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for the Seatallan Benefice Gosforth & Wasdale Beckermet, Calderbridge & Seascale



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FROM THE SEATALLAN PARISH REGISTERS

Occasional Offices conducted between the 31st December to the 10th February

BECKERMET

No Occasional Offices known

CALDER BRIDGE, PONSONBY and OLD CHURCH

• 9th Feb Burial (Old Church) John Parke

SEASCALE

• 5 th Jan	Crematorium Funeral	Robert Miller
• 26 th Jan	Crematorium Funeral	Michael Magee

GOSFORTH, NETHER WASDALE and WASDALE HEAD

• 17th Jan Interment of Ashes (Gosforth) Adrienne Phillips

MARCH LETTER

Last month whilst visiting the Lake District Wildlife Park, I was delighted to meet their two Jerusalem donkeys. It had me thinking of Jesus riding on a similar donkey into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday nearly 2000 years ago. Heralded as a King, yet not riding a white stallion as expected of a King, but a lowly young donkey. Amongst other things, this spoke of the arrival of peace. This King, Jesus, did not come to wage war, but to bring peace. With so much war and conflict going on around the world currently, this seems particularly poignant. The Kingdom of God is one of peace. How can we know this peace whilst the world is in such turmoil?

Jesus' journey did not end on that joyous Sunday with the shouts of 'Hosanna!' but continued to the cross. There is a legend surrounding the Jerusalem donkey, which goes something like this... The young donkey who had carried Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday was also there at the end of the week, when Jesus was to carry the cross to calvary. The donkey seeing the trial and suffering which Jesus was facing, wanted to carry the cross for him, for it was a donkey's job to carry man's burdens and he loved this gentle master, but he was not allowed to do this task. Even so, he staved nearby as Jesus went to the cross. He could not bear to

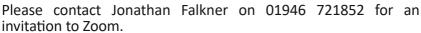
watch his suffering and turned away, but did not leave. As he stood there, God saw his loyalty and humble love, and caused the shadow of the cross to fall upon his back, and there it stayed. Jerusalem donkeys have borne the sign of the cross ever since as a symbol of God's love for all to see.

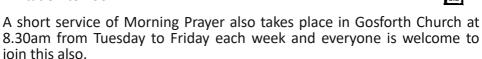


At Baptism, Christians are marked with the sign of the cross, this cross may not remain visible in the same way as the donkeys', but it forms our identity. As we walk through Lent, journeying to the cross, it is the season to reflect on our faith journeys and to take time to contemplate what Christ Jesus has done for us on the cross. This is a time for spiritual renewal and drawing closer to Christ through prayer and fasting. Like the Jerusalem donkey, we bear the cross to show God's love in the world. The cross was the greatest act of love, and through it Christ brought about the possibility of peace for all humanity. For a world where there is so much war and conflict, what greater message is there than the cross.

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.





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

This month we will meet in St Mary's Room on Thursday 7th March for our coffee morning. Do come along and join us. As usual the chat will be good and the cakes delicious, as always!



EASTER FLOWERS IN GOSFORTH CHURCH



We will be decorating the church for Easter on Saturday 30th March at 10am and would welcome as many people as possible to come along to help - you don't have to be an expert! Coffee, tea and cake provided for helpers.

If you would like to contribute towards the cost of Easter lilies in memory of a loved one, could you please let me

have the money and I will be happy to purchase them. Many thanks.

Ann McKenzie (25700)

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.

Just so you know, Christine McKinley will collect the items from Nether Wasdale and Gosforth 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.









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GOSFORTH PARISH CHURCH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE met on Tuesday 13th February. The Revd. Philip Dorling reported to us on a visit from members of the Carlisle Diocese Advisory Board. Proposed changes in Church were discussed as were some aspects of the quinquennial report on the structure and fabric of the building. They advised on grants and some money which we would have to pay in the short term but then recoup from them in the long term and we agreed to this. They advised that we were most likely to be granted the faculties that will ultimately be needed.

We have received a grant from the local GDF for projectors and equipment in both St Mary's Room and the main church. The St Mary's Room equipment is already purchased and in use. We agreed to purchase the equipment for the main church and explore ways of finding the money for the shortfall.

