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FROM THE SEATALLAN PARISH REGISTERS

Occasional Offices conducted between the 14<sup>th</sup> November and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

#### **BECKERMET**

No Occasional Offices known

#### CALDER BRIDGE, PONSONBY and OLD CHURCH

• 5<sup>th</sup> Dec Funeral and burial at Old Church Charles Martin Booth

#### **SEASCALE**

No occasional Offices known

#### GOSFORTH, NETHER WASDALE and WASDALE HEAD

No Occasional Offices known

#### Where do we go from here?

Every year, I suspect vicars up and down the land secretly look forward to January. Christmas and New Year are safely 'celebrated', and the world enters a much more anonymous time once more. It may not be as shiny and exciting, but I think many of us probably hope January might be a little bit less of an upheaval than December – except that it never is – is it?

Everywhere I go in January, people's phones and ipads are out, and there is the sound of tapping as plans are made, and dates are confirmed. That's the way we British are! We like a plan...and we long to know where we are going...to chart a way into the future. In an increasingly unsettled world - it makes us feel safe, and in control.

Several years ago, I was asked by a friend of mine to go down South just before Christmas, in order to preach at his wedding in a North London church. In order to avoid the embarrassment of missing the wedding, I decided to book into a lovely retreat house nearby called the Royal Fellowship of St Katherine. Anyone can stay there — it is very reasonably priced and conveniently located....and you can even park! In that place there is a very beautiful chapel. On the floor, set in stone, is a compass rose, surrounded by the words of St Augustine of Hippo. The inscription simply says..... 'We come to God, not by navigation, but by love.'

I suppose that, in life, the aim of all of our planning is to fill our time with meaningful activity that might have the effect of 'getting us somewhere'. This is all very well, but St Augustine's words remind us that, for some people, life is about far more than simply filling their days with plans. What Augustine wrote, tells us that he saw life as being all about 'coming to God'. But for him, this clearly did not mean being on a carefully planned journey, which involved 'moving around purposefully' until you die! No, it was actually about the choice we all face in life — which is whether, or not, we are prepared to risk everything, and allow ourselves to love, and be loved back, in return.

During that stay in London, I remember spending a fair amount of time staring at the chapel floor at the Royal Fellowship of St Katherine's. I remember wondering what 'loving' might mean. I asked myself what loving God meant...and where it might lead. Then I went to preach at that wedding and rushed back home for Christmas and all those services. 'Loving' isn't easy. If we take the risk of loving God faithfully, we have no idea where we will end up, or who we will meet, or how, in the end, we might have to spend our time. 'Loving' focuses the mind! It is often easier to do some planning!!

Sometimes, I feel that it would be lovely to be able to buy a map, get a compass, and plot a path that would bring me quickly, and joyfully, to the heart of God; but that is not the way he chooses to be found by people who are interested in him. The experience of people like Augustine, tells us that, in order to find God, we need a spiritual compass - not a magnetic one. Love is the force that draws us in, not planning...and that is why we all know deep down, that Robert Burns was absolutely right when he said........

'The best laid schemes o' Mice an' Men, Gang aft agley, An' lea'e us nought but grief an' pain, For promis'd joy!' (The best laid schemes of Mice and Men oft go awry, And leave us nothing but grief and pain, For promised joy! Robert Burns)

Philip

#### SOUTH CALDER MISSION COMMUNITY PRAYERS

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

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

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



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

This will take place on **Thursday 1st February in St Mary's Room** and we hope this will also be a warm hub for everyone! As usual coffee and cake are free but donations can be made this month to Embrace the Middle East who are supporting the homeless in war torn Gaza with food and supplies.



Do come and join us – everyone is most welcome. Our numbers continue to grow!



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#### **GOSFORTH PARISH CHURCH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

There hasn't been a meeting since my last report. The next scheduled management meeting is on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February and the report will be in the March magazine. If you have anything you wish us to consider please 'phone 01946 725 300.



From Amanda Keddie – Freewill Offering Officer for St Mary's Church

A huge thank you to all who have made a financial donation to St Mary's over the past year.

