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## FROM THE SEATALLAN PARISH REGISTERS

Occasional Offices conducted between  
the 10<sup>th</sup> February to 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### BECKERMET

- No Occasional Offices known

### CALDER BRIDGE, PONSONBY and OLD CHURCH

- No Occasional Offices known

### SEASCALE

- No Occasional Offices known

### GOSFORTH, NETHER WASDALE and WASDALE HEAD

- 11<sup>th</sup> February Baptism (Gosforth) Jacob George Winder

## April Greeting from Bootle Rectory

First may I wish you all a Joyous Eastertide. I hope that the risen Christ filled your hearts with the joy of the resurrection as we now all look towards Pentecost.

When I was asked to pen a few lines for the magazine, I realised that it would be published in April. This immediately made me think of Robert Browning's poem "Home Thoughts from Abroad". The poet traveled a great deal in Italy in his youth and after marrying Elizabeth Barrett in 1846 the couple quickly moved to Florence to live. The move to Italy was both for Elizabeth's health, as she was a semi-invalid, and to get away from her tyrannical father. It was also in 1846 that Browning wrote the poem.

The poem has a sense of momentary longing for England in April, hence the first line, "Oh to be in England now that April's here". The poet then reminisces on the appearance of new buds on the trees, shoots around the elm tree and the song of the chaffinch. As the poem develops, Browning moves into the month of May and the increasing sound of birdsong and the joy it brings to the hearer. The experience of the dawn chorus wakening us before the alarm clock is all too familiar. We know too, this concert is not for our benefit but a mating call, which is the harbinger for nest building and new life. Spring is resurrection from winter and the hope of warm days to come. Of course, with global warming and the loss of wildlife, I'm not sure if there is the multitude of birdsong that Browning remembered. Nor perhaps the amount of singing in London's Camberwell, where he lived with his parents before his marriage and the couple's flight to Italy. But we are still blessed by birdsong each year with each bird having its own particular call.

Resurrection is also at the centre of Easter too, "Christ is risen, he is risen indeed. Hallelujah". What wonder, what questions, what joy the disciples must have had that first Easter. They must have had more questions than certainties and we can only imagine their thoughts and feelings of what lay in the future for them. However, when I read the gospel stories of the resurrection, even with the mystery there is an underlying sense that all will be well. There is a sense of hope and joy that God is indeed doing a new thing and they are part of it and have a role within it. I have no doubt that if this is true for those first disciples, surely that is what Jesus wants for us at Easter. Yes, we may have questions and doubts. Sometimes I think I'm pushing a boulder up a hill with my nose, but we should also be living with hope and faith. Hopeful expectation is the Easter message.

Robert Browning and Elizabeth Barrett went to Italy for a new life. They too were seeking freedom and happiness for their love. Surely, we too are invited by the risen Christ also to embrace the Easter blessing. Each day we should endeavour to do so by taking the challenges, the hopes and the joy of the risen Christ into our future, into our world, and announcing it in our lives. So often our faith becomes so much a part of us that it is business as usual and we lose the excitement and joy that our Christian life can bring. As April reminded Browning of spring in England, let us ask God to remind us of what the resurrection means - life in abundance and in all its fullness. "Christ is risen, he is risen indeed. Hallelujah."

God Bless from Angela

## **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.

## **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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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## COFFEE, CAKE & CHAT (The Three C's) – 10.30 – 12 noon

This month we will meet in St Mary's Room on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April** for our Coffee Morning. Do come along and join us. The chat is usually good and so are the cakes!



Our donation this month will go to the charity Tearfund in aid of supplying water and toilets in African countries.

### IT'S SUBSCRIPTION TIME AGAIN!

Annual subscriptions are due again next month. As you will know, we have had a colour printer for the last couple of years, which has made the magazine much more attractive, but of course has increased the cost of production. The cost of the magazine has remained at £5 for the past 10+ years but it will now have to increase to £6 (with advertising also increasing from £100 to £120 for a full-page advert) in order to cover our printing costs. It would be helpful if you could have this ready for your magazine distributor when they deliver the May magazine. The digital version of the magazine remains free.

As in the past there will be 10 issues in the year – one each month with combined issues for July/August and December/January. We thank subscribers and advertisers for supporting the magazine and our 16 volunteers who deliver it.

