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*for the Seatallan Benefice*  
*Gosforth & Wasdale*  
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## FROM THE SEATALLAN PARISH REGISTERS

Occasional Offices conducted between  
the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 to 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024

### BECKERMET

- No Occasional Offices known

### CALDER BRIDGE, PONSONBY and OLD CHURCH

- 28<sup>th</sup> March Burial of Ashes (Old Church) Josephine Cockbain
- 30<sup>th</sup> March Burial of Ashes (Old Church) Elizabeth Lamb
- 30<sup>th</sup> March Burial of Ashes (Old Church) Michael Lamb

### SEASCALE

- No Occasional Offices known

### GOSFORTH, NETHER WASDALE and WASDALE HEAD

- No Occasional Offices known

## LITTLE BLACK BAGS

Easter has come and gone and, like most clergy families, we do what we can to get a bit of rest after the 'big day'. Normally, that involves walking. One of our favourite places to walk is Gummer's Howe in the South Lakes - there's plenty of parking, a well marked track, lots of friendly people in holiday mood, and 'knock-out' views over Windermere and across to the Old Man of Coniston. It is always wonderful. This Easter, there was also something else that I am afraid has become a feature of our rural life for the last ten or so years...little black bags all over the place. Mostly, they were neatly tied up at the top. Some were thoughtfully tucked away in-between tree roots and cracks in the dry-stone walls. Others were hanging in the bushes. The most blatant were just by the stile - to be 'picked up' when the dog owner returned... maybe...never! Once you start to notice something, you see it everywhere don't you? Even closer to home!

Some time ago I went on another walk. It took us along a river bank in the Spring sunshine. On that occasion, I went with a big black plastic bag in my pocket. Before long, I had found a 'black bag' full of little black bags... as well as an assortment of other old bottles and tins. I took them to the bin by the footpath gate at the start of the walk. I confess the exercise made me feel a bit smug. After fifteen years of working outside in the woods, I am not a fan of the contents of 'the little black bag', or of any kind of litter for that matter! In fact, the truth is that I think that it is excellent that it has become socially unacceptable in this country to let our four-footed friends 'foul' public footpaths and playgrounds... but isn't there something a bit strange about going to the trouble of bagging up the problem, and then leaving it somewhere, in full view, where it will then take years to disappear from our beautiful countryside? Apparently, some of the little black bags are biodegradable. That may be the case... but so are the contents... unless you wrap them in a bag!

In the modern phenomenon of the 'little black bag' by the path, I think it could be that there is something interesting for us to think about as we travel on from Easter towards the Ascension and Pentecost...and the rest of the year. It is a spiritual lesson. We are all on a journey. It is a path through life. Occasionally things happen that leave a mess – something that doesn't smell too good – and gets nasty if people step in it. Very often, it is extremely tempting to 'bag up' these messy times...put a knot in them...and then hide them somewhere where we hope they will be forgotten. But of course they never are. They don't go away that easily, and inside the bag the problem remains!

The gospels show us a God who wants to wash our problems down, and,

in the process, deal with them once and for all, so that instead of hanging around, they can become useful experiences, and fertile places where new things can grow – after all, in time the messiest of experiences become the manure in which new things do grow. In time, the rain that turns our trials into triumphs is called ‘God’s grace’. The ‘rain of grace’ only starts to fall when we are open and honest... and when forgiveness is in the air.

Looking back, I can easily see plenty of things I have ‘bagged up’ and tried to hide in the bushes - often with a double knot on top! I still do it. But the truth is, it is much better to deal with things as they happen, rather than pretending that they do not matter. It is much better to find a proper home, where you can unpack your problems and let the rain of grace and a good dose of fresh air do its work. When things are working properly that is the role of the church and the body of Christ in our lives. It is an atmosphere which should be safe. When it is, things begin to blossom. There are some signs of that blossoming amongst us at the moment... so ‘Praise God’... He is so good.

Have a lovely May!

*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 is held monthly on the first Thursday of the month in St Mary’s Room, Gosforth, which in May will be **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>**. This month we are delighted to welcome representatives from Safe Families who will tell us about the work they do in Cumbria.



(There was an article about what they do in last month’s magazine, written by a volunteer.) They will be our chosen charity for donations this month. Do come along and support us and enjoy the chat and the cake!



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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.