In addition to ensuring that we have been able to pay all the necessary bills (insurance, utilities etc.) your donations have enabled us to:

- Pay our Parish Offer, contributing to the costs of the mission and ministry of Philip and Rachel
- Maintain and pay for repairs to St Mary's Church and the churchyard
- Make donations to our chosen missions and charities

In these times when money is tight, your continued commitment and generosity to St Mary's is greatly appreciated.

Could I take this opportunity to remind those of you who have signed a Gift Aid declaration to keep me updated of any change of address or circumstance that may mean that I cannot claim the Gift Aid on your donations. Please email me of any changes to:

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Mandy Keddie

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#### **FEBRUARY 2024**

The February meeting will be "A Reflection for Lent" on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm in Seascale Methodist Church Hall. If you need transport, please contact Ruth on 25300. We will try to get the sheet for the usual Count your Blessings Scheme to you by the end of this month. It is hoped that many of you will use it to raise money for the Overseas Fund during Lent, which starts on the 14<sup>th</sup> February.

**PRAYER FOR FEBRUARY** – Generous, loving God, you have provided all the resources for works of transformation which create a sustainable future. Help us to use your provisions well to effectively serve our communities, wherever we live in your world. Amen

#### PRAYER TOPICS

- The MU members and associates in the dioceses in Zone E Angola (4,193); Botswana (1,618); Cameroon (650); Ghana (2,500); Ethiopia (3,000); Malawi (28,075); Mozambique (6,572); Namibia (2,500); Nigeria (60,000); South Africa (61,644); Sudan (386); South Sudan (53,000); Zambia (12,000) and Zimbabwe (20,900) that they may enjoy Christian Fellowship within the Mothers' Union.
- The MU literacy and financial education programmes operating in the UK and abroad, to help women in particular to become more self-sufficient and able to support their families with confidence.
- The partnership between nations across the world, that these be driven not solely through self-interest but by a desire to serve the common good of all humankind.
- Those around the world bringing hope and comfort to those in distress; for God's people working in areas of conflict, or natural disasters. May they bring the tenderness and love of God to the hungry, homeless and persecuted.
- We pray for those looking at new ways in which MU can develop to meet the needs of this changing world.

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# St Olafs, Wasdale Head faith in the fells

**CHRISTMAS JOY** – A full bar at the Wasdale Head Inn for the Carols on the Wednesday before Christmas, and a congregation of 50 packed into the 35-seat church on Christmas Day, were typical of the larger than usual Christmas congregations reported from all the churches in the area this year – how good!

Both were led by Philip, with Rosalind Amey preaching on Christmas Day and her daughter Nadja, played the organ. Jacquie Dorling accompanied the carols.

#### **FEBRUARY SERVICES IN WASDALE**

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>– 9.30am Nether Wasdale, Holy Communion Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> – 11am Wasdale Head, Celtic Praise Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> – 9.30am Nether Wasdale, Morning Prayer Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> – 11am Wasdale Head, Morning Praise

YEW TREES – Improving the health and condition of St Olaf's yew trees has been a key task over the last four years and we are grateful for the help and advice received from the LDNP's Tree Officer Lucy Saunders. In relation to our current planning application for churchyard improvements - new paths, gates, and a garden equipment shed - we were required to have a full tree survey and this has been carried out by BHA Trees of Millom. Further crown reduction work is required on many of the trees, and truncated branches are to be cut back to the stems which will improve the appearance and balance of the trees. Yew no:3 is to be felled, this is a small and poor specimen near the south east corner of the churchyard and much of its stem is now rotten. We have an authentic sapling grown from a cutting from yew no:16 that is ready to plant in a gap nearby. The work will include grinding out the stumps of previously felled yews, and will be undertaken as part of the restoration project.

**1936** – Philip has found a copy of the Whitehaven News dated Thursday June 18<sup>th</sup> 1936 with a full account of the dedication by the Bishop of Carlisle of the 'new vestry, pulpit, harmonium case, altar and altar rail' at St Olaf's. He also dedicated a churchyard extension, and we think this is a narrow strip on the west side between the line of yews and the west wall. The pulpit and harmonium went in 1984 when the present organ arrived. This 88 year-old paper will be filed in St Olaf's archives.

