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## FROM THE SEATALLAN PARISH REGISTERS

Occasional Offices conducted between  
the 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025 and the 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025

### **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**

4<sup>th</sup> Feb Funeral and burial      Elsie Atkinson      Gosforth

Mix a pancake,  
Stir a pancake,  
    Pop it in the pan;  
Fry the pancake,  
Toss the pancake, —  
    Catch it if you can.

*Christina Rossetti*



Do you like pancakes? This year Shrove Tuesday is on 4<sup>th</sup> March. Traditionally, pancakes were made and eaten on this day to use up any fat, eggs, and sweet things from the cupboard before Lent begins. Lent being a time of fasting, penitence and prayer: reflecting on our relationship with God and journey of faith in the lead up to Easter.

Well, do you like pancakes? What is your favourite thing to put on a pancake? There are so many choices! Jam, lemon and sugar, ice cream, chocolate sauce, syrup, all different kinds of fruit... Pancakes can be filled with so many of the good things that we enjoy eating.

In the Bible, we are told of good things, “fruit”, that God wants us to be filled with. In the letter to the Galatian church, Paul the apostle says that through God’s work in us, the Holy Spirit will produce the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control in our lives. The more time we spend with God, the more we will grow in this good fruit.

So, as you fill your pancakes full of good things that you enjoy eating this Shrove Tuesday, I encourage you to think about, or chat about, which of the fruit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness or self-control – you see in yourself and the people in your family or household and celebrate and thank God for this good fruit which you see in one another. Also, we all have fruit we need to grow more in, which is it for you at the moment? Why not ask God to help you grow in this fruit during Lent this year?

*“...the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.”*  
*Galatians 5:22-23*

Enjoy your pancakes!

*Rachel*

## GOSFORTH AND WASDALE PARISH ELECTORAL ROLL 2025

To indicate that you regard yourself as a member of the wider Church Community and to show your support for the officers and members of the PCC, you are asked to be on the electoral roll. Only those on this roll can vote at an APCM. This is the year for a new electoral roll - everyone is required to complete a form, even if they have completed one in the past. Please collect a form, complete it, and return it to the Electoral Roll Officer.

**Gosforth** - Forms can be obtained from the back of St Mary's Church (or on Sundays from St Mary's Room), or from Norma Hughes or Ruth Schofield. Completed forms can be put in the envelope at the back of St Mary's Church, or given to Norma Hughes or Ruth Schofield.

**Nether Wasdale** - Forms can be obtained from and should be returned to Margie Simper or Rachel Putnam.

**Wasdale Head** - Forms can be obtained from and returned to Hugh Foulerton.

To be on the electoral roll you should be baptised and live in the parish. If you live in another parish, you should have worshipped at the church regularly for at least six months or have a distinct connection with the Church.

You can be on the electoral roll of more than one church within the parish, or of another parish, but if it is another parish, you can only vote at the APCM of one parish.

**All forms must be returned by 24<sup>th</sup> March.**

## 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.



Food is collected from Wasdale and Gosforth on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month, which this month is 21<sup>st</sup> March.



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Annual subscriptions are due again next month. The cost of the magazine will remain at £6. (We needed to increase it last year as it had been £5 for at least 10 years!) The digital version of the magazine remains free but donations are always welcome!

Advertising will remain at £120 for a full-page advert, with £60 for a half-page and £30 for a quarter-page. As in the past there will be 10 issues in the year – one each month with combined issues for July/August and December/January.

It would be helpful if you could have your money ready (£6) when your distributor delivers your April magazine.

We thank all subscribers and advertisers for supporting the magazine and for our 16+ volunteers who deliver it.

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

*Norma Hughes - Editor*

## SOUTH CALDER MISSION COMMUNITY PRAYERS

These continue to take place on Zoom every Thursday morning at 9.30am and last about 20 minutes. Everyone is welcome to join us. Please contact Jonathan Falkner on 01946 721852 for an invitation on Zoom.



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

This is usually held on the first Thursday of each month – this month's date being 6<sup>th</sup> March.

Why not come along and enjoy the home baking and a cuppa and chat? Everyone is most welcome!