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> May



Collection envelopes will not be delivered to houses but will be available in the Gosforth and Wasdale churches and also Seascale from the beginning of May. (Calderbridge and Beckermest are part of the Egremont Group.) Please collect an envelope which can be returned to church later in the month at one of our services. However, we have been asked to donate on line this year, if possible, by going to: [caweek.org](http://caweek.org)

## BECKERMET BIBLE STUDY

In the middle of the Autumn Term, we started a fortnightly Bible Study in Beckermest. 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, Beckermest, 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 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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## **MAY 2024**

The May meeting will be a talk in Seascale Methodist Room at **2pm on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May** by Deb Lee on the work of the Mothers' Union, her time as Diocesan President and, in particular, the 'Away from it All' caravan at St Bees. Members and friends will be warmly welcome. If you need transport, please contact Norma Hughes or Mary Waterhouse.

**May Prayer** – Our Lord and heavenly King, fill our lives with the presence of Christ, strengthen our faith to trust in you and set our hearts to pursue your ways, that we may work in partnership to build your Kingdom on earth. Amen

### **PRAYER TOPICS**

- The MU members and associates in the dioceses in Zone H – the English Province of York (18,025), 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 wars 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.
- Pray that as we step out as your hands and feet in our communities, you will enlighten us with the spiritual gifts of knowledge and understanding, to better understand the needs of the people we serve in your name, and to know that it is your will we do on earth, not ours.
- 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.

*Ruth Schofield*

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

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

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May** - 11am Morning Worship.

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May** - 11am Morning Praise

*Services at Nether Wasdale Church are at 9.30am on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> May.*

### **VIOLIN & VOICES CONCERT AT ST OLAF'S Sat 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2pm – A**

concert of violin music with Alesia Polonikova, and singers Sophie Whittle, Theresa Terzonie and Everton MacDonald. Alesia, from Lithuania, has performed as the primary violinist with the Europa Philharmonic Orchestra in Germany and the Lithuanian Symphony Orchestra. The programme will include music by Georg Philipp Telemann and 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 online from Eventbrite:

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

**THE OLD SCHOOL** – on the Green, has returned to the care of St Olaf's after a 60 year tenancy, and the Trustees meet shortly to decide on its future - this will be reported in this magazine's June issue.

**GREAT GIFT PEAKS ROUND** – this epic endurance feat starts and ends at the FRCC Memorial in St Olaf's churchyard. It is 39.2km in length, has an elevation gain of 3112 metres and a target completion time of 11hrs! The round takes in the summits of fourteen peaks: Grey Knotts, Base Brown, Great Gable, Green Gable, Kirk Fell, Scafell Pike, Lingmell, Broad Crag, Great End, Glaramara, Castle Crag, Seathwaite Fell (Great Slack), Allan Crag and Brandreth. Eleven of the peaks were gifted to the nation by the FRCC in memory of members killed in WWI, the three others were gifted by their owners in like mind. A member of the congregation at our Easter Sunday Festival Communion was one of a group of three that managed to complete it in 7hrs 57 minutes on Easter Saturday!

*Hugh Foulerton*

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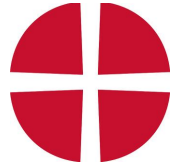
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# GOSFORTH METHODIST CONGREGATION NEWS

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The Churches Together Pentecost Service has always been for me the highlight of my year and some of the most memorable and inspiring worship of my life!

Many of you will be able to recall the amazing setting of Muncaster Castle or Ravenglass village green, or the shore of Wastwater. More recently insurance difficulties have confined us nearer home, but Gosforth School playground, St Cuthbert's sloping grass and the Roman Catholic's field have all proved wonderfully uplifting.

So, I'm looking forward to this year's Pentecost Service as I always have and pray that the Holy Spirit will again renew us with the fruits of the Spirit: Love, joy and inner peace.

*Mary Moody*

## **Churches Together PENTECOST WORSHIP**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

**at 3.00pm**

**St Cuthbert's Church - Seascale**

**with Phoenix Praise**

**(with outside activities weather permitting)**

**NB:** There will be no All-Age worship at Gosforth on the evening of 19<sup>th</sup> May.



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*Parade & maypole dancing, music from*  
*Whitehaven Town Band*

**Sit down & takeaway teas, free children's teas**

*Raffle, cake stall, tombola, lucky dip, face painting &*  
*local craft stalls*

**This is a cash only event.**

**For more information, check out our Facebook page @Nether Wasdale May Festival.**

## BECKERMET NEWS

We all appreciate that we live on the peripheral of the Lake District and without sufficient rainfall we would not have the lakes. However, it is fair to say that we have had more than our fair share of the wet stuff in recent times, with March and the previous months being the wettest period since records began. April is known for its showers and we have already seen plenty of them, causing the wet ground to be even more saturated than normal for this time of the year. Such conditions have a major impact on not only the farming community who have to endure the elements but also for keen gardeners who find the conditions difficult. The wet and windy weather brings other problems with people not wanting to venture out, especially the older members of our community. It is therefore important that we keep a good neighbourly watch on those who may need some company if they are unable to venture out. A simple phone call or a brief visit could make all the difference. Hopefully the weather will soon start to improve, as we could all benefit from a little, or preferably a lot, more sunshine and a lot less rain.