Also, a reminder that I always welcome contributions and photos from the five villages that are included in the magazine.

*Norma Hughes – Editor*

## GOSFORTH AND WASDALE PARISH –

### Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The 2024 APCM will be held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm in St Mary's Room, Gosforth. All residents in the Parish are welcome to attend to elect churchwardens for the coming year, but only those on the Church Electoral Roll can vote to elect Parochial Church Councillors to manage the overall running of the parish.

If you would like to serve the parish as a churchwarden or a member of the Parochial Church Council, please contact Philip Dorling or one of the churchwardens for an application form. Each church in the parish has its own Management Committee appointed at the APCM for the day to day running of each individual church.





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## **APRIL 2024**

Since the Deanery Lady Day service was unexpectedly held in March, we have had to alter our plans. Our April meeting will now be a talk in St Mary's Room at 2pm on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April by Wendy Kilworth Mason on her work overseas. Members and friends will be warmly welcome.

**April Prayer** – We celebrate abundant life with full and thankful hearts. We give thanks for the imprint of heaven which enhances our life in the here and now. May our appreciation of all we enjoy bring praise to our bountiful God. Amen

### **PRAYER TOPICS**

- The MU members and associates in the dioceses in Zone G – the English Province of Canterbury (29,088) and Europe (200 members scattered in small groups around the continent). That they may enjoy Christian Fellowship within the Mothers' Union while working on the various projects to support those in need.
- All those affected in areas of conflict throughout the world thinking especially of the war in Ukraine and Gaza, that there will be a change of heart by the leaders of those involved and a way can be found to bring about peace.
- In this month of April, which includes World Autism Day on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and World Heritage Day on the 18<sup>th</sup>, pray for all families living with an autistic person, the people themselves as they struggle with a different take on our world and the educators who work in the special schools to develop their skills and behaviour.
- Give thanks for the heritage artefacts etc which give us a sense of continuity and our place in history thinking especially of many of the church buildings and their artefacts in this mission community and the plans to highlight them and develop faith through heritage.
- At the start of a new holiday season, pray for the MU project giving Away from it All holidays in the Caravan at St Bees, for those maintaining the caravan and its contents, those recommending people for the holiday and, above all, for the young families with disadvantaged backgrounds who holiday there.

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## *St Olaf's, Wasdale Head faith in the fells*

### **APRIL SERVICES at St Olaf's:**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April** - 11am Celtic Praise.

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April** - 11am Morning Praise

*Services at Nether Wasdale Church are at 9.30am on Sundays 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> April.*

**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. They are on display at St Olaf's until Saturday 20th April. The originals were painted for Durham Cathedral.

**VIOLIN & VOICES CONCERT AT ST OLAF'S Sat 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2pm** – A concert of violin music with Alesia Polonikova, and voices: Sophie Bernice Whittle, Theresa Terzonie, and Everton Hartley MacDonald. Alesia is a professional master's degree graduated violinist who performs across the UK and abroad. The programme will include the music of Georg Philipp Telemann, Johan Sebastian Bach, and some Traditional Japanese.

**There is no charge for admission, instead donations at the concert will be for St Olaf's Restoration Fund.** Due to the limited seating in St Olaf's tickets must be obtained from Hugh Foulerton (01946 725 725) or online from Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/violin-and-voices-at-st-olafs-church-wasdale-head-tickets-860026411147?aff=oddtcreator>

To avoid disappointment please book before 14<sup>th</sup> April – tickets will go quickly!

**RESTORATION FUND** – This has reached £100,000 of the £165,000 we seek to raise from donations and grants, we are **so grateful for the generosity of so many**. We aim to reach the target in time for work to begin in Spring 2025.

St Olaf's is a hardworking mission church, one that has provided a peaceful Christian sanctuary for countless thousands over the centuries and is getting ever busier. Whatever your faith background, if you would like to help us, we'd love to hear from you.

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## Dear Church

We have some wonderful news to share with you all, 201 families have now benefitted from support with volunteers from the churches in Cumbria since 2018. We hope you enjoy the poem below written by volunteers from another area in the UK who supported a family and were surprised in such a good way. Please feel free to share this news and prayer requests far and wide. And, as always, the need is great and workers are few. We thank God for your partnership in reaching those who are isolated and alone with the love and good news of Jesus.