Hugh Foulerton
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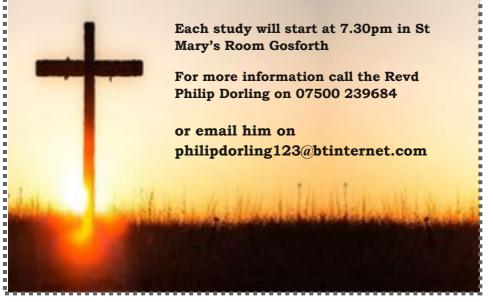
14th March 2024

Study 5 The Divine Thirst

21st March 2024

Study 6 The Final Consummation

28th March 2024



#### GOSFORTH METHODIST COMMUNITY

As I'm writing, this Christmas is all but a distant memory, over for another year, but I couldn't let the lovely Carol Service here at Gosforth slip by without a mention. Despite the awful weather - wind, rain, sleet and snow, a good number of people, both young and not so young, turned out to sing carols around the village before gathering at St Marys Church for worship. The service really put everyone in a Christmas mood and will hopefully be repeated next Christmas.

We continue to meet for our twice monthly services. These are always lively, interesting and there is something for everyone, no matter where they are on their own personal journey of faith. Even when snow and ice stopped many of the regulars gathering, even when our preacher Rev. Paul Harold was unable to appear in person, IT wizards Jill and Keith, along with Alister, quickly organised an impromptu Zoom link so no one missed out.

Hopefully, we can now look forward to better weather, lighter nights and new challenges, as a community and as individuals. At a recent service, several people voiced their feeling of 'something moving among us,' a feeling that things were happening and that now is the time for us as Christians to be ready to help others to both discover their faith, as those of us on the fringes grow closer to God.

Hope to see you at one of our services soon. They take place at 6.30 pm on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month in St. Mary's Room Gosforth.

Lynn Pattison

#### 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.



I'm delighted to say that Christine McKinley has offered to take over from Philippa Grant and will collect the food donations from Nether Wasdale and Gosforth and take them through to the Foodbank in Egremont. Just so you know, she will collect the items from our churches on the 3rd Friday of each month, so it would be good if we could all try and put something in the box each month before that date! If you need to contact her for any reason her number is 01946 726267.

#### **BECKERMET NEWS**

By the time you are reading this we will be well into January but I would still like to wish you all a Happy & Prosperous New Year. Another new year has arrived which I sincerely hope will prove a great deal better for those who have suffered or are still suffering the horrors inflicted upon them in the various part of our world. There are more than enough natural disasters for people to deal with without those created by mankind.

Thinking of others who are less fortunate than many of us, please can I take this opportunity to remind all members of our community that we are still collecting items for those who struggle during these difficult financial times just to put a meal on their family table. With this in mind there are two boxes in the porch of the Reading Rooms where you can drop off items for the local food bank. Any donation however small will be greatly appreciated. (tinned/packet, etc - not fresh)

Due to the unreliability of the boiler in St John's Church it was agreed some time ago to move our twice monthly services into the village Reading Rooms where the heating system is much more reliable. Our first service took place there on Sunday 14th January in a lovely warm environment without the need of layers of thick winter clothes and breathing out like dragons. It was a great success as Rev Philip Dorling was able to use the large TV screen to display the service for all to see including the words of the hymns thus removing the need for books and hymn sheets. The service was well attended by just over twenty with tea or coffee available to all on arrival to warm them up and again after the service. Please note each service starts at 9.00, half an hour earlier than normal as it has to be concluded with everything cleared away for yoga that starts at 10.30. The two services each month are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays with Communion on the first of these taken by the Rev Philip Dorling with the second one, Morning Worship taken by the Rev Rachel Cunliffe. Please also note that the services in the Reading Rooms will continue at these times and dates during January, February and March returning to St John's Church for Easter. It would be lovely to see you at one of these services where you will be made to feel most welcome.

The Reading Rooms continue to be well used and are well and truly a major aspect and asset of our village community. Numerous activities take place within the building for the benefit of all who wish to participate in the various events that are provided. These can vary from fundraising band nights organised by the CIC to activities put on by the social committee, such as the children's recent Christmas parties and the over 60's lunch held in the new year, attended by approximately three dozen residents who were later entertained by our own "Two Rivers Rock" village choir. This same group had put on a great evening of entertainment for the village singing carols, alternating with some audience participation in other carols. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> December they also toured the village singing carols, raising just over two hundred pounds for local good causes. The facilities are also used for private hire for groups such as yoga and an art group, to mention just two. Keep a lookout on the Reading Room Facebook page to see what is on.