The Easter Sunday service saw us return for the first time this year to St John's Church in the village. During the past three months our twice monthly services had been held in the Reading Rooms due to the unpredictable reliability of the church heating system. The Reading Rooms provided a really good alternative for our services, being much warmer and with the provision of toilets and the use of the kitchen for teas & coffees available before & after each service. We are very grateful to the directors of the Reading Rooms who not only allowed us to use their facilities but wavered the hire charge to support St John's Church. The PCC and those who attended very much appreciate this support given to the church. The Easter Service was well attended by just over thirty members who were all glad to be back in the church, even though it may not have been as cosy as we had all been accustomed to in the Reading Rooms. Please note that now we are back in the church all services will commence at **9.30am**.

Thanks to the dedicated voluntary work of the small group of C.I.C. directors who oversee the running of the Reading Rooms we now have a first-class facility that is used for many different purposes from quiz & bingo nights, to coffee, cake & chat sessions, a café, art classes, yoga classes, band nights, open mic nights to name but a few. The main aim is to enable everyone who wishes to enjoy an activity to meet like-minded people, both from within the village and the wider community. All events and activities are advertised in the village newsletter, on 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 do so, even if it is only to see the transformation achieved with the help of grants especially from the GDF.

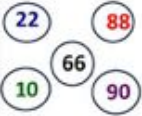


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 Tuesdays 9.30-11.30am & Thursdays 1.30-3.30pm  
*All welcome to attend from wherever you live.*



Who? What?  
 Why? When?  
 Where?

**Quiz Nights: - 3<sup>rd</sup> May & 7<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Bingo Nights: - 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> May & 21<sup>st</sup> June**  
 6.30-8.30 pm all welcome - proceeds in aid St John's Church.



**Soup Lunch & Cake £6**  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of the month 15<sup>th</sup> May & 17<sup>th</sup> June  
*All welcome -proceeds in aid of St John's Church*



Library in Reading Room open-  
 Tues 9.30-11.30am  
 Thurs 1.30-3.30pm

Reading Room  
**Food Bank**  
 Collection Point

Food can be donated in the two boxes  
 in the front entrance of the Reading  
 Rooms whenever the building is open.

**Village Lottery Monthly Draw**  
**(To raise funds for good causes in the village)**

The monthly draw took place on 2<sup>nd</sup> April with three more lucky winners receiving prizes.

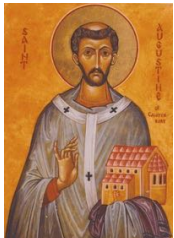
All draws take place on the first Tuesday of the month: -next will be on  
**7<sup>th</sup> May & 4<sup>th</sup> June**

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

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**SAINT FOR MAY - St AUGUSTINE**

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of May the Church of England remembers Augustine, who died in 605 as Archbishop of Canterbury. He had been the Prior of a monastery in Rome and had been selected by Pope Gregory the Great to lead a mission to England. There had been some Christians in the country during Roman times, notably St. Albans, who might appear here next month, but paganism was rife, particularly after the arrival of our friends (not perhaps the right word) from the Continent. Augustine arrived in Thanet in 597 and quickly converted the local King of Kent and his people. He was consecrated Bishop in the same year and established his see at Canterbury, which eventually became the principal church in the Anglican Community.



# NEWS FROM SEASCALE

## Wednesday Outreach – Seascale Methodist Church

Tea and Chat members enjoyed a lovely meal at Seascale Golf Club on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April, they catered for us very well considering we were a large group. Everyone was glad to come out and enjoy time with friends on what proved to be a very wet day. We are extremely grateful to Glenda Davis for arranging the meal.

Our next Tea and Chat meeting will be on Wednesday 1st May at 2.30pm. Everyone is welcome at our meetings.

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

Our next Tea Service on Wednesday 15th May at 2.30pm will be led by Revd. Rachel Cunliffe. Jonathan, Sheila and Andrew will kindly provide music and lead the singing for the service.

