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for the Seatallan Benefice
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## FROM THE SEATALLAN PARISH REGISTERS

Occasional Offices conducted between  
the 5<sup>th</sup> April to 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025

### BECKERMET

- No occasional Offices known

### CALDERBRIDGE, PONSONBY and OLD CHURCH

- 12<sup>th</sup> April Interment of Ashes Richard John Heap (Ponsonby)

### SEASCALE

- 30<sup>th</sup> April Crematorium Funeral Kathleen Noble

### GOSFORTH, NETHER WASDALE and WASDALE HEAD

- 11<sup>th</sup> April Burial Ellen Cooney (Gosforth)
- 15<sup>th</sup> April Crematorium Funeral Joan Smith (Gosforth)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> April Interment of Ashes Edna Davey (Gosforth)
- 29<sup>th</sup> April Cremation and Thanksgiving  
Barbara Buchanan (Gosforth)

# FROM THE RECTORY

## Grumblers Anonymous

Have you ever noticed how easy it is to slip into phases of grumbling!? Here at the Rectory, they are quite frequent. I guess, sometimes, things can get on top of you, and then nothing is quite right! You find yourself saying things like... 'When will that parcel arrive?'... and, 'I couldn't believe the traffic?'... and, 'Have you seen what XYZ said in Parliament yesterday?'... and, 'Nothing's quite like it used to be'...etc, etc, etc.

François-Xavier Nguyễn Văn Thuận was a Vietnamese man, who lived between 1928 and 2002. His life spanned a period in which the world changed more than it had in the previous 1000 years. This man, was ordained as a Roman Catholic Priest in 1953. In 1967, he became the Bishop of Hha Trang, and then in 1975, he went on to be enthroned as the Archbishop of Siagon, six days before it fell to the North Vietnamese army. Shortly after this, Archbishop Nguyễn Văn Thuận was detained in a Vietnamese 're-education camp' for 13 years. Of these 13 years, 9 were spent in solitary confinement. During his time in prison and solitary confinement, Văn Thuận wrote:

*'I am happy here, in this cell, where white mushrooms are growing on  
my sleeping mat,  
because You are here with me... because You want me to live with You.  
I have spoken much in my lifetime: now I speak no more.  
It's your turn to speak to me, Jesus: I am listening to you.'*

The result of all this listening was an extraordinary series of 1001 thoughts, smuggled out of prison on small bits of paper, written for the benefit of his flock. Today they can be read in a book called 'The Road to Hope'. It is a book that has inspired many. Here are a few of the conclusions Văn Thuận came to at the end of his long listening to Jesus alone.

He wrote:

- *I will hold firmly to one secret: prayer.*
- *I will seek the peace the world cannot give.*
- *I will carry out a revolution by renewal in the Holy Spirit.*
- *I will speak one language and wear one uniform: love.*

... And then...interestingly...

*'The habit of criticizing others is one of the greatest obstacles  
to growth in the spiritual life.  
Blaming others serves only to irritate them,  
and cultivates bitterness in your own heart.'*

That is what Văn Thuận discovered from Jesus in his cell... that grumbling is really bad for a person - and this, from a man who had more reason to be down at heart than many!

People have always grumbled away, usually anonymously, and more often than not against their leaders. At this point in history, we should spare a thought for our political leaders... and for our new spiritual leaders – for our Bishop, and for the Pope. To lead in these days of mass social media is a daunting undertaking! Jesus said that if we have a complaint, we should go straight to the person concerned. A grumbling spirit needs to be cast out by unconditional repentance before God, by the acceptance of Jesus' forgiveness, and by the heartfelt request to God, that he might fill us afresh with his amazing, sacrificial love.

Why would we do this? Well, love and grumbling can't exist together, and it's much better for a person's health if love wins the day. People like Archbishop François-Xavier Nguyễn Văn Thuận amaze me. Have you noticed that it is often those with the best reason to grumble that, in the end, hardly ever do?

*Reverend Philip*

## **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 will take place in St Mary's Room on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June** – always the first Thursday of the month! Do come along and join us for a cuppa and a piece of cake (or two!)



This month our donations will go towards "**Baby Basics**" a local charity that supports and provides new mothers with the basic requirements for a new baby.