We accepted the Accounts for 2023 and noted that £5,235.65 (the deficit over the year) had had to be transferred from the general reserves. This means that our reserves are now £7,528.87 below the recommended figure. We are concerned about the financial situation as the quinquennial inspection also advises us that we need to spend £29,100 over the next 5 years on the maintenance of the building and churchyard. We will have to work hard to find grants for new developments. The main concern is that although our income has increased in numerical terms it has been considerably outpaced by inflation. The recommended figure for reserves is based on 6 months of normal spending on the running of the church. Inflation means that the figure for the recommended reserves has increased considerably. We recognise that everybody is affected by the current economic situation but if you can add to your regular giving we would be very grateful.

As last year, our fund raising for 2024 will be a number of smaller events rather than one big one, if anybody is willing to run such an event or take part in a sponsored event on behalf of the church, please contact a churchwarden.

We then prepared for the APCM on 16th April by looking at what is needed in the elections and the Draft Annual Report by this committee to the PCC. Finally, we looked at our 5 Marks of Mission and decided a meeting is needed to update the table re progress.

The next scheduled management meeting is on Tuesday 14th May. I have resigned from this committee as from the end of April. If you have anything you wish us to consider please phone 01946 725 300 before the 1st May.



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March 2024

The March meeting is at 2pm in Seascale Methodist Room on Monday 25th March which is the Monday of Holy week and it will take the form of reflections for Holy week.

The Deanery Lady Day service will now take place Friday 19th April and will be our April meeting, time and venue still to be decided. We hope to have a programme card available shortly

MARCH PRAYER – First at the cradle and last at the cross: women from every walk of life continue to inspire us, whether we are a "Mary" or a "Martha" we pray to be blessed with a prayerful heart and a spirit of hope that brings encouragement and light to others. Amen

PRAYER TOPICS

- The MU members and associates in the dioceses in Zone F –
 Burundi (17,030); Democratic Republic of Congo (26,904);
 Gambia (125); Ghana (2,500); Guinea (120); Madagascar (8,300); Mauritius(250); Seychelles (70); Sierra Leone (1,300) that they may enjoy Christian Fellowship within the Mothers' Union
- The people of the war-torn areas of the world thinking especially of Ukraine and Gaza.
- The relief agencies working to assist people in areas affected by natural disasters and war. The negotiators trying bring about peace.
- In this month of March, which includes International Women's Day on the 8th, Mothering Sunday on the 10th and Lady Day on the 25th, pray for all who have cared, guided and nurtured us during our lives. As we walk with Christ may we also reflect kindness, compassion, justice and humility to all we meet, in his name.

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MARCH SERVICES at St Olaf's:

Sunday 10th March – 11am Morning Praise for Mothering Sunday. **EASTER DAY, SUNDAY 31st March** – 11am Festival Communion, led by Philip.

Services at Nether Wasdale are at 9.30am on Sunday 3rd, 17th and 31st March.

ONE FRIDAY is the title of the display of **14 Stations of the Cross** painted by renowned artist Jenny Hawke and tells the story of Jesus' final day in stunning modern images. Originally bought for display in Holy Week 2022, they will be on display at St Olaf's from Saturday 23th March until Saturday 20th April.

GILLIAN RACE – We would like to record our thanks to Gillian, manager of the Wasdale Head Inn for many years, for her friendship and support for St Olaf's. The Inn is where we gather for refreshments after services, it's the venue for our PCMC meetings, Christmas Carols, Harvest Festival lunch, and weddings are often a joint celebration. So thank you Gillian for all you have done for us during your time at the Inn, and best wishes for the future.

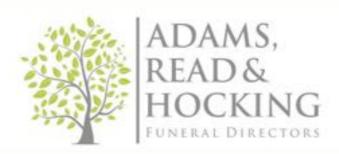
RESTORATION — The PCMC Trustees will be considering a revised timetable for St Olaf's restoration project at its bi-annual meeting in March. Fundraising started in April 2023 and is over halfway to its target, but we cannot start work until the total funds required are in place. The Trustees will also be considering the future of the Old School which reverts to our care at the end of this month.