As the service falls during Christian Aid week, we will be giving our offering at this service to Christian Aid.

*Jackie Folkes*

## Every Life Matters Coffee Morning

There was a wonderful friendly buzz of activity, laughter and chatter throughout the morning with lots of new faces joining us to raise funds for the Circuit Charity. Marjorie & Terry had a lovely chat with a couple who had travelled down from Workington. The friendly chats we have with people are so important to help people feel the warm welcome churches provide.



The charity has recently set up “peer to peer support groups” across Cumbria for families and friends bereaved by Suicide. This will no doubt be a great support network, for everyone to be able to talk openly with others who have experienced the shock of suicide and the unanswered questions left behind.

Huge thank you to everyone who helped us in so many ways to achieve such a wonderful result of £656.07.

It was wonderful to have Amber & Beth helping with the Chocolate Tombola, hopefully they will help again in the future and may encourage other young people to get involved with events.

We pray this donation will help the charity to continue to make a real difference with the wonderful work they are doing.

## **NEWS FROM CALDERBRIDGE & PONSONBY**

### **Services for May:**

**12<sup>th</sup> May** Old Church Beckermest - Evensong at 3pm

**26<sup>th</sup> May** Ponsonby Church - Holy Communion a 9.30am

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



Tickets for “The Wizard of Oz” have been on sale to the general public since Monday 22 April and are selling well. If you haven’t booked yet, this is your reminder. 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. There will be the usual complimentary tea, coffee and biscuits available during the interval. The very popular ice cream will also be on sale before the show and during the interval, including a very special flavour developed for us by Ravenglass Handmade Ice Creams. To book, there are email and online booking links on the GADS website or you can phone 019467 28392 and leave a message.

After the Wizard, we continue with a full programme. Registration for our Summer Youth Workshop will open in late June; auditions for our Autumn Play “Sheila’s Island” by Tim Firth (Calendar Girls and Kinky Boots) will be held on 4 and 9 July, and our Youth Theatre Group will be performing a selection from Phillip Pullman’s Grimm Tales on 12 and 13 July. This will be open to the general public so please come along and support our energetic youngsters.

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*

## **ECO PSALMS FROM IONA**

These eco psalms were written by guests at Iona Abbey in 2022.  
Copied from the book "Like a Root out of Dry Ground" written by Neil Paynter.

### **For generations to come**

O God, why is the world such a mess?  
Why will people not listen?  
We are greedy and we have allowed this to influence  
how we use our resources.  
Let us stand back and look at what has happened.  
When the world stopped for COVID things started to  
regenerate.  
The air became cleaner  
flowers bloomed  
insects increased  
bees hummed  
birds sang.....  
We must not go back to the old ways.  
We must look forward and take care of our Earth  
for the sake of generations to come.

***Christine Rowntree***

### **All creation sings your praise**

We thank you God for:  
all the colours of nature around us.  
The contrasts of the countryside in green, white and pink.  
The beautiful blue of skies and sea and lips after swimming  
The feeling of cold, of clear water, and the colours of the seaweed.  
The greens of the grass and bracken in its fractal beauty,  
even in the rain.  
Of moss on rocks in all its colours.  
The colours of the plants and flowers – for purple!  
For the views from the top of hills and everything we see.  
For perspective and clarity, for the sunshine after rain.  
For the wind that gives us power.



For the power of the waves and the rising tide around the islands.  
For all the animals and birds, mink and sheep.  
Puffins, penguins and oyster-catchers sitting proudly on the rocks.  
For the voices of happy humans and friends  
who wave to us across the waves  
For hot showers and hot cocoa at the end of the day.  
All creation sings your praise  
We thank you for the wonders you have made.  
Amen

***By the youth of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Austin,  
Texas.***

## **Churches Together in Seascale and District – AGM**

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00 pm in St Mary's Room, Gosforth

Followed by  
Church of Games  
(a sort of quiz, with apologies to Richard Osman)  
and Refreshments

Everyone welcome!

## **GALESYKE GARDEN (Wasdale) OPEN WEEKEND**

(Part of the National Garden Scheme)

**Saturday 25th / Sunday 26th May  
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## GOSFORTH SCHOOL NEWS



In March we took part in the county wide Feet First 5-day Active Travel Challenge for a week. The challenge was for pupils and their families to choose an active way of getting to school as many times as possible over the 5-day period, supporting sustainable active journeys on the school run. It was very successful with lots of families choosing to park further away from school and walking.