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Thursday Evenings at 7.30 pm in St Mary's Room, Gosforth starting on Thursday 13 March

**ALL WELCOME**



### ST MARY'S CHURCH 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](http://www.achurchnearyou.com) and on the tab type 'St Mary Gosforth', the church and address will appear just below it. If you then 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 26,865. If you do visit it and spot any inaccuracies or omissions, please let me know and, if possible, I will do the cor-rections.

*Ruth Schofield (web editor)*



# LIVING HOPE

## A Lent Journey AN OVERVIEW

### Outline of the weekly themes for adults

Start of Lent: **What is hope?** - Exploring what hope means in the context of the Christian faith

Week 1: **Imperfect** - Exploring how we hold on to hope in lives that are messy and a world that is imperfect

Week 2: **Together** - Exploring the ways joining with others allows us to find hope ourselves and offer hope to those who need it.

Week 3: **Trusting** - Exploring what it means to trust in the hope God promises, even when we feel uncertain about the future.

Week 4: **Noticing** - Exploring how we can deepen our hope by noticing signs of what God is doing.

Week 5: **Courage** - Exploring how being rooted in hope can give us courage to face difficulties and seek change.

Week 6 - **Holy Week: Transformed** - Exploring how God can transform even the most broken situations.

Daily Living Hope reflections for adults and a daily challenge for children and their families will begin on Ash Wednesday (5 March) and finish on Easter Day (20 April).

Booklets for both adults and children are available to order in money-saving packs of 10 or 50 copies from Church House Publishing via <https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/livinghope>

Digital versions of the reflections for adults will also be available in the Everyday Faith app via [www.cofe.io/EverydayFaithApp](http://www.cofe.io/EverydayFaithApp)

Collective worship resources for schools and a digital version of the challenge for children and families will also be available via [www.cofe.io/LivingHope](http://www.cofe.io/LivingHope)

### Outline of the weekly themes for schools, children and families

*NB the themes for schools, children and families follow a slightly different order from the adults' themes (shown in brackets).*

Start of Lent: **Hope for Lent** (What is hope?) - Exploring Lent as a time of looking forward in hope to the amazing story of Easter.

Week 1: **Hope in the wilderness** (Trusting) - Exploring Lent as a time for us to place our trust in God as Jesus did in the wilderness.

Week 2: **Hope on the water** (Together) - Exploring how Jesus called fishermen to trust him and work together to share God's love.

Week 3: **Hope at the Last Supper** (Imperfect) - Exploring how Jesus encourages his friends to learn from their mistakes and hope in God.

Week 4: **Hope at the cross** (Noticing) - Exploring how those followers who remain close to Jesus till the end notice signs of hope.

Week 5: **Hope at the tomb** (Courage) - Exploring how two women brave enough to visit Jesus' tomb are filled with hope and joy.

Week 6 - **Holy Week: Easter Hope** (Transformed) - Exploring how the disciples' sorrow turned to joy when the risen Jesus stands among them.

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## MARCH 2025

The March meeting is at 2pm in Gosforth St Mary's Room on **Monday 24th March**, which is the day before Lady Day and that will be the theme of the short service at the start of the meeting. The main part will be a talk by the Revd Rachel Cunliffe. Those who need transport please phone Mary on 27641 or Norma on 25366.

**MARCH PRAYER** – Father, we thank you that through the sacrificial love of Christ we have been shown the transcending and transforming power of love. Thank you for the unending grace and redemption found in his sacrifice, which exemplifies the depth of your love for us. May we reflect his love in all we do. Help us to be people showing love for others through inclusion, forgiveness, compassion and social justice. In your holy name we pray. Amen

**PRAYER TOPICS** – Please pray for:

- The contribution and commitment of MU's four million or so members as they aim to be effective witnesses for Christ and strive to end poverty, injustice and violence.
- The homeless on the streets, for refugees seeking safety and shelter, and those suffering from war, especially thinking of the Middle East, the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Ukraine. The leaders of nations that they may have the wisdom to act for the common good.
- Those who lead major corporations, that they may treat their workers and suppliers justly and fairly.
- In this month of March, which includes a World Day of Prayer service on the 7<sup>th</sup>, International Women's Day on the 8<sup>th</sup>, Lady Day on the 25<sup>th</sup> and Mothering Sunday on the 30<sup>th</sup>, 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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# *St Olaf's, Wasdale Head*

*faith in the fells - a song for St Olaf's visitors*

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as faith is shared and love is shown,  
where all who doubt or who believe  
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and share with Christ the air we breathe.