CONCERT – For your diaries, a Violin & Voice Concert will be held in St Olaf's on Saturday 11th May at 5.30pm. Full details in the April Parish Magazine.

VISITOR STATISTICS - Net visitor numbers in 2023 totalled 27,955, an average of 76 daily. The quietest month was January (976), the busiest August (4670), no surprises there! The 'net' figure quoted is after a deduction of 2400 p.a. for the repetitive visits of those who lock, unlock, and clean the church.

Visitor donations were 28% higher than in 2022, reflecting visitors' generous response to our fundraising endeavours.

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GOSFORTH METHODIST CONGREGATION NEWS

Minister: Revd. Paul Saunders Minister: Deacon. Kina Saunders

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Now meeting in St. Mary's Room



We started the year off with our annual Covenant Service, taken by Revd. Paul Saunders, who was making a welcome return from his three-month sabbatical. The lovely service was well attended and was both uplifting and empowering. It was nice to welcome a few new people to the service and we hope they will return.

Friday 1st March is World Day of Prayer and as usual we will be joining together with fellow Christians. The venue this year is Seascale Methodist Church Hall.

We now start to prepare for one of the most important dates in the Christian calendar, Easter, a time for us to celebrate the resurrection and make our own personal covenant with God.

Lynn Pattison



BECKERMET NEWS

Although the weather is still very much unpredictable and we still have plenty of wet weather with really cold winds at times at least the days are beginning to slowly lengthen by a few minutes each day. It is nice to be able to see daylight when we awake each morning with the majority being able to return home from work before the light fades. This is a wonderful time of the year with the emergence of new life in the form of lambs in the fields and with spring flowers beginning to brighten up our gardens and hedgerows. Nature is a wonderful thing, despite our involvement new life springs up all around us and soon the trees will be producing buds and bursting into life.

Due to the unreliability of the boiler in St John's Church the twice monthly services since January have taken place in the village Reading Rooms where the heating system is much more reliable. These services on the second and fourth Sunday in January and so far in February when writing this article have been well attended. Those who have attended have commented how nice it is to be able to enjoy the service in a lovely warm environment. The numbers attending each session have been around twenty with twenty-six attending on Sunday 11th February. It was lovely to see so many in the congregation. If there are any who feel unable to attend our services because they are not being held in the church, then remember this is only a temporary measure during the cold winter months, as normal services in church will resume at Easter. The services in the Reading Rooms will continue throughout February and March. Please remember due to other users of the very popular facilities of the Reading Rooms each service starts at 9.00am followed by refreshments. The service on the second Sunday, taken by Reverand Philip Dorling, includes Communion while the service on the fourth Sunday, Morning Worship, is taken by the Reverend Rachel Cunliffe. It would be lovely to see you at one or all of these services where you will be made to feel most welcome.

The Reading Rooms are fast becoming the central hub for a wide range of village activities in order to cater for as many members of the community as possible and each month sees new events and activities being planned. A regular newsletter is produced and circulated by the directors, with full details of forthcoming activities and village events in the Reading Rooms and these are also advertised on the Village Facebook pages.

REGULAR EVENTS IN BECKERMET READING ROOMS

Coffee, Cake and Chat + Warm Hub: (funded by GDF)

Tuesdays 9.30 – 11.30 am. Thursdays 1.30 – 3.30 pm.

Open to all for refreshments and a good craic – not just those who live in Beckermet! Do come and join us.

Quiz Nights and Bingo Evenings – monthly at 6.30 pm

Quiz Nights – 1st March; 5th April. Bingo – 22nd March; 26th April.

Usually last about 2 hours. Very entertaining evenings with lots of fun and laughter! Proceeds to St John's Church.

St John's Soup Lunches 12.00–1.30 pm. on the following Wednesdays:

February 28th March 20th April 17th

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Village Lottery (To raise funds for Village good causes)

The monthly draw takes place at the Coffee, Cake & Chat at around 10.00am on the 1st Tuesday of each month, the next two draws will be on Tuesday 5th March and Tuesday 2nd April.