As well as all these various one-off activities the Coffee Cake & Chat sessions continue to take place each week on a Tuesday from 9.30-11.30am and on a Thursday from 1.30-3.30pm. Tea, Coffee and biscuits, together with a variety of cakes, are all available. There is no charge but a donation would be welcome, but not compulsory. You do not need to live within Beckermet 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 - two who walk from Egremont every Tuesday morning have become a part of our sessions. The reintroduction of the "Soup Lunches" has also been a great success. There has been a short break of a couple of months but they will commence again shortly. Please keep a look out for the next event with adverts placed in the various noticeboards and on Facebook.

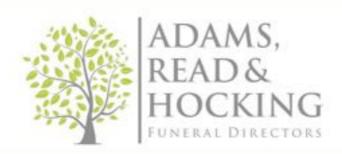
As well as our regular Coffee Cake & Chat sessions our Quiz Nights & Bingo Evenings continue to be enjoyed by our regulars with new comers always welcome to join in. We always try and make both these entertaining with lots of fun and laughter. If you are interested then please note the following dates for your diary- Quiz Nights 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb, 1<sup>st</sup> Mar & 5<sup>th</sup> April with Bingo on & 16<sup>th</sup> Feb, 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar & 26<sup>th</sup> April. All on Friday evenings starting at 6.30pm in the Reading Rooms and lasting for approximately two hours.

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. In addition to books, we now have a wide variety of jigsaw puzzles available for loaning out. If on the other hand you would like to take away the book or the jigsaw for keeps then a small donation would be welcome.

Our village lottery continues with each monthly draw taking place at around 10am on the first Tuesday of each month during Coffee Cake & Chat in the Reading Rooms. Since it started in October last year, we have had 21 winners, all different with a total of £765 paid out in prize money with around £1,100 still to be won before the end of September 2024. To date we have made one donation to St John's Church to help with their Soup Lunches while we have three applications to process from the younger members of our community, two requesting financial support with their involvement in the Tanzania link while another has been chosen to represent the Sea Cadets during the 80th anniversary of the D Day landings on June 6th 2024. All will receive financial assistance from our lottery fund as these are the types of activities/young people it was set up to support. Any group or individual in the village can apply to this fund for financial assistance. If you wish to apply then please contact me using the details at the end of this article. The next village lottery draws will be on Tuesday 6th February & Tuesday 5th March at 10am in the Reading Rooms.

For more information about any of the events in the Reading Rooms or village please check either the Beckermet Reading Room or Beckermet Village Facebook pages for details. Please try to support as many of these activities as possible and make the Reading Rooms the central hub for village activities.

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#### **NEWS FROM SEASCALE**

#### **Christmas Tree Festival at St Cuthberts**

The Christmas Tree festival in December was a huge success, even with the bad weather – heavy rain and wind on the Saturday morning. Our thanks to everyone who decorated a tree and supported us over the weekend.

The Church Fair on the Saturday brought many people out to browse around the stall and enjoy a soup lunch. Grateful thanks to everyone who made soup or cakes and helped on the day.

Joyce Roberts

#### **Wednesday Outreach**

Looking back, we have to express some thanks regarding Christmas activities in Seascale. Our Christmas tree was beautifully decorated by some of our members, who put in a lot of effort beforehand as well.

We thank Shackles Off for the Christmas afternoon which was much enjoyed by those who attended. Once again Phoenix Praise gave us a wonderful start to Christmas with the Carols and Cakes afternoon, we appreciate them visiting us each Christmas as there are so many calls on their time in December.

Our first meeting of the year was the Friendship Hour in January when many people came along on a dull afternoon.

For the February meeting we are planning to hold a Winter Lunch in the Methodist Church Hall on Wednesday 7th February at 12.30pm.

We extend our best wishes and prayers to all our members who are not well at present and those who are not able to join us for meetings.

#### Tea Services

The first Tea Service this year will be on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 2pm in the Methodist Church Hall. The service will be led by Brian Pateman and Reverend Jonathan and Sheila Falkner will kindly provide music and lead our singing.

We would be pleased to welcome anyone who would like to come along to the service.