**This is a space for God.**

This is a time of fond surprise  
for hearts and minds and ears and eyes,  
where what's gone wrong can be forgiven  
and what's to come is glimpsed or given  
as earth makes room for more of heaven.

**This is a time for God.**

This is a place and space and time  
for paths to walk and fells to climb,  
for us to find a better view  
of all that's good and just and true  
and let God's spirit make all new.

**This is the place for us.**

**THE YEW TREE WORK** - mentioned in last month's magazine is now complete, an essential first step in St Olaf's churchyard restoration programme. We are so grateful to Nuclear Waste Services for fully funding the £2700 cost.

## MARCH SERVICES AT ST OLAF'S

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February – 11am Morning Worship

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – 11am Morning Praise

Sundays 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> February – 9.30am service at Nether Wasdale church.

## **NEWS FROM SEASCALE**

**Lent Lunches** – from 12 noon to 1.00pm

Soup, bread, cheese, tea/coffee served on five Tuesdays in Lent at the following venues:

11<sup>th</sup> March in St Joseph's

18<sup>th</sup> March in the Methodist Hall

25<sup>th</sup> March in St Joseph's

1<sup>st</sup> April in the Methodist Hall

8<sup>th</sup> April in St Joseph's

Donations given at these lunches will go to Christian Aid and Cafod.

Do come and join us on some (or all) of these Tuesdays!

### **Messy Church**

Messy Church in March is on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> in St Cuthbert's from 11am-1pm.

Come and enjoy crafts, games, story, prayer and song - not forgetting lunch.

*Mary Waterhouse*

### **Wednesday Afternoon Outreach**

At the February Tea and Chat 40 people came together to enjoy a soup lunch. Our grateful thanks to everyone who helped to make this such a wonderful time of fellowship. A special thank you to Mawson's who supplied soup, rolls, sandwiches and sausage rolls for the lunch.

Our March Tea and Chat will be on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm as we return to our normal meeting time.

### **Tea Services**

The March Tea Service, on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm, will be led by Sheila and Jonathan.

All are welcome at these services.

**Over 50's Youth Club** continues weekly from 2 – 4pm in the Methodist Church Hall. Everyone welcome

**A date for your diaries – Easter Fair - Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April  
10am-12noon - Seascale Methodist Church Hall supporting  
Cumbria Agricultural Chaplaincy**

**Copeland Crafters for Ukraine Coffee Morning**  
**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March - 10am-12noon**  
**Seascale Methodist Church Hall**

The Methodist Church will be hosting this coffee morning. Please see the details below from Carolyn Sands as to why this is such a special coffee morning.

**The One Hundredth Blanket for Ukraine**

The Copeland Crafters have been producing wonderful blankets to send to Ukraine for nearly two years now and we have made a special 100th blanket. To mark the occasion, we are having a coffee morning as per details above. There will be a display of some of the most recent blankets made and a cake stall. Please come along and support this event.

**If you have any spare wool you would like to donate,  
please bring it with you.**

*Jackie Folkes*

## **NEWS FROM CALDERBRIDGE AND PONSONBY**

Our service this month will be Holy Communion on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March in Calderbridge Village Hall at 9.30 am.

The date for our Easter Afternoon Tea and Raffle has been changed from 26<sup>th</sup> April to Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April, which is Easter Saturday. More details in the April magazine.

## **NEWS FROM NETHER WASDALE**

### **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Lunch**



**SHROVE TUESDAY**

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March (Shrove Tuesday) there is to be a Pancake Lunch held in the Nether Wasdale Old School from 12 noon. Donations to the Old School.

Everyone is most welcome. Do come and join us!