Since the lottery started in Oct 22, there have been 24 different lucky winners with a total of £865 paid out in prize money and around £1,100 still to be won before the end of Sept 24. Four donations totalling £700 have been awarded to worthy causes in the village. If you would like to join, please contact me using the details below.

John Mackay john.mackay52@btinternet.com 01946 841429 07912859480



NEWS FROM SEASCALE

Wednesday Outreach

The Winter Lunch on Wednesday 7th February was well attended and much appreciated. We bought in cottage pies from West Coast Catering, which we can highly recommend, they were delivered piping hot ready for serving at the arranged time. We are very grateful to everyone who made the delicious cold desserts which were much enjoyed.

Tea and Chat will return on Wednesday 6th March when we will revert to our usual meeting time of 2.30pm.

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.

Lent Lunches

The Lent Lunches in March will all be held in St. Joseph's Church from 12 noon to 1pm.

These are the dates for your diaries -

Tuesday 5th March Tuesday 12th March Tuesday 19th March

Tea Services

The March Tea Service in the Methodist church hall will be on Wednesday 20th March and will be led by Deacon Kina Saunders.

Jonathan and Sheila have kindly agreed to provide music for the service and lead our singing.

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

Easter Coffee Morning Saturday 23rd March 9.30am – 11.30 am in the Methodist church hall

The coffee morning will be raising funds for the Methodist circuit charity Every Life Matters - a suicide prevention charity. We will be serving Hot Cross Buns and there will be the usual raffle, a chocolate tombola and other stalls.

Jackie Folkes

Messy Church on an Easter theme will be held in Drigg and Carleton village hall on 16th March from 10am - 12 alongside St Peter's coffee morning. Everyone very welcome.

World Day of Prayer Friday 1st March. There will be a service held in Seascale Methodist church hall at 10.30am. Phoenix Praise will lead the music. The service has been planned by Christian women in Palestine on the theme, 'I beg you, bear with one another in love.' How relevant this is particularly in that part of the world at this time. Everyone is invited to this service which will be repeated on that day all across the world.

NEWS FROM CALDERBRIDGE

Our APCM will be held in the Village Hall on 12th March at 7.30pm.

This month's Church Service will be Holy Communion on 24th March at 9.30am in the Village Hall followed by refreshments. Please come and join us, you will be made most welcome.

Eleanor Glaister

GOSFORTH WI



The March meeting of the Gosforth WI will take place on Tuesday 5th March at 7.15 pm at Gosforth Public Hall when we will hear a presentation by Justin Bell on metal detecting and his finds in Beckermet. The competition is an old or interesting coin. Refreshments

will be served and visitors are welcome to join us.

Interested in crafting? There will be a WI Federation Easter Mini Dabble day on 14th March 2024 for WI members and in April the Gosforth WI will be hosting a glass fusion crafting afternoon – watch this space for further details!

Ideas for a venue for our August WI trip are welcomed from members. One or two suggestions have been made but this is your chance to think about where you might like to go. Please bring your ideas to the next meeting.

Karen Warmoth

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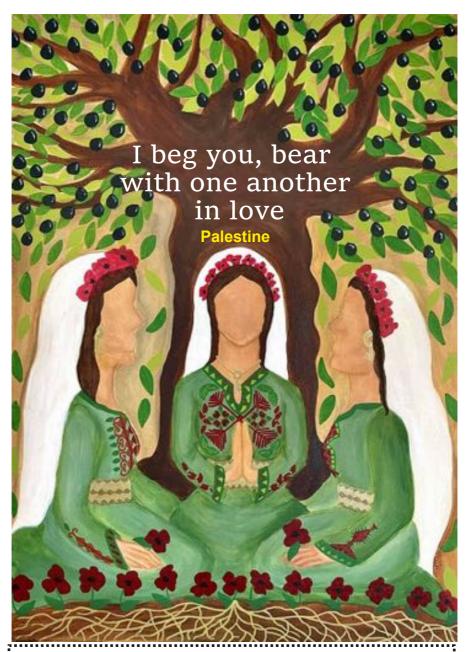
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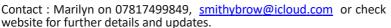
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Cycling - Monday 4th Meet outside Gosforth Public Hall 10am. Two hour planned route to include refreshment stop. All welcome. 019467 25831

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

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

IT Help with Emails – Wednesday 6th – A presentation /help session. Drigg Village Hall supper room to precede the history talk - 9.45-10.30

History – Wednesday 6th – 'Sal Madge' a talk by author John Little. Drigg Village Hall. Refreshments from 10.15 for a 10.45 start.

