

**MU Diaries, Christmas Cards, Calendars etc.** The range and grouping of cards this year makes group ordering more difficult but Mary Waterhouse has some for resale. Those who have internet access are asked to look on line to view the catalogue at [www.mueshop.org](http://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.

## PRAYER TOPICS FOR NOVEMBER

- The MU members and associates in the Dioceses in Zone C – Australia (6,244); New Zealand (380); Papua New Guinea (21,000); Solomon Islands (16,500); Tonga (60) and Vanuatu (1,139) that they may enjoy Christian Fellowship within the Mothers' Union.
- Those who are suffering abuse, injustice and discrimination rather than being treated with equality and respect that all may learn to celebrate our diversity and interdependence. Praying especially for the women of Afghanistan and Iran.
- The people of war-torn countries as they face the perils of daily life and worry about their families, thinking especially of those in and from Israel, Palestine and Ukraine.
- The MU annual campaign "16 days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence" starts on 25<sup>th</sup> November.
- Pray for the transformation of the culture of gender-based violence. Also, for women you know in positions of influence, whether in the family, in the church or in society in general, that they are protected from unwarranted criticism or prejudice and instead have opportunities to influence for good.
- The people who need extra help to keep warm in the current economic climate. All those who use "warm hubs" and the volunteers who run these hubs.

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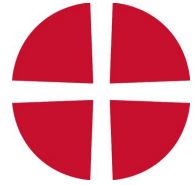
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# GOSFORTH METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

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## Now meeting in St. Mary's Room

The Methodist year starts (like schools!) in September and a membership card is taken to each member by the minister or class leader. Each year this is freshly worded to reflect new concerns and old truths. I think Christians of all denominations could say YES to this affirmation of faith and mission:

As a member of the Methodist Church **I am called to:**

- **worship** within the local church, including regular sharing in Holy Communion, and through personal prayer
- **learning and caring**, through Bible study and meeting for fellowship, so that I may grow in faith and support others in their discipleship
- **service**, by being a good neighbour in the community, challenging injustice and using my resources to support the Church in its mission in the world
- **evangelism**, through working out my faith in daily life and sharing Christ with others.

*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 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...)

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 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)



### **DEANERY SYNOD MEETING**

There will be a meeting of the Deanery Synod at St Cuthbert's Church, Seascale, on 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 7.00 pm when the Diocesan plans for reaching Zero Carbon by 2030 will be discussed. All who are interested are invited to attend.

## *St Olaf's, Wasdale Head*

### *faith in the fells*

**VIP VISIT** – it was good to welcome Cumbria's Lord Lieutenant and High Sheriff, Alex and Samantha Scott, on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. It was their request to come to see the church and its restoration plans. As The King's representatives in Cumbria, their duties include supporting the voluntary sector and community projects like this. They enjoyed their visit, despite some genuine Wasdale weather! The visit started with lunch at the Sawmill and concluded at the Old School on the Green, which the PCMC will be managing from April onwards.



**ST OLAF'S PCMC** trustees held their bi-annual meeting at the Inn on 11<sup>th</sup> October at 5.30pm, followed by supper. As usual, all 9 trustees were present. The main business was to approve and sign off the architect's restoration plans, so that the faculty and planning applications can be prepared. These were passed unanimously. The treasurer, Carolyn, was able to report the healthy state of St Olaf's finances. Restoration fundraising now totals £77,500, with a further £17,500 promised/expected from local and in-church donations. The current forecast for the cost of the restoration is £165,000. On that basis we have another £70,000 to raise before April 2024. Donations can be made via our website, or on [www.justgiving.com/campaign/wasdaleheadchurch](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/wasdaleheadchurch) or by card or cash in St Olaf's. We are very grateful for so much local support.

**HARVEST** – our Harvest Thanksgiving and in-church donations from visitors during Harvest Week enabled St Olaf's to send £75 worth of food (all from the Foodbank's list), and a donation of £275 to the North Lakes Foodbank.