We also, in March, had our long awaited Ofsted revisit. Inspectors now spend a lot more time looking at children's work and talking to pupils in small groups. We were all immensely proud of our children as they were so confident and articulate when talking about their learning and daily life in our school. We achieved Good overall and were very pleased with the final report. This can be found on our website should you wish to read it.

Some of our Year 6 children took part in a football tournament at West Lakes Academy against other local schools. They then took part in an orienteering event at Whitehaven Academy. The weather was kind to them and the sun shone, however it was still very muddy underfoot. Some of the Year 3 and 4 children have represented school at a football tournament and a hockey event.

Our Reception class visited Strudda Bank farm near Calder Bridge as part of their topic on New Life. They got to see lots of lambs and talked about the life cycle of their emus - including being shown the giant eggs!

Sadly, we said goodbye to one of our teaching assistants, Mrs Jackson. Mrs Jackson has been at the school for 20 years and has retired to spend time at home in her garden. We wish her a long and happy retirement!

*Mrs S Layzell*  
*Assistant Headteacher*



## West Lakes U3A MAY 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.

**Out and About/History - 1<sup>st</sup> May** – Visit to Haverigg Inshore Rescue/pub lunch. Talk about RAF Millom. Details and booking - Vera 019467 25213

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

**Foundation Level Recorders - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 15<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)

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

### **New Activities**

- **Country/Folk Dancing** – Fridays weekly starting 2-3.30pm Gosforth Public Hall.
- **Tai Chi** – Mondays weekly at 11.30-12.30 in Gosforth Public Hall.

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

**IT/Digital Support drop in Wednesdays 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Gosforth Library. Call in anytime between 4 and 5 pm. (session finishes at 5.30)

**Chair based exercises - Mondays weekly (not 6<sup>th</sup>)** with Lin Davis. 60 minute sessions starting at 2.30 followed by refreshments. Currently free.

**Art Appreciation - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>** - A chance to meet Natalie Burns - a local Cumbrian Artist. St.Joseph's Church Hall, Seascale. Refreshments from 10.15 for a 10.45 start.

**Advanced Recorder Consort - Thursdays 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>**, 2-4 pm – Santon Village Hall supper room - same contact as other recorder groups.

**Strolling Group - Monday 13<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 14<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.

**Open Mind - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>** - “Red Squirrels” a talk by Ian Savage. Gosforth Public Hall. Refreshments from 10.15 for a 10.45 start.

**Intermediate Recorders - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<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 21<sup>st</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)

**Reading Group - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>** - St Mary’s Rooms , Gosforth 10.30.

**Discovery Group - Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>** The Lancaster Bomber - talk & film with Alan Hands.St Marys Room, Gosforth - Refreshments from 2pm for a 2.30 start.

**Out and About – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>** – Visit to Haverigg Prison and Bootle Church, talk about the smokery/plant nursery/ wood joinery and chance to visit the shop. Light lunch included but pre- booking essential. Vera 019467 25213

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## **GOSFORTH WI**

The May meeting of the Gosforth WI will be held on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7.15 pm in Gosforth Public Hall.

This month will be the AGM. The President’s address will be given by Vice-President Ann McKenzie in the absence of our current President; the Treasurer will give the annual Financial Report; and the Competitions Cup will be presented to the member with the most points from the monthly competitions.

No speaker this month due to the AGM, but there will be a fun quiz and the usual tasty refreshments.

As two Committee members plan to move out of the village shortly, any members willing to join the Committee will be warmly welcomed.

As ever, new members are also welcomed and may attend two meetings before joining.



*Karen Warmoth*



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## ROTARY CLUB OF WEST LAKELAND



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The Club wish to express our gratitude to the members of Inner Wheel and Brian for their invaluable contributions to a great afternoon.

A recent interesting talk was given by Tom Chittenden, who manages the Workington Lifeboat, on 200 years of Lifeboat Operation. Another informative talk was from Emmanuel Gratin on the benefits of working in Horticulture for the mental health of young people. Good progress is being made on the preparations for Rotating Wheels, which will be held on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July on the Old Show Field at Gosforth.