Jackie Folkes

#### **NEWS FROM CALDERBRIDGE AND PONSONBY**

Just a reminder that our monthly service will be on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 9.30am in the Village Hall. This will be a service of Holy Communion followed by refreshments.

Eleanor Glaister

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Visitors are very welcome to attend a couple of meetings or events before becoming a member. Current annual membership is £6. There is usually a small charge for indoor meetings.

**Foundation Level Recorders** -Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> - Santon Bridge Village Hall Supper Room, Thursday 10-00-11.30., Wednesday 2.00-3.30 . 07817499849, <a href="mailto:smithybrow@icloud.com">smithybrow@icloud.com</a>

Singing for Fun - Thursday  $\mathbf{1}^{\text{st}}$  - Seascale Methodist Hall 2.30-4.00 . Kathy on 019467 21217

**Chair based exercises** - Mondays weekly with Lin Davis. 60 minute sessions starting at 2.30 followed by refreshments. Currently free

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

**History/Out and About** - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Eskdale History Archives/ Lunch at Bower/ Optional walk in the 'Footsteps of Mary Fair" with Alan Vicars. Prebooking essential. Contact Vera on 019467 25213

**French Conversation**, Wednesdays weekly - The Kellbank , Gosforth 10.15-12.15 Details from James 07931996742. This group is currently at capacity.

**Art Appreciation** - Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> – The Art of Klimt on DVD St Joseph's Hall, Seascale. Refreshments from 10.15 for a 10.45 start

**Intermediate Recorders**- Fridays 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Santon Village Hall supper room. Refreshments available from 10.00 Playing from 10.15 -12.00. 07817499849 <a href="mailto:smithybrow@icloud.com">smithybrow@icloud.com</a>

**Strolling group** - Monday  $12^{th}-A\ 2$  mile gentle stroll followed by a refreshment stop starting at 2pm. Route to be decided. Val 07796527876

**Discussion** - Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> – 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

**IT/Digitial Support Drop in** Wednesdays 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> – Gosforth Library. Call in anytine between 4 and 5 pm. (session finishes at 5.30)

**Open Mind** - Thursday  $15^{\rm th}$  — A talk by Hannah Kessler about Rosehill Theatre . Gosforth Public Hall, Refreshments from 10.15 for a 10.45 start . Free lunch to follow. Pre bookimg essential with Vera 019467 25213

**Family History Group** - Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> — Santon Village Hall, 10.00 — 12.00. For further details or to express an interest email Hilary on <a href="west-akesu3afhg@gmail.com">west-akesu3afhg@gmail.com</a>

**Reading Group** - Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> — St Mary's Rooms , Gosforth 10.30. Contact Jean on 019467 28713

**Discovery Group** - Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> "Fraud Prevention" a talk by Claire Keyes, Cumbria Police Detective. Gosforth Public Hall, Refreshments from 10.15am for a 10.45 start.



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#### **NEWS FROM GADS – GOSFORTH AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY**

"Once Upon a Time in Pantoland" by Alex Jackson had its final performance on 27 January and we are already preparing for our next production. Auditions for our next full musical "The Wizard of Oz" take place on 7 and 8 February and rehearsals begin towards the end of February for shows from 23 to 25 May.



As a result of the short gap, **Plays for Pleasure** won't have time to resume between the two shows but should return in June.

In October we are planning "Sheila's Island" by Tim Finch (who wrote Calendar Girls and Kinky Boots) for our autumn play. This hilarious dark comedy explores the fractured relationship between four women on a disastrous team building event on Derwentwater. And we already have a pantomime earmarked for next year – "The Pied Piper" by Alan Frayn, who wrote last year's "Cinderella".

To keep up to date, you can visit our website (www.gads.org.uk), follow us on Facebook and Instagram or join our mailing list via the website. You can also email us using <a href="mailto:secretary@gads.org.uk">secretary@gads.org.uk</a>.