### I was wrong

When my wife Lin and I considered joining Safe Families, I thought that we could help and benefit a child or family, going through difficult times.

I was wrong.

The children and families have touched and blessed our lives in unimaginable ways, they have changed us for the better. I thought that we could give new experiences, new memories, to children...

I was wrong.

They have given us new experiences that we would never have considered, like building giant sandcastles on the beach, taking a ferry ride, going to McDonalds (we never go there!!) and even going on a zip wire for the first time, at age 71.

I thought that we could teach the children new things..... I was wrong.

The children taught us how to paint outside of the lines, and it didn't matter.

Taught us that a messy home can be a happy home. Taught us that the rain didn't matter... and the deeper the puddles, the better. Taught us that chocolate waffles are the best food in the world...and fizzy lemonade makes you sick if you stand on your head immediately after drinking it.

I thought that we would be the grown up's and that the children would enter our world. I was wrong.

The children drew us into their world and we became young again.

I thought that joining safe families was a responsibility.

I was wrong

It has been an incomparable blessing for which Lin and I thank God

every day.

I thought we would give – instead, we have received; received from the children and families for whom life is not easy. What price that...? Of course it is challenging, difficult, hard and sometime scary. A life precious to God is in your hands for a little while. Of course it's not easy. But the reward....? Priceless.

As I have said to others, "We get to do this" – live out Christ's command to 'Love one another' Why would you not....? Come and join us.

*Written by John Kearns – Family Friend Volunteer*

Thank you for taking the time to read our news. May the blessing of God be upon us in the church and community, and may his light shine through our lives for Him.  
With our love and prayers, Caroline, Ellie, Essie & Lynn

**Could you be a bringer of hope? Interested in finding out more?**  
**Please visit [www.safefamilies.uk](http://www.safefamilies.uk) or email [lynngraham@safefamilies.uk](mailto:lynngraham@safefamilies.uk) or [carolinehetherington@safefamilies.uk](mailto:carolinehetherington@safefamilies.uk)**

## **Beckermat Bible Study**

In the middle of the Autumn Term, we started a fortnightly Bible Study in Beckermat. So far, we have enjoyed a 4-week study of the letter to the Philippians and spent 5 weeks exploring Whole Life Worship. We have yet to decide what we will be doing in the Summer Term, but it's sure to be interesting. We have been encouraged, inspired and challenged in our faith as we have dug into the Bible together.



The Bible Study is hosted by Rachel and Chris at the Vicarage, 11 Lowrey Close, Beckermat, CA21 2YX. We start gathering from 7pm for hot drinks and a chat, then we begin our study at 7:30pm, finishing by 9pm. During our Bible Study time, we read passages from the Bible together, explore them through discussion guided by some questions, and we have a time of prayer.

Dates for the Summer Term are 17<sup>th</sup> April, 1<sup>st</sup> May, 15<sup>th</sup> May, 29<sup>th</sup> May, 19<sup>th</sup> Jun, 3<sup>rd</sup> Jul, 17<sup>th</sup> Jul (TBC).

If you are interested in joining us or would like to find out more, do just come along or be in touch with Rachel on [revrachelcunliffe@gmail.com](mailto:revrachelcunliffe@gmail.com) or 07904 573682.



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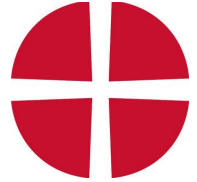


# GOSFORTH METHODIST CONGREGATION NEWS

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**Minister:** Deacon. Kina Saunders

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## Now meeting in St. Mary's Room

The first Friday in March has, for many years now, been for me one of the most memorable services of the year – The World Day of Prayer. This year's service was prepared by the Christian women of Palestine. The themes of forgiveness and reconciliation shone through the sense of suffering with moving power.

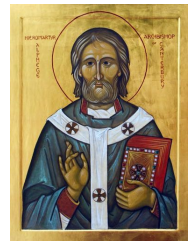
This year the service was warmly hosted (ecumenically!) in the Seascale Methodist Church Hall with members from all our local churches taking an active part and Phoenix leading the singing.

The next big ecumenical occasion will be the Pentecost service on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May which is organized by Churches Together. Don't miss it!