## BECKERMET COMMUNITY NEWS

This is a great time of the year if we can avoid storms and heavy snowfalls. It is a time when spring flowers are pushing their way through the frosty earth. Nature is a wonderful thing. Man thinks he is clever being able to invent things and make wonderful enormous constructions, and indeed he is, but nature without any help knows what to do and when, without any human input. Every year these plants push their way out into the visible world and delight us with their delicate flowers, especially the snowdrops which are soon followed by the swaying daffodils. We are truly blessed to be able to see nature at its very best. It won't be long before the buds will be starting to form on the trees and the signs of winter will slowly but surely start to disappear and, with the lengthening of days, we will hopefully feel that much happier and content with life.

We are fortunate to be able to enjoy the wonders of our surroundings in the safety of our relatively peaceful part of the world. Many are not as lucky as we are. When thinking of others, it is important to take action, however small, to help those who need support right now in their lives. Many charities, both at home and abroad, are in urgent need of support. We have a box for contributions to our local Foodbank in the porch of the Reading Rooms and the church and donations will be greatly appreciated.

As I mentioned last month the Reading Rooms will be closed for around a month from 17<sup>th</sup> March – 18<sup>th</sup> April for some improvements to the front entrance and the installation of a disabled access lift. During the closure the Beckermet Village Association activities will continue to function as they did during the last closure.

**Coffee, Cake & Chat** will be in St John's Church.

Tuesday mornings 9.30 – 11.30am; Thursday afternoons 1.30 – 3.30pm.

(A portaloos will be placed at the side of the church as per last time.)

No charge for refreshments but donations help with the cost.

**Quiz and Bingo Nights** will be held in the School Hall.

**Quiz Nights** - 21<sup>st</sup> March; 11<sup>th</sup> April - **Bingo** – 28<sup>th</sup> March.

This is an opportunity for members of the community to come along and see the work of the children on show inside the building.

Please come along and support these activities which help raise funds for St John's Church at the centre of the village.

**St John's Church** The twice monthly services have recently been held in the Reading Rooms due to boiler issues. This means that the service on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March will be back in church, hopefully warmer by then. If not, please come suitably dressed! Refreshments continue to be available after the service. It would be lovely to see you at one of these services, where you will be made to feel most welcome.

### **Monthly Film Nights**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Back to Black

These cinema evenings are free for all to attend so why not come along and enjoy a free night out and have a drink, as the bar will be open to purchase refreshments, including alcohol.

**Open Mic Night** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

For local musicians to come along and play for enjoyment and entertain those who attend. Free entry and bar open.

**St John's Soup Lunches** have restarted and the March lunch will be a week earlier than usual due to the closure of the Reading Rooms. It's on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Excellent value at £6 per head which includes a bowl of soup (or two), home-made cake, plus tea/coffee. A great way to meet up with friends and even make new ones.

**Village Lottery** This continues with each monthly draw taking place around 10am on the first Tuesday of each month during Coffee, Cake and Chat. The next two draws will be on 4<sup>th</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> April.

We have just over 170 members which provide over £2000 in Prize Money during the year with the same amount available for good causes in the village. Individuals and groups can apply for financial support.

If you need help then use the contact details at the end of this article.

For more information about these events in Beckermest please check either the **Beckermest Reading Rooms** or **Beckermest Village Facebook** pages for details.

Please try and support as many of these activities as possible to continue making the Reading Rooms the central hub for village activities.

*John Mackay*

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# BECKERMET SCHOOL NEWS

January saw the mysterious arrival of a nest in the school hall! After our ace Reception Class detectives did some investigating, we found out it was actually a dragon's nest! All classes then did some fantastic creative writing and art work about dragons. Reception and Year 1/2 class wrote some instructions on how to care for your dragon, Year 3 and 4 wrote descriptions about their own rainbow dragons and Year 5 and 6 wrote poems about the dragons inside us. Everybody in our school contributed to a huge dragon which took pride of place in our school hall for a week too! We had a fantastic time.



In February, the theme of Mental Health Week was 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'. All the children planted a flowering bulb which they have taken home to look after until they hopefully start to flower when the warmer weather arrives! The children also had some challenges to complete at home to help them relax and unwind.

On NSPCC Number Day, the children all dressed in clothes that had numbers on or something that could be counted! There were lots of fun maths activities going on all day...the staff even had a challenge of counting how many biscuits they ate at playtime!