## **THE REV RACHEL CUNLIFFE**

“The Acting Bishop of Carlisle has appointed The Revd Rachel Cunliffe, at present Assistant Curate in the Benefice of Seatallan, as Curate in Charge of the Benefice of Allonby, Crossscanonby and Dearham, and the Benefice of Aspatria with Hayton and Gilcrux. Rachel will take up her post following her return from maternity leave. This appointment is subject to the usual legal checks.”

Rachel's final working day here will be Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June, this will be a Benefice Service held at St John's Beckermest at 10:30am followed by a Bring and Share Lunch in the Beckermest Reading Rooms from 11:30am -1pm. All are welcome to join us for the service and/or the lunch.

Details of the licensing service, sometime next year, will be sent to Philip and passed onto you in due course, when a date has been decided following Rachel's return from maternity leave. The plan is for Rachel, Chris and Baby to move in the Autumn, probably towards the end of October, in preparation for Rachel to take up the new post at some point next year.

We hope as many people as possible will come along to the Benefice Service at Beckermest on the 29<sup>th</sup> June and, if they are able, stay for lunch afterwards. Contributions for the shared lunch can be dropped off at the Reading Rooms beforehand.

## **FROM THE EDITOR**

We were all delighted to learn that Rachel and Chris were expecting a baby, and that Rachel would be on maternity leave from the end of June, but the news that Rachel had been appointed Curate in Charge of Allonby, Crossscanonby and Dearham, and would be leaving us, came as quite a shock! We have really enjoyed her ministry here among us and will miss her greatly.

However, they will not be moving until the end of October so we will have an opportunity to meet their new baby, who is due to arrive sometime in August!

Many thanks to everyone who came along on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May to help with the Boon Day at Gosforth Church and Churchyard. It was a beautiful day and the paths were all cleared, trees trimmed back and briars strimmed, and inside the pews were swept and polished and brasses cleaned. Well done!

Following my concern last month about the cutting of the churchyard, we had a very generous donation of £250 from a small local business, to cover the cost of a cut. It would be great if others with family buried in the churchyard would like to donate money to cover the cost of a cut (£234) or even half a cut!

*Norma Hughes*

## **The Rt Rev Rob Saner-Haigh nominated as the next Bishop of Carlisle**



I am delighted to announce that the Rt Rev Rob Saner-Haigh – the current Suffragan Bishop of Penrith – has been nominated as the next Bishop of Carlisle. You will appreciate that Bishop Rob has been Acting Bishop of Carlisle since September 2023, following the retirement of Bishop James Newcome. Our grateful thanks go to him for all he has done during this time and as he now prayerfully

looks to the future; one of ‘continuity and change’.

Bishop Rob is someone who has a deep love for and knowledge of the county of Cumbria: its people, landscape, heritage and Christian witness. He has served in this county for all but two years of his ministry and he is well-known and respected here. May I ask that you hold Bishop Rob, his wife, Emma, and all their family in your prayers as he looks to take up this role.

Be assured that further information around confirmed dates for Bishop Rob’s installation and welcome service – to be held at Carlisle Cathedral - will be released in due course. As ever this comes with my prayers and gratitude for all you do,

*The Very Rev Jonathan Brewster  
The Dean of Carlisle*

## **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.



Food is usually collected from Wasdale and Gosforth on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month.





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## **JUNE 2025**

Circumstances are such that there will be no meeting in June.

However, please make a note in your diary of the July meeting which is already arranged for 2pm in St Mary's Room Gosforth on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July** when there will be a talk from staff at the Growing Well Project in Egremont. This should be very interesting, as they have had to cope with destruction by the gales and now a very dry Spring. Anyone can come along and will be welcome. You do not have to be a member.

**JUNE PRAYER** – Gracious God, we offer heartfelt praise and gratitude for the privilege of supporting our clergy. Bless them with wisdom, strength and compassion as they help their communities. May our encouragement be a source of strength to them in times of need. Thank you for their dedication and sacrifice in serving your people. Guide us to uplift and uphold them in prayer and practical assistance. In your holy name. 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.
- Pray that God will help MU members to love others as he has loved us and that he will use us as peace makers in this world where people are desperately searching for true and lasting peace.
- Those who are taking exams this month and the families who are supporting them
- The last few days of May are at the start of the world-wide ecumenical prayer initiative "Thy Kingdom Come" which runs from Ascension Day (29<sup>th</sup> May) to Pentecost Sunday (8<sup>th</sup> June). We are asked to choose 5 loved ones and pray daily, that they might come to know the love of God for themselves and where possible invite them to a Christian based event or activity.
- Fathers in this Benefice as Father's Day is celebrated on 15<sup>th</sup> June. May they be role models by showing compassion and care to the people in their homes, parishes and communities.
- On 20<sup>th</sup> June World Refugee Day - Lord care and bless all displaced people who are escaping injustice and suffering. May those who traffic and exploit human beings for their own gain be brought to justice.