**MORE HELP** – we need to enlarge the current small team of three who undertake all the daily tasks demanded by our busy church, a workload exacerbated temporarily by the restoration project and fundraising. We need a second warden, a younger one, to share the load and assist with the care of the church and churchyard, help with the marketing and promotion of the church, its digital development, and visitor care. Philip is fully supportive of the need for more help, and the aim is to have at least one new warden ready to join us by the APCM in March/April. Please pray for this.

We also need more help with the spiritual development of the church, to improve and extend its ministry to visitors/pilgrims, and its ecumenical role, and to help with leading services. This search is already underway. St Olaf's is growing in all but size. The need is to be laying sound foundations for its future growth and mission, so the church is ready for its new life after the restoration.

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – 12<sup>th</sup> November** this year – is always a big event at Wasdale Head with a huge gathering at the replica Fell & Rock Climbing Club Memorial on Great Gable's summit, and a usually well attended Act of Remembrance that starts beside the FRCC Memorial in St Olaf's churchyard and concludes in church. Please be at either location by around 10.50 so the ceremonies and 2-minutes silence can start at 11 o'clock.

**This is the centenary of the FRCC Memorial**, and around it we remember the 6 young men from Wasdale and 21 FRCC members who were killed in WWI, and the 12 FRCC members and the 8 airmen who died in the four aircraft that crashed into the fells that surround Wasdale Head during WWII.

The service at St Olaf's on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 11am is Morning Worship.

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## **CALDERBRIDGE AND PONSONBY NEWS**

The next Church Service will be held in the Village Hall on 26<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am. All future services during the winter months will be held here on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday.

Thank you to all those who joined us for the Seatallan Benefice Harvest Supper which was a huge success. The bring and share supper and the quiz that followed were very much enjoyed by everyone. £155.20 was raised for the Bishop's Harvest Appeal.

Our Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm. There will be the usual homemade teas, raffle, cake stall and craft stall. Why not come along, meet up with your friends and have a lovely afternoon tea.

*Eleanor Glaister*

## BECKERMET NEWS

What a transformation there has been in our small village since those long lock down days of Covid19, hopefully never to be repeated, with the reopening of the Reading Rooms and the vast improvement of the village play area. This transformation has been due to two major factors. The first being the dedicated work of small bands of volunteers who have rolled their sleeves up and put in the time and effort into improving the life of the village. Secondly even with their hard work and determination neither of these would have been possible without the financial support of the GDF which has funded both the refurbishment of the Reading Rooms and the upgrading of the play area facilities. Beckermets has, along with other local communities, been fortunate to be able to tap into this much needed source of funding.

The Reading Rooms once barely utilised have now become the heart of the activities that have encouraged residents to come out and participate in a wide range of activities for all ages within our community. There is rarely a day when there isn't some activity going on in this building with some days two or three taking place. The refurbishment has greatly improved the facilities and it is now a pleasure to be in the building. The activities on offer for anyone to attend have included, art class, decorating stones, card making, wet felting, pen & water colours, exploring acrylic paint with others planned for wax melt workshop, macrame decorations and wreath making for Christmas. For the more energetic there are a variety of more physical activities such as yoga, village choir, pound workout, couch to 5K for beginners, Pilates and most recently the introduction of Bollywood Dancing. If you are interested in finding out what is available and when then visit the Reading Rooms or Beckermets Village Facebook pages.

If taking part in activities/workshops is not for you then there are other opportunities for you to get away from the same old four walls and meet other like-minded people by coming along and spending 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 together with a variety of cakes are all available. There is no charge for tea/coffee and cakes just 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 new comers always welcome to join in. We always try and make both these entertaining with lots of fun and laughter. If you are interested then please note the following dates for your diary- Quiz Nights Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November & Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December with Bingo on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November & Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Each event starts at 6.30pm in the Reading Rooms and lasts for approximately two hours. It would be lovely to see you attend these evenings regardless of where you live as it is always lovely to see new people coming along and having



an enjoyable evening. Keep an eye on both the Reading Room and Beckermets Village Facebook pages for adverts for these activities together with new dates coming on line throughout 2024.