The last exciting thing we've had this term is wheelchair rugby! All the children, from Reception to Year 6 took part and Nat was very impressed with the enthusiasm on display!

*Susan Alderson – Senior Teacher*



## **Daffodils** by William Wordsworth

I wandered lonely as a cloud  
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,  
When all at once I saw a crowd,  
A host, of golden daffodils;  
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,  
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.



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**Visitors are very welcome to attend a couple of meetings or activities before becoming a member.**

Current annual membership is £7 There is usually a small charge for indoor meetings.

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**Tai Chi** – Mondays - weekly Gosforth Public Hall

**Chair based exercises** – Wednesdays - weekly Gosforth Public Hall

**Folk Dancing** – Friday afternoon weekly - Gosforth Public Hall - 2pm

**Ukelele** - 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday morning - House group

**French conversation** – Wednesday morning weekly – The Kellbank - currently full

**History** – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday morning - monthly - Drigg Village Hall

**Indoor Bowls** – Wednesday afternoon – weekly - Pre booking essential. See website for details

**Foundation recorder** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday afternoon - monthly - Santon Village Hall

**Singing for Fun** – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday afternoon monthly - Seascale Methodist Church

**Strolling** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday afternoon - monthly

**Discussion** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday morning - monthly - House group

**Art Appreciation** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday morning - monthly - St Joseph's Seascale

**Advanced Recorder Consort** – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday afternoons - Santon Village Hall

**Intermediate Recorder** – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday mornings - Santon Village Hall

**Family History** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday morning – monthly – Santon Village Hall

**IT Drop In** – Wednesdays - monthly - 4- 5 pm - Gosforth Library – check website for dates

**Open Mind** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday morning - monthly - Gosforth Public Hall

**Chatty Lunch** – often 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday morning to follow Open Mind - Gosforth Public Hall

**Discovery** – 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday afternoon - monthly – St Mary's Room, Gosforth

**Reading** – 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday morning - monthly - currently full – St Mary's Room, Gosforth

**Out and About** – dates vary – check website

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## GOSFORTH SCHOOL NEWS



We have had a wonderful variety of engaging learning activities across the year groups this month! All pupils in school have been taking part in activities linked to Children's Mental Health Week. We were lucky to have Magical Mel visit school to lead a 'Relax Kids' sessions for each class. Simone then visited us and we all enjoyed practising our yoga skills - it was very relaxing!

The children in Derwent have been learning about people who help us, including a memorable visit to the fire station and a visit from police officers who came into school to share their experiences.

The pupils in Year 3 and 4 enjoyed an amazing first aid training session with Natalie from Little Lifers First Aid, which taught them valuable life skills. Both Crummock and Ennerdale classes have been investigating the impact of humans on coral reefs and exploring ways we can help protect them for future generations. The children in Ennerdale also had a visit from a local physicist. They learnt about our solar system and made a model to show how the moon orbits the earth and the earth orbits the sun.

The children in Wastwater took part in a productive workday, removing tree tubes and cutting back small Sitka Spruce from unwanted areas with loppers, as part of their outdoor learning at Miterdale. To celebrate their love of reading, each child in Wastwater has started applying for the Blue Peter reading badge, which involves writing a book review, sharing their favourite authors, and drawing a character or scene from the book they reviewed.

Our sporting teams have been busy since returning to school in January. We are incredibly proud of our cross-country runners who attended the finals at Sedburgh Prep School. We must give a mention to Jackson who qualified for the National Finals which will take place in Northampton on Saturday 22nd March. Good luck Jackson! Another success has been our team of six Year 4 children who competed in the Key Steps Gymnastic competition. They finished with the highest scores so go on to represent Copeland at the County Finals in Penrith at the end of March.

*Mrs S Layzell  
Assistant Headteacher*



# GOSFORTH BROWNIES



We had a great time at the GADS panto in January, with two of our members also in the cast.

Currently finishing off completing interest badges, including the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch Challenge making feeders, bird baths, collecting materials to weave nests, and baking bird-shaped biscuits/cakes.

We are still in need of leaders or anyone who can help with all the admin involved in running our Brownie Unit. If you can help, please get in touch.