Foundation Level Recorders - Thursday 7th and Wednesday 20th - Santon Bridge Village Hall Supper Room, Thursday 10-00-11.30., Wednesday 2.00-3.30 . 07817499849, smithybrow@icloud.com

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

Strolling Group - Monday 11th – A 2 mile gentle stroll followed by a refreshment stop starting at 2pm. Route to be decided. Val 07796527876

Discussion Group - Tuesday 12th – 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/Digital Support drop in - Wednesdays 13th and 20th - Gosforth Library. Call in anytime between 4 and 5 pm. (Session finishes at 5.30)

Art Appreciation - Thursday 14th – The Beacon, Whitehaven for a talk and to view the L S Lowry in Cumberland exhibition. Meet at The Beacon at 10 am.

Intermediate Recorders - Friday 15th — 1pm-4pm with visiting conductor Terry Smurthwaite. Santon Village Hall supper room. Normal session Friday 29th Refreshments available from 10.00. Playing from 10.15 -12.00. Contact 07817499849 or smithybrow@icloud.com

Open Mind - Thursday 21st - A talk by Dr Philip J Sykes – 'The Life of Dr W Brownrigg (1771 -1800) Scientist and Doctor'. Gosforth Public Hall. Refreshments from 10.15 for a 10.45 start. Free lunch to follow. Pre booking essential with Vera 019467 25213

Family History Group - Tuesday 19th - Santon Village Hall 10.00 – 12.00 . For further details or to express an interest email Hilary on west-akesu3afhg@gmail.com

Discovery Group -Tuesday 26th - Please check website nearer the time

Out and About - Wednesday 27th – Visit to Sizergh Castle, Kendal. Details and booking to Vera: 019467 25213

Reading Group - Thursday 28th – St Mary's Room, Gosforth. 10.30 am

GOSFORTH SCHOOL NEWS

This half term the Year 5 pupils in school have received Cyclewise training, which we feel is incredibly important as so many of our children cycle around the village. The instructors were very pleased with their progress during the week.

Seven of our children competed in the Cross-Country Championships in Penrith after qualifying when competing against many other local schools. Jackson came in sixth out of 120 Year 5 boys so has qualified for the National Championships which will take place in Leicestershire in early March. What an achievement!

Other sporting events have included: some of the Year 5 and 6 children competing in an Indoor Athletics tournament, some of the girls from Year 3 and 4 travelling to Lakes College for a football tournament and six Year 2 children travelling to Maryport to take part in a gymnastics competition.

Our Reception children have been learning about people who help us. They have been over to Seascale to the fire station to see the fire fighters, had a visit from the police, a veterinary nurse, mountain rescue and Rachel the curate.

Just before half term we marked Children's Mental Health Week. Children's Mental Health Week was launched in 2015 and each year, hundreds of schools, children, parents and carers take part. Now in its 10th year, the theme is 'My Voice Matters'. Each class took part in an age appropriate activity.

Safer Internet Day was also marked. Their theme this year was Inspiring Change. It is so important to teach our children how to be safe online as they all have access to electronic devices.

We held our first SMSC Day of 2024 - this time looking at all things French. The children learnt about Henri Matisse then created their own artwork, they learnt a traditional French dance, learnt about the Tour de France, Festivals and Celebrations and finally the geographical features of France. They even enjoyed a French themed lunch!

The half term ended with FOGS Valentine's Discos for the children. FOGS are continuing to raise funds to purchase iPads for the children to use to enhance their learning in the classroom. The rearranged Christmas Market will now be an Easter Market with everyone welcome. It will take place on Saturday 23rd March from 10am to 2pm in the village hall.