Over the weekend of the 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> of September the Reading Rooms celebrated its 100th Birthday following its opening back in September in 1923. On the Friday evening there was a music night to begin the celebrations followed by a Special Free Event on the Saturday with the official reopening taking place at 3pm. During the afternoon there were two displays, one about the history of the Reading Rooms & village with the second covering what we can look forward to in the future. This activity was well attended with tea, cakes and refreshments provided. The refurbishment of the Reading Rooms has included a small bar which will be able to provide refreshments at all events especially on band nights and fundraising activities. As a feature and a fundraising activity, they have sold wooden plaques to members of the community who have had messages professionally inscribed on them. These have been placed on the Bar of Legends providing an interesting feature in the room.

A new event taking place this year was the Beckermets Village Scarecrow Festival which took place in early September culminating in the competition being judged by the head of the local village school on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September during afternoon teas in the Reading Rooms. There were some nine entries which was good for the first festival. They certainly brought colour and some laughter and joy to the village. Well done to all who took the time and effort to participate in this first scarecrow festival that will be repeated next year and hopefully become a regular feature of village activities as has been common in other communities. St John's Church continues to hold two services per month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays with the Rev. Philip Dorling taking one service and the recently appointed Rev. Rachel Cunliffe taking the second. The Harvest Festival service took place on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October with a good attendance from the village. A good quantity of tinned and packet food items were brought along by the congregation for distribution to the local food bank after the service. Many thanks to all who contributed to this worthy cause. The regular collection of food items continues to be collected and these can be left in the box at the front entrance to the Reading Rooms. Another activity organised for the benefit of St John's Church is the monthly soup lunches that are being held in the Reading Rooms. While the Reading Rooms were closed for refurbishment it was not possible to continue to provide them. These soup lunches recommenced in September and always take place on the third Wednesday of the month. The next two will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> October & 16<sup>th</sup> November. Please come along and enjoy the opportunity to have a bowl or even two of soup plus cake for £6 and take part in the raffle with all profits going to the church.

Like in many towns and villages all around the country a Special Coffee Morning event for Macmillan took place on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October from 10am-12noon in the Reading Rooms to raise funds to help them continue with their magnificent work. As well as the refreshments there was also some fundraising activities including a raffle & tombola to help raise even more funds for their cause. I am

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delighted to say that they not only surpassed the total of just over £300 raised last year but smashed it by raising a magnificent £403. A big thank you to all who supported this activity with either baking, volunteering on the day or attending to help raise such a wonderful total. Next year we will try even harder as we would like to raise even more funds for this wonderful organisation.

Within the Reading Rooms we continue to 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 not fresh)

The new village fundraising lottery had its first draw on the Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September with the three lucky winners receiving £50, £30 & £20 respectively. This new fundraising activity is being run by the Beckermets Village Association on a 50/50 basis. Since we launched the idea of a village lottery the numbers participating have gradually increased and we now have nearly 150 members. This means that over the year we will be handing out at least £1,700 in prizes with a further similar amount available to help good causes within our community. The monthly draw takes place in the Reading Rooms during Coffee Cake & Chat sessions on the first Tuesday of every month with the next two being on 7<sup>th</sup> November and 5<sup>th</sup> December. If you are interested or would like to know more than please use the contact details at the end of this article.

Several dates for your diary- In the Reading Rooms on Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> November the Mustangs are playing while on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 2-4pm there is a Christmas Market also in the Reading Rooms. On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December there will be a service in church followed by the switch on of the village lights in the grounds.