Jim Polmear, GADS

#### **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.

Age Concern will be holding a drop-in session in Gosforth Library on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February from 10 - 4pm. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

John Reed

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#### **GOSFORTH SCHOOL NEWS**

Our very busy Autumn term came to an end with our Christmas Service in the church. It was lovely to see the church so full. Each class performed a song from their Christmas Play and the story of the birth of Jesus was told by the children in Year 6. This year we incorporated the Christingle service and the children each made their own Christingle to take over to church. Volunteers from church came into school to help with the production. Together we managed to raise £173 for The Children's Society

FOGS had a disappointing end to the term with the Christmas Market having to be postponed due to the adverse weather conditions, which saw the road into the village closed on the morning of the market. They have rearranged and will now be holding an Easter Market in the village hall on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 10-2pm. They did have a successful term of fundraising bringing in just short of £2500!

After what seemed like a very quick two weeks off - maybe not to the parents - we are back for the Spring term. Year 3 have taken part in a First Aid Workshop, with Natalie from Little Lifers, learning life-saving skills and how to treat numerous medical emergencies.

The children continue to enjoy the outdoors with our weekly Forest School sessions. Miss Lister and the older children in school are looking into creating a Willow structure on the school field. They are also working towards achieving the John Muir Award, which is an environmental award scheme focused on wild places. The Award encourages awareness and responsibility for the natural environment through a structured yet adaptable scheme, in a spirit of fun, adventure and exploration. It will be exciting to see how they got on.

Mrs S Layzel, Assistant Headteacher

#### **GOSFORTH WI**



Gosforth Wi will meet on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 7.15 pm at the Gosforth Public Hall to hear a presentation from John Mackay on his career as a teacher. The competition is 'A School Memento' – a badge, book, cup, photo or anything from your school days.

There will be refreshments as usual and visitors are welcome to join us.

(Any members who wish to register for the Health and Wellbeing email promoted by our January speaker Molly Campion should contact her on the following email address: <a href="mailto:midcopeland@icanfitesscumbria.co.uk">midcopeland@icanfitesscumbria.co.uk</a>)



# VACANCY

We are looking for someone from our community (not a parent). This role may be particularly of interest if you have skills in finance/accounting, human resources, data or education but we invite applications from anyone who is interested in helping the school be the best it can be. Full training is available and governors are encouraged to attend regular training sessions, either in person or online.

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#### **ROTARY CLUB OF WEST LAKELAND**

With the return of dark evenings, the club has had a number of interesting speaker meetings at the Red Admiral.

These have included Ian Gee, who enthralled us with the history of Sea Planes on Lake Windermere, dating back to before the First World War, and the building of a replica which is planned to be the star of a Sea Plane Flying Demonstration on the Lake, hopefully next year.

Cera Hayden Fisher educated us on "Habitat for Humanity Builds" which promotes and assists with the provision of accommodation in remote areas of Central Africa.

We were fascinated by local vet and secretary of the Herdwick Society who told us about the long history of Herdwicks in the Lake District and their future prospects.

A very stimulating talk was given by Gaynor and her hearing dog Valma on how hearing dogs enhance the life of their human partners and we were fascinated by their training process.

The last meeting before Christmas was our Christmas Message, which was an illuminating talk delivered by Father John Watson of growing up on Cleator Moor in the middle of the last century.

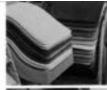
We commenced the New Year with a fascinating presentation from five local "Explorer" Scouts on their visit to the World Jamboree in South Korea. Despite the weather causing a change to their scheduled programme, meaning they spent more time in Seoul and less on the Jamboree site, they clearly had an enjoyable and educational visit. Their confident presentation brought good memories back to the many Rotarians who had been Scouts many years ago.

#### SAINT FOR FEBRUARY - St. POLYCARP OF SMYRNA

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February the Church of England, together with the Roman, Orthodox and Lutheran churches, will remember St. Polycarp, who lived between about 69 – 155 AD. He was Bishop of Smyrna in what used to be called Asia Minor but is now Izmir in Turkey. He was horribly martyred there, with some of his followers. Some



of his writings still exist, including a letter to the residents of Philippi. He was a disciple of the Apostle St. John the Divine and was therefore in a direct line from Christ Himself.









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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 2024 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 or 019467-24632.

### HOLMROOK READING ROOM OUR NEXT COMMUNITY EVENT

Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Feb – Garden Day – 10am to 12 – Help keep the meadow in good order

Sat  $2^{nd}$  March – Coffee Morning and Book Sale - 10am to 12 Weds  $6^{th}$  March – AGM 7.30pm

ALL WELCOME – No need to book these, just turn up

#### **GOSFORTH INDOOR MAT BOWLING CLUB**

The Club meets every Wednesday afternoon from 2 – 4pm in Gosforth Public Hall. £3.50 per session, including refreshments. Please bring clean flat shoes to protect the mats. Spare bowls available for you to try. Annual Membership (Jan. – Dec.) £8.