Mrs S Layzel, Assistant Headteacher

NEWS FROM GADS – GOSFORTH AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

We have held our auditions and we have a great cast lined up for our next show "The Wizard of Oz". There will be evening shows from Thursday 23 to Saturday 25 May and also a matinee on Saturday 25 May. The performing rights for musicals are high, so we have had to increase prices



slightly for this show. But they will still be good value at £10 for adults and £7.50 for u18 and full time students. Watch out for more detail next month, including the show times and ticket availability.

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 secretary@gads.org.uk.

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.

The U3A IT/Digital Support drop-in session will be held in the Library on Wednesday 13th and 20th March. Call in anytime between 4-5 pm (session closes at 5.30 pm).

GOSFORTH PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Just a short report this month:

Our Chairman, Mark Fussell has resigned from the Council due to work commitments. We give him our heartfelt thanks for all his work during his time on the Council. Rachael Unsworth has agreed to act as 'Chairperson' until the AGM in May.

The Council has agreed with the toilet cleaner that, during power cuts or other problems, the toilets are considered unsafe and they should be kept closed.

Graham Hutson

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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 2024 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.

HOLMROOK READING ROOM OUR NEXT COMMUNITY EVENT

Sat 2nd March – Coffee Morning and Book Sale 10am to 12noon

Wed 6th March – AGM 7.30pm

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

Thanks to everyone who helped out at the Garden Day – We are all now set up for the Spring

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.

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ROTARY CLUB OF WEST LAKELAND

Recent meetings have included an extremely absorbing talk by Robert Steele on developments in the Falkland Islands, based on the similarities and changes he found in the Islands on a recent visit, compared to his time there in the Royal Navy 40 years ago during the Falklands Conflict.



The next talk was on the status of the Red Squirrel population in the Lake District and the rest of the UK. We also had an informative talk on Cumbria Voluntary Services by Mr Berry from Millom, on the help that is available to obtain grants for local community projects.

Our latest meeting was a presentation from our Assistant District Governor on recent news from the wider Rotary movement.

There has also been a good piece of publicity for the village of Gosforth in the latest Rotary Northen Area magazine – the cover and centre spread show the village 'phone box, restored as an information centre by Rotary, and favourable comments about the village shop.

Graham Hutson

MUNCASTER MICROBUS

Trips coming up are:

- Saturday 2nd March Windermere and Ambleside £10.50
- Friday 15th March Egremont Farmers Market
 - £3 donation to the market
- Saturday 16th March Penrith and Cockermouth £10.50
- Saturday 30th March Carlisle and Gretna £11.50
- Saturday 13th April Solway Coast £12
- Friday 19th April Egremont Farmers Market
 - £3 donation to the market

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

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

If you would like to volunteer as a driver or to book any journeys ring Gill on: 01229-717229

The Microbus can get you there even in these times of dwindling bus services

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.

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 stmarys.gosforth.zoom@gmail.com

SUNDAY EVENINGS

1st and 3rd Sunday of Month: St Mary's Room, Gosforth

1st Sunday – Informal Worship at 6.30 pm – Songs/hymns, readings, short talk, discussion and fellowship (with occasional Holy Communion) 3rd Sunday – All-age worship at 6.30 pm – Especially suited to and often led by children + young people (and the young in heart).

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

<u>2nd Sunday of the Month</u>: Faith and Fellowship - 7.00pm at the The Ferns, The Banks in Seascale. Hosted by Chris and Joy Chuter. Please ring Chris on 07768 421621 for details or email <u>free.c@outlook.com</u>

4th Sunday of the Month: 7.00pm Phoenix Praise Informal Evening Worship

St Mary's Room Gosforth. Led by Jill and Keith Hudson. Songs/hymns, readings, short talk, discussion and fellowship followed by refreshments. For more information please email jillhudson@hotmail.co.uk and for a Zoom invitation email khudson@freenetname.co.uk or ring 01946 721592 or visit www.phoenixpraise.org.uk

SUNDAY WRITTEN LITURGY FOR THOSE AT HOME

- Into His Courts with Praise

Compiled and distributed by Brian and Helen Pateman. This weekly liturgy can be read on your PC screen or printed off week by week for use at home in a text size to suit you. If you would like to be added to the mailing list, please contact Helen Pateman: aitchpateman@gmail.com