Vacancies for girls aged 7-10 also. Visit [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) to join us.



*Sam Milliner*

## SAINT FOR MARCH - Thomas Cranmer



On the 21<sup>st</sup> of March the Church of England remembers Thomas Cranmer who, with King Henry the VIII, was responsible for its creation. He is also famous for the Book of Common Prayer, which was originally produced in 1549 and revised in 1552, although the version that the older amongst us will remember, is a version produced later. He was Arch Bishop of Canterbury during the reign of Henry, and also during the reign of Edward VI, and for a short time under Queen Mary. She disliked his theology so much that she had him executed. That is why he is described in Common Worship as a 'Reformation Martyr'. His name is on the Martyr's Memorial in Oxford.



## NEWS FROM GADS - GOSFORTH AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY



Well – what can we say about our January Pantomime – The Pied Piper by Alan Frayn? Four of the five shows were a great success, including the Friday evening when we were prepared for (and even expecting) a power cut. That didn't happen until the Saturday evening when we lost power exactly as we were due to start the show. It

was a massive disappointment to everyone in the Hall, 143 in the audience and especially the parents who had been supporting us all week and saving their viewing until the Saturday evening. All refunds should have been processed within a week and the (next) show must go on.

It may look quiet from the outside, but we only got a couple of weeks break before starting again. Auditions for our spring / early summer show are in February so that should be in motion as you read this.

But our show before that is something quite different. Our Youth Theatre Group have been busy rehearsing and preparing for a show of their very own – Seussical jr. Horton the Elephant, the Cat in the Hat and all of your favourite Dr. Seuss characters spring to life onstage in Seussical JR., a fantastical musical extravaganza from Tony-winners, Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty. There will only be two performances. The first is for family only on Tuesday 1 April. But the second is on Friday 4 April at 6pm and will be open to members of the public so please come along and support this very enthusiastic group of youngsters. There will be no charge for admission but there will be a collection bucket at the end to show your appreciation. This will go towards the (considerable!) royalties to perform the show.

As ever, we always need and appreciate more actors and especially backstage and front of house help. So if you would like to get involved in any way, please get in touch. You can visit [www.gads.org.uk](http://www.gads.org.uk) or email [gadsgosforth@gmail.com](mailto:gadsgosforth@gmail.com) for more information about anything GADS.

## GOSFORTH INDOOR MAT BOWLING CLUB

The Club meets every Wednesday afternoon from 2 - 4pm in Gosforth Public Hall. £3.00 per session, including refreshments. Please bring clean flat shoes to protect the mats. Spare bowls available for you to try. Annual Membership (Jan. - Dec.) is £8.

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Saturday: 10.00 – 12.00 hrs.

Monday: 13.00 – 14.30 hrs.

Wednesday: 16.00 – 17.30 hrs.

01946725888

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.



## MUNCASTER MICROBUS

Demand for the Microbus has never been higher and we could run more services if we had more drivers. We don't mind how often you drive, so if you could drive for us, even if it is only every few weeks, please contact us.

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.

### Trips coming up are:

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

- Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Windermere and Ambleside including Hayes Garden World – £10.50
- Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Penrith – £10.50
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Egremont Farmers Market  
- £3 donation to the market
- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Grange and Cartmel - £9
- Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April - Appleby and Kirkby Stephen - £12.50
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April – Egremont Farmers Market  
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## GOSFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council have now begun to hand deliver each household in the parish with a **Parish Plan Questionnaire** and it is also available on our Facebook page and web-site. The deadline for completing these is **31<sup>st</sup> March**. We urge as many people as possible to fill one in - it is not one per household, each person in your house can fill one in. If you require any further copies please get in touch with us.

The Public Hall has submitted plans for the 1.2 million pound redevelopment and the Public Hall committee are looking for volunteers to help organise fund raising activities. They will be applying for various grants but also need to be active in raising funds themselves.

The footpath that runs from Gosforth School to Wellington is in need of some clearing. Two parish councillors will be organising a day to clean it and will be looking for volunteers to help.

We have secured a further 6 week funding for the free minibus service from Gosforth to Seascale on 4 mornings a week, picking up at the main village car park and the entrances to Ellerslie Park and Meadowfield. Flyers giving details have been hand delivered through doors.