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### **JUNE SERVICES AT ST OLAF'S**

SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> June – 10.30am Abbey Service (see below)

SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> June – 11am Thanksgiving for the Harvest of the Lambs (see below)

SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> June – 11am Morning Praise, led by Carolyn and Rachel

All our services are followed by refreshments in the Wasdale Head Inn.

### **ABBEY SERVICE – Sunday 1st June 10:30 am**

Via Philip we received a request from Abbey Church to hold a service at St Olaf's during their camp at Wasdale Head. We had not heard of Abbey Church and so we said 'yes' to their service and asked them to write a short piece for the magazine to explain. John Fleetwood from Abbey Church has written: -

*'Please join us for a simple contemplative service, that offers an opportunity to listen to God and reflect. We welcome those of any faith or none to join us in our reflection. We are an emerging family of people who are deeply committed to a serious pursuit of God, normally meeting in Longsleddale near Kendal, but camping for the weekend at Wasdale Head. Our services aim to provide a space to listen to God and to reflect on what we've heard. Each service focusses on one of the waymarks that we use as a framework to help us understand what being a disciple of Jesus looks like in our time and setting. We use silence to listen to God which may feel a bit unfamiliar at first, but allows God to speak to us. For more information:- <http://www.abbey-church.org/p/about-us.html>*

### **THANKSGIVING FOR THE HARVEST OF THE LAMBS – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June 11am**

This is a special service when we celebrate and thank God for the new life and sounds in the fields surrounding St Olaf's, and for the expertise of the farming community as they care for the sheep, lambs and livestock. During the lambing season, we have our Good Shepherd display panels on the walls of St Olaf's.

Do come along to this special service!

**SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Morning Praise 11am** This will be our curate Rachel's last service at St Olaf's – how much she will be missed.

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## *Faith in the fells*

# SEASCALE NEWS

## Seascale Methodist News – Tea and Chat



We were delighted to celebrate VE Day on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May with our Tea & Chat members and friends. The hall was beautifully decorated with VE day bunting, tables were decorated with union jack cloths and vases of red roses, white and blue aquilegia and

forget-me-nots. The hall looked superb - ready to welcome our guests.

We began our celebration with special VE day prayers followed by a VE themed quiz which was great fun and certainly got everyone chatting. We heard a story from a family member's diary entry of VE day celebrations and after our VE day grace, we enjoyed our afternoon tea of sandwiches, savouries and lots of cakes!

We had a lovely display of WW2 memorabilia which was brought along to share, some examples were: a ration book, complete with names of Seascale shops where you could purchase specific items from, ARP badges, RAF Kings Issue Bible, Music book from that era, which is still in use regularly and lots more!

Our afternoon was rounded off by joining together singing some WW2 era songs, which was a fabulous way to end the afternoon. As guests left, they were presented with a Special 80th Anniversary of VE day copy of St John's Gospel.

Our next Tea and Chat will be held on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30pm** **everyone is welcome.**

We are planning to hold an event in Seascale to mark VJ Day as we have families locally whose loved ones served in Burma or were Japanese POWs. Dates and times will be announced shortly.

## Tea Services

Thank you to Nick Baker for leading our Tea Service on 18<sup>th</sup> May.

We will be delighted to welcome Phoenix Praise to lead our June **Songs of Praise** Tea service which will be held on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30pm**. Our members chose a lot of the songs which we will be singing, so they will be very familiar. Everyone is very welcome to join us and there will be the usual lovely refreshments and cake!

## Saturday Coffee

Saturday morning coffee is held from 10.00 – 11.30 you are welcome to drop in for a cuppa and chat, all donations are given to charity. We have

recently supported Calderwood House, Growing Well and Gads locally as well as donating to disaster funds worldwide.

*Allison Hanshaw*

**Messy Church** will be at Drigg Gala on 14<sup>th</sup> June with craft activities.

*Mary Waterhouse*

### **'Imagine' Festival on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May with Phoenix**

The sun shone on Seascale seafront, the wind dropped, there were crowds of people around enjoying Mawson's ice creams, as well as the music, and the fabulous Town Crier from Whitehaven stepped into the breach to announce each group. No one got visibly stressed – or sunstroke – and it was nice for Phoenix to have some enthusiastic audience support from members of several local churches and other friends and family too. A lovely day all round.