The Reading Rooms are a valuable asset for the community of Beckermets and it is wonderful to see them being so well used after the refurbishment and this must please those hard-working volunteers and directors who have made this possible. This asset is for all to use and it is vital that we all support as far as possible the different activities that are being made available at present and over the months ahead.

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## **NEWS FROM SEASCALE**

### **Tea and Chat**

The Harvest Songs of Praise led by Reverend Jonathan and Sheila Falkner together with Andrew Murray on guitar was well attended and much appreciated. We extend our grateful thanks to everyone for the wonderful response to our request for donations of groceries for the North Lakes Foodbank.

Our next meeting on 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*

### **Methodist Church Christmas Fayre – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November – 10am to 2pm**

The hall will be decked out with stalls with lots of beautiful Christmas gifts, Christmas cards, cake stall, room raffle and tombola. We will be raising funds for our local “First Responders” who do a fantastic job; you certainly know you are in safe hands when the first responders arrive at your door to help the patient until the ambulance crew arrive!

### **OVER 50s YOUTH CLUB (Run by Shackles Off)**

This continues fortnightly from 2.00 – 4.00 pm in the Methodist Hall on 8th and 22nd November.

### **CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**

St Cuthbert’s and the Methodist Church will be holding a Christmas Tree Festival in St Cuthbert’s Church on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 11am-5pm and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 11am-4pm.

St Cuthbert’s Christmas Fair will also take place on the Saturday from 11am with various stalls and a soup lunch. More details in the December magazine.

*Joyce Roberts*

### **CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR CALDERWOOD HOUSE**

Allison and Jackie from the Methodist Church are planning to collect a box of Christmas treats to be shared by the residents of Calderwood House. There will be a plastic collecting crate at the rear of the church or they can be brought along to Saturday coffee. Calderwood House have both male and female residents.

**A REMINDER – Morning Coffee is served every Saturday morning in the Methodist Hall from 10 – 11.30 am. Everyone welcome to call in for coffee and a chat.**

## West Lakes U3A November 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.

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November - History:** ‘Walking in the footsteps of Mary Fair ‘ a talk by Alan Vicars with slides and archive material – Drigg Village Hall refreshments 10.15 for 10.45 start

**Wednesdays 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> November - French Conversation:** The Kellbank , Gosforth 10.15-12.15. Details from James 07931996742 This group is currently at capacity.

**Wednesdays 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> November – IT/Digital support drop in:** Gosforth Library. Call in anytime between 4 and 5 pm. (session finishes at 5.30)

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November - Foundation Level Recorders:** Santon Bridge Village Hall Supper Room, Thursday 10-00-11.30; Wednesday 2.00-3.30. 07817499849, [smithybrow@icloud.com](mailto:smithybrow@icloud.com)

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - Singing for Fun:** Seascale Methodist Hall 2.30-4.00 . Kathy on 019467 21217.

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Cycling:** Meet outside Gosforth Public Hall 10am . Two hour planned route to include refreshment stop. All welcome. 019467 25831.

**Mondays 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> November - Chair based exercises with Lin Davis.** 60 minute sessions starting at 2.30, followed by refreshments. Gosforth Public Hall.

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November - Art Appreciation –** A talk and demonstration of techniques by local artist Madeleine Warren . St Josephs, Seascale. Refreshments from 10.15 for a 10.45 start.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> November – Intermediate Recorders:** Santon Village Hall supper room. Refreshments available from 10.00 Playing from 10.15 -12.00 0781749984, [smithybrow@icloud.com](mailto:smithybrow@icloud.com)

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Strolling group:** A 2 mile gentle stroll followed by a refreshment stop starting at 2pm. Route to be decided. Val 07796527876

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Discussion:** 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 19<sup>th</sup> October – Open Mind preceded our AGM:** ‘From Barrow to Baghdad’- a talk by Philip Caine followed by an optional community lunch. Gosforth Public Hall, Refreshments from 10.15 for a 10.45 start.