*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 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Call in any time between 4 – 5 pm. (Sessions close at 5.30 pm)

## 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. **No bowling on 1<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> May.**

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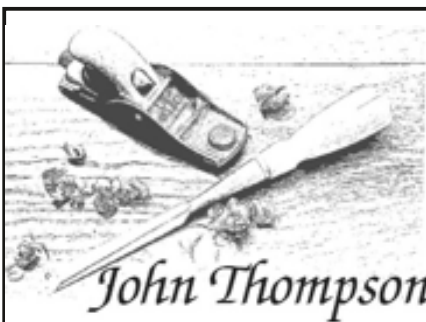
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## GOSFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Firstly, I must apologise to our new members for incorrectly giving their names in the March report. Their correct names are Alex Pleat and Jack Hatton.

The installation of the new play equipment on the playing fields is being delayed by the wet weather but will hopefully be completed by the time this report is published.

Plumbing problems with the toilets are under investigation and should shortly be resolved.

A sub-group has been set up to revise the Parish Plan, which will recommend land use within the parish and facilitate comments on matters further afield e.g. the West Cumbria railway line and NHS provision.

Discussions are ongoing with the relevant authorities to minimise the inconvenience to local residents and businesses when roads are closed for "upgrading" the A595 in our vicinity, and also utility work on the Eskdale Road in the Whitecroft area.

The next meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup> will be the AGM of the Council to which all parishioners are cordially invited.

*Graham Hutson*

## MUNCASTER MICROBUS

Trips coming up are:

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Mystery Trip - £12.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Egremont Farmers Market (£3 donation to market)

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Solway Coast - £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.**

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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.

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

### ZOOMED SERVICES

**11.00am Service of Holy Communion or Morning Worship** hosted by St Mary's Church am. If you would like an invitation to this service please email [stmarys.gosforth.zoom@gmail.com](mailto:stmarys.gosforth.zoom@gmail.com)

**Thursdays at 9.30am South Calder Mission Community Morning Prayer.** For an invitation please contact David Davies – [divord4@gmail.com](mailto:divord4@gmail.com)

### SUNDAY EVENINGS

**1st and 3rd Sunday of Month: 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).

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:free.c@outlook.com)

**4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jillhudson@hotmail.co.uk) and for a Zoom invitation email [khudson@freenetname.co.uk](mailto:khudson@freenetname.co.uk) or ring 01946 721592 or visit [www.phoenixpraise.org.uk](http://www.phoenixpraise.org.uk)

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# SOUTH CALDER MISSION COMMUNITY - MAY 2024

MAY	Church	Service	Time
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b>			
<b>5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Nether Wasdale	HC	9.30
<b>6<sup>th</sup> of Easter</b>	Waberthwaite	Morning Prayer	9.30
<b>White</b>	Seascale	HC at St Cuthbert's	9.30
<b>Proper</b>	Gosforth	Morning Praise	11.00
	Drigg	HC	11.00
	Eskdale Boot	HC	11.00
	Muncaster	Morning Prayer	11.00
	Whicham	HC	11.00
	Bootle	Family Service – Messy Church	4.00
	Gosforth St Mary's Room	Methodist led Evening Worship	6.30
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b>			
<b>12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Beckermet	HC	9.30
<b>7<sup>th</sup> of Easter</b>	Irton	HC	9.30
<b>White</b>	Seascale	Methodists at St Cuthbert's	9.30
<b>Proper</b>	Gosforth	HC	11.00
	Wasdale Head	Morning Worship	11.00
	Drigg	Family Service	11.00
	Eskdale Boot	MP	11.00
	Corney	HC – Plough Sunday	11.00
	Old Church Beckermet	Evening Prayer	3.00
	Whicham	Evening Service	6.00
	Seascale	Faith and Fellowship	7.00
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b>			
<b>19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Eskdale Green	Morning Prayer	9.30
<b>Pentecost</b>	Nether Wasdale	Morning Prayer	9.30
<b>Red</b>	Waberthwaite	HC	9.30
<b>Proper</b>	Seascale	HC at St Cuthbert's	9.30
	Gosforth	Pentecost Morning Worship	11.00
	Drigg	HC	11.00
	Muncaster	HC	11.00
	Whicham	Family Service for Pentecost	11.00
	Seascale - St Cuthbert's	Churches Together Pentecost Service	3.00
	Bootle	Evening Service	6.00
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>			
<b>26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Ponsonby	HC	9.30
<b>Trinity</b>	Beckermet	Morning Prayer	9.30
<b>WHITE</b>	Eskdale Green	HC	9.30
<b>Proper</b>	Seascale	Methodists at St Cuthbert's	9.30
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	Irton	HC	11.00
	Bootle	HC	11.00
	Waberthwaite	Evening Prayer	6.00
	Gosforth St Mary's Room	Phoenix Praise Evening Worship	7.00

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