29th March			
Good Friday	Gosforth	Walk of Witness	12 noon
PURPLE	Seascale	Hour at the cross	2 pm
	Bootle	Words at the cross	2 pm
5 th Sunday			1
31st March	Nether Wasdale	HC	9.30
Easter Day	Beckermet	HC	9.30
GOLD	Irton	HC	9.30
Proper	Seascale	Methodist at Methodist Church	9.30
7	Gosforth	HC	11.00
	Wasdale Head	HC	11.00
	Drigg	HC	11.00
	Eskdale Boot	HC	11.00
	Whicham	HC	11.00
	Bootle	EW	4.00

ST MARY'S ON THE WEB



St Mary's does not have it's own web site (unlike St Olaf's) but that does not mean that it isn't on the web. If you go to www.achurchnearyou.com and on the tab type St Mary Gosforth, the church and address will appear just below it, if you tap on the address, the next page shows St Mary as the first of the 13 churches, tap on that and further information appears, scroll down and a box appears saying visit page, tap on that and our section appears. I am amazed at the number of "page hits" it gets – in the last year there were 20,663. If you do visit it and spot any inaccuracies or omissions, please let me know and, if possible, I will do the cor rections.

SAINT FOR MARCH - SAINT FELIX

Dunwich, in Suffolk, is a small village today. It is, however, famous for being a notorious 'rotten borough' that sent two people to Parliament in spite of having few voters until the Reform Act of 1832. It had been an important



port and town until coastal erosion (there is nothing new) drowned it in the $13^{\rm th}$ century.

In the 7th century it was the capital of the area controlled by the East Angles and it had a Bishop called Felix, who is regarded by the Church of England as a Saint, and is remembered on the 8th of March. He was a great preacher and he brought the people of Suffolk, Norfolk and Cambridgeshire to Christianity.

cover photo - Spring has come! (NH)

SOUTH CALDER MISSION COMMUNITY - MARCH 2023

March	Church	Service	Time
1" Sunday			
3 rd March	Nether Wasdale	HC	9.30
Lent 3	Seascale	HC at Methodist Church	9.30
PURPLE	Waberthwaite	M. Prayer	9.30
Proper	Gosforth	Morning Praise - St Mary's Room	11.00
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	Eskdale Boot	HC	11.00
	Muncaster	M. Prayer	11.00
	Whicham	HC	11.00
	Bootle	Messy Church	4.00
	Gosforth St Mary's Room	Evening Worship	6.30
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2 rd Sunday			
10 th March	Beckermet	HC at Reading Rooms	9.00
Lent 4/ Mothering	Seascale	Methodist at Methodist Church	9.30
PURPLE	Irton	HC	9.30
Proper	Gosforth	HC - Mothering Sunday	11.00
	Wasdale Head	M. Praise for Mothering Sunday	11.00
	Drigg	Family Service for Mothering Sunday	11.00
	Eskdale Boot	M. Prayer	11.00
	Whicham	Mothering Sunday	11.00
	Seascale	Faith and Fellowship	7.00
3™ Sunday			
17" March	Eskdale Green	M. Prayer	9.30
Lent 5	Nether Wasdale	M. Prayer	9.30
PURPLE	Waberthwaite	HC	9.30
Proper	Seascale	HC at Methodist Church	9.30
Passiontide	Gosforth	Morning Worship - St Mary's Room	11.00
	Drigg	HC	11.00
	Muncaster	HC	11.00
	Whicham	Family Service	11.00
	Bootle	Evening Worship	4.00
	Gosforth St Mary's Room	Informal All-Age Worship	6.30
4 th Sunday	No. of the last of	77	
24 th March	Calder Bridge Village Hall	HC	9.30
Palm Sunday	Beckermet	M. Prayer - Reading Rooms	9.00
Red	Seascale	Methodist at Methodist Church	9.30
Proper	Eskdale Green	HC	9.30
1	Gosforth	HC - St Mary's Room	11.00
	Drigg	M. 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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