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November – 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 23<sup>rd</sup> November - Reading group:** St Mary's Rooms , Gosforth 10.30.  
Contact Jean on 019467 28713.

**Out and About** – Sunday 26th November to Ulverston Dickensian Market. To book , contact Vera on 019467 25213

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November - Discovery** – please see Website for updates



## **HOLMROOK READING ROOM**

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:drmarsden@outlook.com) or 019467-24632.

### **HOLMROOK READING ROOM OUR NEXT COMMUNITY EVENT**

**Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Dec – Buffet, Mince Pie and Wine evening**

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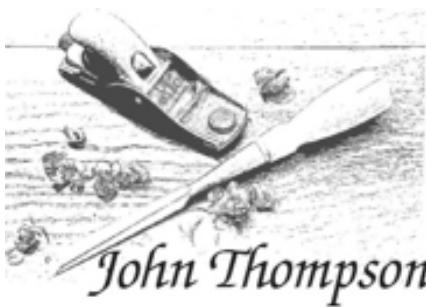
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## GOSFORTH SCHOOL NEWS

In the run up to our Harvest Festival we had a collection for the North Lakes Food Bank. We had a visit from Timmy the Tin of Tuna who talked to the children about how the Food Bank help those in need. We had donations sent in over a week which filled over 20 carrier bags. Some of the Year 6 children went on the school minibus to Egremont and delivered the bags. We held our Harvest Festival in the church which was very well attended by parents and wider family. Each class performed a Harvest themed song and we had a blessing from Philip.



Our next service in church will be Remembrance which will take place on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am. The service will be followed by refreshments in St Mary's room.

We have been busy attending sporting events this term. A team from Years 3 and 4 attended a Multi skills festival against lots of other local schools and Year 6 have been to a Tag Rugby tournament and a Football event. In the coming weeks we will also be sending 30 children from KS2 to a Cross Country qualifying event, in the hope that some will take part in the County Championship in January.

We marked World Mental Health Day with activities appropriate for each year group. On the same day, we also had a visit from Nat and his Wheelchair Basketball team. Nat brings along 10 wheelchairs and every child in school has the opportunity to experience the sport which they all thoroughly enjoy.

FOGS held their AGM and celebrated another successful year of fundraising. They had a Great North Air Ambulance clothing collection and ran a Macrame workshop in school. In the run up to Christmas they will be running a Rag Wreath workshop (25<sup>th</sup> Nov), hosting the Christmas Market (2<sup>nd</sup> Dec), providing refreshments at the Candlelit Concert in church (8<sup>th</sup> Dec) and Egremont Farmer's Market (15<sup>th</sup> Dec).



*Mrs S Layzel, Assistant Headteacher*

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## NEWS FROM GOSFORTH BROWNIES



This term we've been busy finding out about our own limits and possibilities, working towards the Know Myself Theme Award. Those nearly finishing their Gold Award are holding an origami teach-in session for the rest of the Brownies, and we are hoping to go to Bradbury House during our evening meeting on 4 December and sing some carols, then go carol singing with our homemade lanterns around the village (weather permitting). Everyone welcome to join us! Just email me for details.

We are holding a fundraising coffee morning on Saturday 4 November, Gosforth Public Hall, 10.00 - 12.00. Homemade cakes, drinks, raffle and tombolas. Please do come along and support us. Some of the funds we raise will also be donated to Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team and Gosforth First Responders.

Once again, we are desperate for leaders to help us run Brownies, so if you are over 18 and feel you can give some time (however small) to help us in any way, please do get in touch.

*Samantha Milliner (Brownie Leader)*  
[sam.milliner@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sam.milliner@hotmail.co.uk)

## 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 restarting its monthly coffee morning. They will usually be on the third Saturday of the month but the first one will be on the 28<sup>th</sup> October 10-12 noon.