#### **GOSFORTH PARISH COUNCIL REPORT**

Two important topics, one good news and one not!

The Grant from the Geological Disposal Facility for a significant upgrade of the children's play area on Playing Fields has been received and work will shortly be commenced.

Extremely frustrating, is the decision of Cumberland County Council to halt the transfer of the car park to the Parish Council, whilst they review assets. This process has been ongoing for over 20 years, and we were very close to finalising the agreement for the transfer with Copeland District Council, before the local government reorganisation.

This means it is extremely unlikely that we will be able to obtain any grants to modernise the toilets, to bring them up to modern standards, until we achieve ownership.

Needless to say, the PC will be pressurising Cumberland Council to complete the transfer as soon as possible.

**Graham Hutson** 

#### MUNCASTER MICROBUS

Trips coming up are:

- Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February Kendal £10.50
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February Egremont Farmers Market
  - £3 donation to the market
- Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February Keswick £9
- Saturday 2nd March Windermere and Ambleside £10.50
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March Egremont Farmers Market
  - £3 donation to the market
- Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March Penrith and Cockermouth £10.50

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#### 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. (Details below)

### NB. PLEASE CHECK LOCAL NOTICES FOR THE MOST UP TO DATE SERVICE INFORMATION

#### **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 <a href="mailto:stmarys.gosforth.zoom@gmail.com">stmarys.gosforth.zoom@gmail.com</a>

**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 <u>jillhudson@hotmail.co.uk</u> and for a Zoom invitation email <u>khudson@freenetname.co.uk</u> or ring 01946 721592 or visit <u>www.phoenixpraise.org.uk</u>

#### 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

#### 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 onscreen, 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 - FEBRUARY 2023**

FEBRUARY	Church	Service	Time
1st Sunday		water State.	127634
4th February	Nether Wasdale	HC	9.30
2 <sup>nd</sup> before Lent	Waberthwaite	M. Prayer	9.30
Green	Seascale	HC at Methodist Church	9.30
Proper	Gosforth	Morning Praise - St Mary's Room	11.00
	Drigg	HC	11.00
	Eskdale Boot	HC	11.00
	Muncaster	M. Prayer	11.00
	Whicham	HC	11.00
	Bootle	Family Service - Messy Church	4.00
	Gosforth St Mary's Room	Evening Worship	6.30
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday			-
11th February	Beckermet	HC - Reading Rooms	9.00
Before Lent	Irton	HC	9.30
Green	Seascale	HC/Covenant Service Methodist Church	9.30
Proper	Bootle	Bacon + Blither	11.00
	Gosforth	HC and Baptism	11.00
	Wasdale Head	Celtic Praise	11.00
	Drigg	Family Service	11.00
	Eskdale Boot	M. Prayer	11.00
	Seascale	Faith and Fellowship	7.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday			
18th February	Eskdale Green	M. Prayer	9.30
Lent 1	Nether Wasdale	M. Prayers	9.30
Purple	Waberthwaite	HC	9.30
Proper	Seascale	HC at Methodist Church	9.30
	Gosforth	Morning Worship - St Mary's Room	11.00
	Drigg	HC	11.00
	Muncaster	HC	11.00
	Whicham	Family Service	11.00
	Bootle	Evening Prayer	4.00
	Gosforth St Mary's Room	Informal All-Age Worship	6.30
4th Sunday			
25th February	Calder Bridge VH	HC	9.30
2 <sup>nd</sup> of Lent	Beckermet	M. Prayer - Reading Rooms	9.00
Purple	Eskdale Green	HC	9.30
Proper	Seascale	Methodist Service @ Methodist Church	9.30
washing.	Gosforth	HC - St Mary's Room	11.00
	Wasdale Head	Morning Praise	11.00
	Drigg	Morning Prayer	11.00
	Irton	HC	11.00
	Bootle	HC	11.00
	Gosforth St Mary's Room	Phoenix Evening Worship	7.00

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