*Mary Moody*

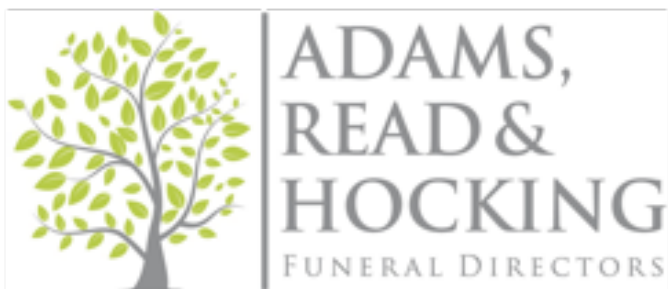
## SAINT FOR MARCH - St. ALPHEGE

The Church of England remembers a number of people who are not technically saints, such as Dietrich Boenhoffer on the 9<sup>th</sup>, who was a Lutheran pastor murdered by the Nazis in 1945 and the poet Christina Rossetti, remembered on the 27<sup>th</sup>, who wrote the carol 'In the bleak midwinter'.



On the 19<sup>th</sup>, however, we have a genuine saint – Alphege - who was martyred by the Danes in 1012, by means of having bones, left over from a feast, thrown at him. He had refused to allow money collected for the poor to be used as a ransom. He was, at the time, Archbishop of Canterbury. His remains first rested in St. Paul's and then were taken to Canterbury, where they stayed until the Reformation.

Others remembered in April include Mark the Evangelist, and so, please remember all who have gone before, whether well-known or not.



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# BECKERMET NEWS

With the days lengthening and the weather becoming drier there will be more opportunities for us all to venture out and enjoy the wonderful area that we live in. We often take for granted our surroundings but it is vital for our own wellbeing that we get out and make the most of our natural environment. Getting out for regular walks either on your own or better still with a friend or friends will help both your physical and mental wellbeing.

Our time in the Reading Room for our church services will be coming to an end at the end of March. Our last church service in the Reading Rooms will be Palm Sunday on the 24<sup>th</sup> March at **9am**. The Easter Sunday service will take place on 31<sup>st</sup> March at **9.30am** in St John's Church Beckermat, with all future services again in the church. We have been very grateful to the C.I.C. who run the Reading Rooms for allowing us to use their premises free of charge for the past three months. It has been nice and cosy in this facility with the use of the large screen during the service but it will be good to return to St John's Church once more. The services in the Reading Rooms have been well attended with an average of around twenty at each service. It would be lovely to see a few more at our Easter Service, not only to celebrate Easter Sunday but also to celebrate returning to the church for our services.

The Reading Rooms following their refurbishment are truly becoming the centre of village life. The facilities are being used more and more as the months progress with a wide variety of activities and events for both the local community and those from further afield to come and enjoy. All events and activities are advertised in the newsletter that is circulated to every household in the village, together with posters in the village noticeboards and on the Reading Room and Village Facebook pages. If you haven't managed to attend anything as yet, I strongly advise you to, even if it's only to see the transformation achieved with the help of grants especially from the GDF.

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Who? What?

Why? When?

Where?

**Quiz Nights:** - 5<sup>th</sup> April & 3<sup>rd</sup> May  
**Bingo Nights:** - 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar & April (TBC)  
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**Village Lottery Monthly Draw**  
**(To raise funds for good causes in the village)**

The monthly draw took place on 5<sup>th</sup> March with three more lucky winners receiving prizes.

All draws take place on the first Tuesday of the month: -next will be on 2<sup>nd</sup> April & 7<sup>th</sup> May

Good Luck to all in the next draw when three more prizes will be available.

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## NEWS FROM SEASCALE

### Wednesday Outreach – Seascale Methodist Church Hall

Our first Tea and Chat of the year in March was well attended and our next Tea and Chat, on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 2.30 pm, will be followed by Communion. This is a new idea put forward by Revd. Dr. W Kilworth-Mason. There will be a pause after our usual tea and chat to allow members who do not wish to participate to leave and to set up for the informal Communion.

We look forward to our Spring meal at Seascale Golf Club on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April.

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 meeting

Jackie Folkes



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## NEWS FROM CALDERBRIDGE & PONSONBY

We start our Summer services at Ponsonby Church on 28<sup>th</sup> April, this will be Holy Communion at 9.30am. Everyone is welcome.