Thank you to all those that have helped to deliver flyers and questionnaires.

*Rachel Unsworth - Chairperson*

### **MINIBUS SHOPPING SERVICE Gosforth – Seascale**

Following the fire at the village shop, Gosforth Parish Council has arranged for a temporary 8-seater minibus service from Gosforth to Seascale. The minibus service is **free** to Gosforth residents and will operate on a first-come, first-served basis.

New pick-up points have been added to the service which operates on **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday** as follows:

|                         |          |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Gosforth Car Park       | 9.30 am  |
| Ellerslie Park entrance | 9.35 am  |
| Meadowfield entrance    | 9.40 am  |
| Return from Seascale    | 10.40 am |

**Gosforth Parish Council wishes to thank the Mid-Copeland GDF  
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## **WEST LAKELAND ROTARY CLUB**

Could I first acknowledge the work of Graham Hutson who has produced these reports for the Benefice magazine on many previous occasions.

Before describing the Club's activities, it may be worth summarising what a Rotary Club is (and, in so doing, what it isn't) and the aims and purpose of the organisation.

Rotary was founded in the USA in the early 1900s and its British equivalent Rotary International in Britain and Ireland (RIBI) a few years later. West Lakeland belongs to the North Western District of RIBI which includes Lancashire as well as Cumbria.

Our mission is to both serve our community in whatever way appropriate but also, on occasion, contribute to humanitarian relief efforts overseas. Some Clubs have partnership links with 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries.

Originally, Rotary was seen as something of an elitist organisation with local business leaders (strictly men only!) being its principal membership source. But that has changed enormously in recent years with the emphasis on diverse membership, to include both men and women, and little if any formality, serving the community according to need whilst providing a regular social gathering for its members.

West Lakeland Rotary Club currently has 29 members, mostly retired men and women. We help and support several local charities and stage three regular community events: a Pensioners' Party held in March or April in Calderbridge village hall, an annual Plant Sale (we took over the reins of this from the local NSPCC branch) in May, also in Calderbridge village hall and our main summer event 'Rotating Wheels' classic cars, motorcycles, farm machinery etc in July, held in Gosforth Show Field. All these events have proved hugely popular.

Our Club was granted its Charter in 1990 and each year we celebrate this with a Charter Dinner which this year will be at the end of March. We meet every Tuesday evening at the Sellapark Hotel, usually with a guest speaker and, occasionally, pay a visit to some local attraction. If you think you might be interested in joining us, please give me or any of our members a call.

*Malcolm Richardson*

## GOSFORTH WI



The March meeting of the Gosforth WI will take place on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7.15 pm at Gosforth Public Hall. The speaker will be Helen Shipton-Smith who will be giving a cookery demonstration. The competition is: a decorative table mat.

New members are always welcome to join us. Now is the perfect time, as the new subscription year begins in April 2025, and visitors may enjoy one free visit before deciding whether to join.

We meet on the first Tuesday of every month except August when we go out for the day.

*The Secretary - Gosforth WI*

**HOLMROOK READING ROOM AGM**  
**5<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7:30pm in the Reading Room**

**GARDEN DAY**  
**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 10 to 12 – All welcome to help us get the Reading Room grounds ready for summer**

**Table Tennis Club:** Meets on a Wednesday - 6:00pm to 7:30pm. All welcome, young or old. Contact David on 07931-393954. 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 07931-393954.

**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 07931-393954 to see if it is available for your next event?

**Membership:** Membership renewals for 2025 are due from 1<sup>st</sup> January. £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 07931-393954.