## NEWS FROM GADS – GOSFORTH AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY



The morning after “A Night at the Musicals” brings no rest for GADS. We had a break for about a week and then started rehearsals for our next production – the January Pantomime. “Once Upon A Time In Pantoland” by Alex Jackson is an all new family friendly jaunt through all the familiar characters of

Pantoland as Tiffany, Tommy and Tilly Tickle restore the fun and laughter stolen by the wicked witch Mouldeywart. For your diary, the performance dates are Wednesday 24 to Saturday 27 January and there will be much more next month. If want to keep up to date or get in touch, our website is [www.gads.org.uk](http://www.gads.org.uk) and on Facebook we are gads1948.

*Jim Polmear, GADS*

## 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.

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- Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October – KESWICK - £9
- Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November – WINDERMERE AND AMBLESIDE - £10.50
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – EGREMONT FARMERS MARKET
- Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November – ULVERSTON (DICKENSIAN FAIR) - £9
- Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December – CARLISLE - £11

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



## GOSFORTH WI



Gosforth WI's October speaker was a local lady who showed us pictures and beautiful examples of craft work done by generations of ladies in her family. The picture of Gosforth WI ladies resplendent in their hats in the 1960s was a great success with the current members!



Seven ladies enjoyed Pebble Painting at St Mary's Room on 12<sup>th</sup> October, a crafting event made possible by GDF funding for the All Kinds art project. Authentically sourced pebbles and acrylic pens were provided and the painted pebbles will be added to a wall in Millom Park along with many others taking part in this project.

The next meeting will take place on 7<sup>th</sup> November at 7.15 pm in Gosforth Public Hall. There will be a demonstration of flower arranging, both real stems and silk ones. The competition will be for the prettiest small vase and there will be light refreshments as usual.

On 30<sup>th</sup> November the Gosforth WI will be hosting a Christmas Wreath making event in St Mary's Room from 1 pm to 3 pm. The cost is £10 to cover the hire of the room and festive refreshments. Places are limited so please contact the WI Secretary if you wish to attend ([kwarmoth41@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kwarmoth41@yahoo.co.uk)).

Visitors and new members are always welcome.

## GOSFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Two pieces of good news to report:

1. As a result of the Public Hall open days, there appears to be general approval of the initial plans to modernize the Public Hall. The Council is therefore proceeding to explore funding routes, but it should be noted that as the work proceeds there may be some short-term limitations on the availability of the hall.
2. The funding application for upgrading the children's play equipment on the Playing Fields is proceeding well.

It was reported that some car sharing by school staff was now taking place, but this doesn't seem to be significantly helping the parking problem at the entrance to Denton Park.

*Graham Hutson*



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## ROTARY CLUB OF WEST LAKELAND



The club has had a quieter period recently but we have had an interesting visit to the Local Blood Bike HQ at Kells.

Our Assistant District Governor visited to update us on the latest central Rotary thinking and we have started to seriously consider the next Rotating Wheels event, scheduled for 21st July 2024.

*Graham Hutson*

## THE LOCAL FOODBANK

Just a reminder to everyone that the local Foodbank (ours is Egremont) is still very much in need of our support. There are collection boxes at the back of most of our churches and the food collected is taken regularly to Egremont Methodist Church, where the Foodbank is based.

For the past few years Philippa Grant has been kindly taking the Wasdale and Gosforth donations to Egremont on a monthly basis, but she will be moving back down south again in the near future so we are looking for a volunteer to take over from her. The Egremont Foodbank is open twice a week – on Tuesdays and Fridays between 1.00pm and 3.00pm – which is when they receive donations. It would be great if someone could volunteer to take on this responsibility! Please contact Philippa on 019467 26044 if you are able to help or need more details.

## SAINT FOR NOVEMBER - ST ANDREW

In the Spring we remembered the Patron Saints of Wales, Ireland and England. We now come to Andrew, the Patron Saint of Scotland, who is remembered on the 30<sup>th</sup> November. He was the brother of St Peter and an Apostle, which gives the Scots bragging rights over the rest of us as he is of course mentioned in the Bible.