At present there are problems with water getting into Ponsonby Church, both through the louvres and the roof. Repairs to the roof are in hand and will be done as soon as possible when the weather allows. Ideally the roof and the louvres need replacing, this cannot be done until the funds are available.

As most of you will know a very generous legacy was left to us by the late William Green, however, until probate is granted no money will be received. We therefore still need to raise funds in order to maintain the upkeep of the buildings, which is a huge challenge. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions for fundraising, they would be most welcome. Our next planned event will be the Summer Fayre at Calderbridge Village Hall on 13<sup>th</sup> July. Please put this date in your diary.

*Liz MacKay*

## GOSFORTH WI



The April meeting of the Gosforth WI will take place on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024 at 7.15 pm in Gosforth Public Hall. Our theme this month is Easter, with some easy Easter Crafts that we can all enjoy. Watch the WI noticeboard for more details.

There will be more crafting on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024 when the WI will be hosting a Glass Fusion event led by Steph Sykes.

Refreshments will be available and new members are always welcome to join us.

Looking forward, the WI will be planning a D-Day80 coffee morning on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2024 from 10 am to 12 noon in Gosforth Public Hall – a date for your diaries.



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## West Lakes U3A APRIL 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 £6. There is usually a small charge for indoor meetings.

**Cycling - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** - Meet outside Gosforth Public Hall 10am. Two hour planned route to include refreshment stop. All welcome. 019467 25831 \*NB Change of day this month

**Chair based exercises - Mondays weekly** with Lin Davis. 60 minute sessions starting at 2.30 followed by refreshments. Currently free. **Not April 1<sup>st</sup>**

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

**History – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>** - “Cumbrian Chapmen and their Wares” a talk by Barry McKay. Drigg Village Hall. Refreshments from 10.15 for a 10.45 start.

**Singing for Fun – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>** - Seascale Methodist Hall 2.30-4.00. Kathy on 019467 21217

**Out and About Friday 5<sup>th</sup>** – Visit to Sarah Losh’s Church at Wreay, pub lunch and short time in Cockermouth. Details and booking. Vera 019467 25213

**Foundation Level Recorders - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>** - Santon Bridge Village Hall Supper Room, Thursday 10-00-11.30; Wednesday 2.00-3.30. 07817499849, [smithybrow@icloud.com](mailto:smithybrow@icloud.com)

**Strolling group Monday 8<sup>th</sup>** – A 2 mile gentle stroll followed by a refreshment stop starting at 2pm. Route to be decided. Val 07796527876.

**Discussion Group - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>** - This is a house group meeting at 7 Denton Park Court, Gosforth. 10.30-12.30pm. If you have not attended previously, please contact Graham on 019467 25794 before attending for the first time.

**IT/Digital Support Drop-in - Wednesdays 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>** - Gosforth Library. Call in anytime between 4 and 5 pm. (session finishes at 5.30)

**Art Appreciation - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>** – “Looking for Lowry” on DVD. St Joseph’s Church Hall, Seascale. Refreshments from 10.15 for a 10.45 start.

**New Group - Advanced Recorder Consort** - Thursdays 11th and 25th, 2-4 pm– Santon Village Hall supper room - Same contact as other recorder groups.

**Intermediate Recorders - Fridays 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>** - Santon Village Hall supper room 10.00 -12.00 Contact 07817499849 [smithybrow@icloud.com](mailto:smithybrow@icloud.com)

**Family History Group - Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>** - 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)

**Open Mind Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>** - “A Short and Crunchy History of British Biscuits” – Ros Downing Gosforth Public Hall, Refreshments from 10.15 for a 10.45 start . Free community lunch to follow. Pre booking essential with Vera 019467 25213

**Discovery - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Please check website nearer the time.

**Reading - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>** - St Mary’s Room, Gosforth 10.30.

## GOSFORTH SCHOOL NEWS



The Year 6s have been lucky enough to visit the Magistrates Court in Workington as a follow on from our work on Ancient Greece, learning about the rule of law. We carried out a mock trial based on Cyberbullying. The magistrates who organised the visit were very impressed with the pupil's knowledge of the justice system.