## 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  
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### ZOOMED SERVICES

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

**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

**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. *These services are services of Seascale Methodist Church and its Gosforth Methodist congregation, and as such are safeguarded by their safeguarding processes.*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month: Faith and Fellowship - 7.00pm at Various Locations.** Please ring Chris on 07768 421621 for details or email [free.c@outlook.com](mailto:free.c@outlook.com) *This group has no formal or legal connection with the Church of England or the Methodist Church in England.*

**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) *These services are services of Seascale Methodist Church and its Gosforth Methodist congregation, and as such are safeguarded by their safeguarding processes.*

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# SOUTH CALDER MISSION COMMUNITY - MARCH 2025

## March 2025

|                               | Church                     | Service                          | Time             |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b>  |                            |                                  |                  |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>   | Nether Wasdale             | HC                               | 9.30             |
| <b>Next before Lent</b>       | Waberthwaite               | MP                               | 9.30             |
| <b>Green</b>                  | Seascale                   | HC at St Cuthberts               | 9.30             |
|                               | Gosforth                   | Morning Praise in St Mary's Room | 11.00            |
|                               | Drigg                      | HC                               | 11.00            |
|                               | Eskdale Boot               | HC                               | 11.00            |
|                               | Whicham                    | HC                               | 11.00            |
|                               | Bootle                     | <b>Service Cancelled</b>         | 3.00             |
|                               | Gosforth St Mary's Room    | Methodist Evening Worship        | 6.30             |
| <b>Ash Wed</b>                |                            |                                  |                  |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup> March</b>   | Waberthwaite School        | Ash Wed Service                  | 9.15am           |
| <b>PURPLE</b>                 | Drigg                      | HC with Ashing                   | 10.30am          |
|                               | Whicham                    | <b>Service Cancelled</b>         | 4.00pm           |
|                               |                            |                                  |                  |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b>  |                            |                                  |                  |
| <b>9<sup>th</sup> March</b>   | Beckermet                  | HC – Reading Room                | 9.30             |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> of Lent</b> | Irton                      | HC                               | 9.30             |
| <b>PURPLE</b>                 | Seascale                   | Methodist in Methodist Hall      | 10.30            |
|                               | Gosforth                   | HC – St Mary's Room              | 11.00            |
|                               | Eskdale Boot               | MP                               | 11.00            |
|                               | Bootle                     | HC                               | 11.00            |
|                               | Wasdale Head               | Celtic Prayer                    | 11.00            |
|                               | Drigg                      | Family Service                   | 11.00            |
|                               | The Ferns, Seascale        | Faith and Fellowship             | 6.45 for<br>7.00 |
|                               |                            |                                  |                  |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b>  |                            |                                  |                  |
| <b>16<sup>th</sup> March</b>  | Seascale                   | HC at St Cuthbert's              | 9.30             |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> of Lent</b> | Eskdale Green              | HC                               | 9.30             |
| <b>PURPLE</b>                 | Nether Wasdale             | HC                               | 9.30             |
|                               | Waberthwaite               | HC                               | 9.30             |
|                               | Gosforth                   | Morning Worship in St Mary's Rm  | 11.00            |
|                               | Muncaster                  | HC                               | 11.00            |
|                               | Drigg                      | MW                               | 11.00            |
|                               | Whicham                    | Family Service                   | 11.00            |
|                               | Bootle                     | Evening Prayer                   | 4.00             |
|                               | Gosforth St Mary's Room    | Methodist All-Age Worship        | 6.30             |
|                               |                            |                                  |                  |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>  |                            |                                  |                  |
| <b>23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>  | Calder Bridge Village Hall | HC                               | 9.30             |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> of Lent</b> | Beckermet                  | MP – In Church                   | 9.30             |
| <b>PURPLE</b>                 | Eskdale Green              | HC                               | 9.30             |
|                               | Seascale                   | Methodist in Methodist Hall      | 10.30            |
|                               | Gosforth                   | HC – St Mary's Room              | 11.00            |
|                               | Wasdale Head               | MW                               | 11.00            |
|                               | Drigg                      | HC                               | 11.00            |
|                               | Irton                      | HC                               | 11.00            |
|                               | Bootle                     | HC                               | 11.00            |
|                               | Gosforth St Mary's Room    | Phoenix Evening Worship          | 7.00             |
|                               |                            |                                  |                  |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>  |                            |                                  |                  |
| <b>30<sup>th</sup> March</b>  | Gosforth                   | Mothering Sunday Family HC       | 10.30            |
| <b>Mothering Sun</b>          | Bootle                     | <b>Service Cancelled</b>         | 11.00            |
| <b>PURPLE</b>                 | Irton                      | HC                               | 11.00            |

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