Andrew is also the Patron Saint of both Russia and Greece and is thought to have been martyred at Patras, Greece, by means of a 'X' shaped cross, as shown on the Scottish flag. He is sometimes depicted holding a fish as he was originally a fisherman.

*Warren Lonorgan*



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Some Gosforth services and Phoenix services are being 'zoomed' each week. There is also a weekly liturgy available by email each Sunday. (Details below)

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### ZOOMED SERVICES

**11.00am Service of a 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 - NOVEMBER 2023

| November                         | Church                  | Service                         | Time  |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-------|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b>     |                         |                                 |       |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup> November</b>   | Nether Wasdale          | HC                              | 9.30  |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> bef Advent</b> | Waberthwaite            | MP                              | 9.30  |
| <b>GREEN</b>                     | Seascale                | HC at St Cuthbert's             | 9.30  |
| <b>Proper</b>                    | Gosforth                | Morning Praise                  | 11.00 |
|                                  | Drigg                   | HC                              | 11.00 |
|                                  | Eskdale Boot            | HC                              | 11.00 |
|                                  | Muncaster               | MP                              | 11.00 |
|                                  | Whicham                 | HC                              | 11.00 |
|                                  | Bootle                  | FS – Messy Church               | 4.00  |
|                                  | Gosforth                | Evening Worship in St Mary's Rm | 6.30  |
|                                  |                         |                                 |       |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b>     |                         |                                 |       |
| <b>12<sup>th</sup> November</b>  | Beckermet               | Remembrance                     | 9.30  |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> bef Advent</b> | Irton                   | HC - Remembrance                | 9.30  |
| <b>GREEN</b>                     | Seascale                | Methodists at St Cuthbert's     | 9.30  |
| <b>Proper</b>                    | Seascale                | Remembrance                     | 10.45 |
| <b>REM SUNDAY</b>                | Bootle                  | Remembrance                     | 10.45 |
|                                  | Gosforth                | HC - Remembrance                | 11.00 |
|                                  | Wasdale Head            | Remembrance                     | 11.00 |
|                                  | Drigg                   | Family Ser. - Remembrance       | 11.00 |
|                                  | Eskdale Boot            | MP - Remembrance                | 11.00 |
|                                  | Whicham                 | Evening Prayer                  | 4.00  |
|                                  | Seascale                | Faith and Fellowship            | 7.00  |
|                                  |                         |                                 |       |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b>     |                         |                                 |       |
| <b>19<sup>th</sup> November</b>  | Eskdale Green           | MP                              | 9.30  |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> bef Advent</b> | Nether Wasdale          | MP                              | 9.30  |
| <b>GREEN</b>                     | Waberthwaite            | HC                              | 9.30  |
| <b>Proper</b>                    | Seascale                | HC at St Cuthbert's             | 9.30  |
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|                                  | Drigg                   | HC                              | 11.00 |
|                                  | Muncaster               | HC                              | 11.00 |
|                                  | Whicham                 | Family Service                  | 11.00 |
|                                  | Bootle                  | Evening Service                 | 4.00  |
|                                  | Gosforth St Mary's Rm.  | Informal All-Age Worship        | 6.30  |
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| <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>     |                         |                                 |       |
| <b>26<sup>th</sup> November</b>  | Calder Bridge VH        | HC                              | 9.30  |
| <b>Christ the King</b>           | Beckermet               | MP                              | 9.30  |
| <b>WHITE</b>                     | Eskdale Green           | HC                              | 9.30  |
| <b>Proper</b>                    | Seascale                | Methodists at St Cuthbert's     | 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 Rectory          | Bible Study                     | 4.00  |
|                                  | Gosforth – St Mary's R. | Phoenix Praise Evening Worship  | 7.00  |

Cover Photo - Remembrance: A field of poppies