We have kept Rachel, the curate, busy. She talked Year 6 through the Eucharist in the church using all the necessary items. She was in school again the following week telling the Reception children about Jesus washing his disciples feet. Rachel then washed the children's feet.

Mr Raymond, as a volunteer at St Bees Lifeboat Station, led a celebration of 200 years of the RNLI. Some of the children got to dress up after learning about the valuable work that the RNLI does.



As a whole school we celebrated World Book Day. Both children and staff came to school dressed as a book character. The staff provided pictures of themselves as children alongside their favourite book and the children had to guess which staff member each was - they had great fun!

We had a visit from two police officers from CNC Police (both had previously attended our school). They talked about their job and what it entails. They brought along a police dog and talked about the special job they do.

Year 6 got to work with Helen Elvin to produce a willow tunnel structure on the school field as part of Forest School. We are excited to see how it changes with the seasons.

A small group of Year 5 children helped representatives from the church to make Mother's Day posies for the Sunday church service.

We invited our parents into school for Open Afternoon, an opportunity to see their child's work and look around the classroom. We love to see how proud the children are of their work.

FOGS are looking forward to the Easter Market in the village hall on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March from 10am to 2pm. We would love to see you all there. You are also welcome to come along to our Easter Service in the church on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am.

*Mrs S Layzell*  
*Assistant Headteacher*

## NEWS FROM GADS – GOSFORTH AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY



Our rehearsals for “The Wizard of Oz” are well underway and it looks like being another great show. Follow the yellow brick road with us in this delightful stage adaptation of L. Frank Baum’s timeless tale, featuring the iconic musical score from the MGM film. Join young Dorothy Gale as she travels from Kansas over the rainbow to the magical Land of Oz. Songs

include “Over the Rainbow”, “Munchkinland (Ding Dong! The Witch Is Dead)”, “If I Only Had a Brain/a Heart/the Nerve”, “We’re Off to See the Wizard”, “Jitterbug” and “The Merry Old Land of Oz”. This RSC version is a faithful adaptation of the film. A technically complex production, it recreates the dialogue and structure of the MGM classic nearly scene for scene, though it is adapted for live stage performance.

There will be three evening shows from Thursday 23 to Saturday 25 May at 7pm and also a matinee on Saturday 25 May at 1pm. Doors will open half an hour before each show. The performing rights for musicals are high, so we have had to increase prices slightly for this one. But they will still be good value at £10 for adults and £7.50 for u18 and full time students. Tickets will go on sale to GADS members from Mon 15 April and to the general public from Monday 22 April. There will be usual tea, coffee and biscuits available during the interval as well as ice cream, including a very special flavour developed for us by Ravenglass Handmade Ice Creams.

To keep up to date, you can visit our website ([www.gads.org.uk](http://www.gads.org.uk)), follow us on Facebook and Instagram or join our mailing list. You can email us using [secretary@gads.org.uk](mailto:secretary@gads.org.uk).

*Jim Polmear, GADS*

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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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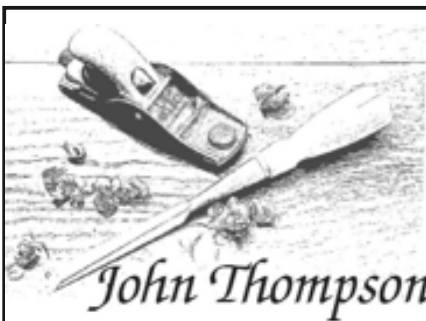
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ROTARY CLUB OF WEST LAKELAND



The club has had a varied program for the last month, as follows:

We had an interesting presentation from David Marsden on the history and current situation of the Muncaster Minibus, which provides bus services and trips, mainly for those without ready access to private transport, for the general area from Ravenglass to Beckermet. Unfortunately, services are limited by a shortage of volunteer drivers and increasing costs, particularly for fuel.

A fascinating evening was provided by Deborah Findlay from Eskdale with a talk and recital entitled 'The Chello Talks to You'. She illustrated this by playing various pieces, some well known and some less so, using various method of producing notes on a chello. The chello definitely 'talked to us'!

We have had a visit from the District Governor for Cumbria and North Lancashire, who surprised us by telling us that we are one of the biggest and growing clubs in our area, and making a significant contribution to our local community.

As evidence of this we are progressing well with our planned future events:

The Pensioners Party on Saturday 21st April, The Plant Sale on Sunday 19th May and Rotating Wheels on Sunday 21st July.

Graham Hutson

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 sessions will be held in the Library on Wednesdays 10th and 24th April. Call in any time between 4 – 5 pm. (Sessions close at 5.30 pm)

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GOSFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

The March meeting started with the introduction of two new younger members, Alex Peat and Jack Spence. This not only decreases our vacancies to two now, but also reduces the average age of PC members.

This was followed by a discussion with a member of the public, Richard Mawson, owner of the Lion and Lamb, regarding the restrictions on his existing planning permission about on-site carparking, coupled with the shortage of public carparking in the village. Options are being considered.

By the time you read these words, work should be well underway on upgrading the play equipment in the Playing Fields. Unfortunately this will result in the temporary closure of the Playing Fields carpark, which will of course add to the normal parking problems in the centre of the village.

Work is progressing on funding applications for the upgrading of the Public Hall.

Graham Hutson

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## MUNCASTER MICROBUS

Trips coming up are:

- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Carlisle and Gretna - £11.50
- Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April – Solway Coast - £12
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Egremont Farmers Market  
£3 donation to the market
- Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April – Cartmell / Grange - £9
- Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Mystery Trip - £12

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

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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. £8 / hour. 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](mailto:drmarsden@outlook.com) or 019467-24632.

## HOLMROOK READING ROOM OUR NEXT COMMUNITY EVENT

**Sat 29<sup>th</sup> June – BBQ 6:30pm - £8.50 (Members £7.50)**

**ALL WELCOME – Tickets: E mail David on  
[drmarsden@outlook.com](mailto:drmarsden@outlook.com)**

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MILLOM PROSTATE SUPPORT GROUP

This is a message from the Chairman of the Support Group:

Hello, I am Alfred McDonald, the chairman of the Millom Prostrate Support Group. We are trying to raise our profile so that people who are diagnosed with prostate cancer can have a place to come to discuss any issues. We meet at the Millom Rugby League on Devonshire Road, Millom, on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm. If there is anyone wanting to know more, my home phone is 01229770145 or mobile 07484117205. Thank you.

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.

2nd Sunday of the Month: 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 free.c@outlook.com

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

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SOUTH CALDER MISSION COMMUNITY - APRIL 2024

APRIL	Church	Service	Time
1st Sunday			
7th April	Neither Wasdale	HC	9.30
2nd of Easter	Waberthwaite	Morning Prayer	9.30
White	Seascale	HC at St Cuthbert's	9.30
Proper	Gosforth	Morning Praise	11.00
	Drigg	HC	11.00
	Eskdale Boot	HC	11.00
	Muncaster	Morning Prayer	11.00
	Whicham	HC	11.00
	Bootle	FS – Messy Church	4.00
	Gosforth St Mary's Room	Evening Worship	6.30
2nd Sunday			
14th April	Beckermet	HC in St John's	9.30
3rd of Easter	Irton	HC	9.30
White	Seascale	Methodists at St Cuthberts	9.30
Proper	Gosforth	HC	11.00
	Wasdale Head	Celtic Praise	11.00
	Drigg	Family Service	11.00
	Eskdale Boot	Morning Prayer	11.00
	Corney	HC	11.00
	Whicham	Evening Service	6.00
	Seascale	Faith and Fellowship	7.00
3rd Sunday			
21st April	Eskdale Green	Morning Prayer	9.30
4th of Easter	Neither Wasdale	Morning Prayer	9.30
White	Waberthwaite	HC	9.30
Proper	Seascale	HC at St Cuthbert's	9.30
	Gosforth	Morning Worship	11.00
	Drigg	HC	11.00
	Muncaster	HC	11.00
	Whicham	Family Service	11.00
	Bootle	Evening Service	6.00
	Gosforth St Mary's Room	Informal All-Age Worship	6.30
4th Sunday			
28th April	Ponsonby	HC	9.30
5th of Easter	Beckermet	Morning Prayer	9.30
WHITE	Eskdale Green	HC	9.30
Proper	Seascale	Methodists at St Cuthbert's	9.30
	Gosforth	HC	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

Cover photo: Springtime boat - Seascale beach (J Folkes)