*Jill Hudson*



## **NEWS FROM CALDERBRIDGE AND PONSONBY**

### **Services for the Summer months for Ponsonby and the Old Church**

**NB:** Please note that the dates and times have changed for Ponsonby morning services.

Summer Evensong Services – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 3.00pm

|                       |            |                         |            |
|-----------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|
| June 15 <sup>th</sup> | Ponsonby   | August 17 <sup>th</sup> | Ponsonby   |
| July 20 <sup>th</sup> | Old Church | Sept. 21 <sup>st</sup>  | Old Church |

Holy Communion Services at Ponsonby – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month at 11.00am

|                      |                           |
|----------------------|---------------------------|
| June 1 <sup>st</sup> | August 3 <sup>rd</sup>    |
| July 6 <sup>th</sup> | September 7 <sup>th</sup> |

### **Calderbridge Summer Fair – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July**

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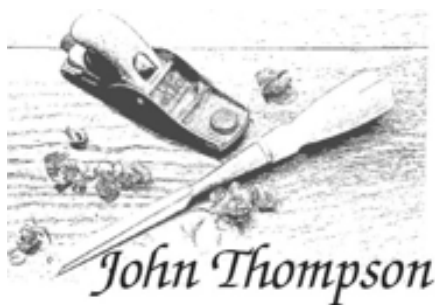
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Full up to date details, including times, can be found on our website <https://west-lakes.u3asite.uk> or contact: [wlu3a@icloud.com](mailto:wlu3a@icloud.com)

**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.



**Cycling** - 1<sup>st</sup> Monday morning monthly - meet Gosforth

**Tai Chi** - Monday- weekly Gosforth Public Hall

**Chair based exercises** - Wednesday weekly Gosforth Public Hall

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

**Ukelele** - 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday mornings. House group - 10.30-12

**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 Recorders** - 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 Church Hall - Seascale

**Advanced Recorder Consort**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday afternoons. Santon Village Hall

**Intermediate Recorders** - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 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 - 4-5pm - 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 - Currently full - St Mary's Room, Gosforth

**Reading**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday morning monthly - Currently full - St Mary's Rm, Gosforth

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

**Theatre visits** - dates vary - check website

**Crafting Activities** - dates vary - check website

## **BECKERMET COMMUNITY NEWS**

For a number of weeks, we have certainly seen a big improvement in the weather with some much-needed sunshine which helps lift all our spirits. The days are certainly gaining in length and with the lack of cloud cover this extends the days to their limit. On days like we have experienced of late it has certainly made us feel better and goes a long way to assist with our health and well-being especially with the trees becoming full and vibrant with their various shades of green. Hopefully we will have many more lovely days to enjoy life either in the comfort of our own gardens or trips to the beach or wherever you enjoy going either after work or just normal household chores.

### **Cumbria in Bloom**

Once again, a number of volunteers in our village are busy preparing for their entry into Cumbria in Bloom 2025. To enhance their chances of improving on their Silver Award gained last year a number of activities will be undertaken to improve the village even further. The volunteers are meeting every Saturday morning in the park at 11am. The village Youth Group that meets every Thursday evening in the Reading Rooms are also becoming actively involved in the project this year by managing a piece of land as their contribution.

Such projects help to bring a community together by taking more pride in their village surroundings. On behalf of the village, I would like to say a big thank you for all their work improving the appearance of our village which we can all enjoy and wish them well in their target of achieving a gold award this time around. If you are interested in being part of this team of volunteers then keep a look out for requests on the village Facebook pages or contact Claire Dunn or myself via the details at the bottom of this article.

### **Reading Rooms**

The work on the external improvements is almost complete with just a couple of sections of railings still to be installed. By the time you are reading this the specially made to fit railings should hopefully be in place. The improvements have made a massive difference to the outdoor area of the building which now has tables and chairs ready for the summer. With the recent warmer sunny weather, these additions have already been made good use of. The new outdoor electric lift has proved very popular and had been widely used.

These premises continue to be the focus of numerous village activities and events. All our events are advertised on the local village Facebook pages and via the village newsletter. It is becoming increasingly popular

for hiring for children's parties and for special birthday celebrations not to mention baby shower events. It is a great venue for many private events so if you are organising something then why not discuss hiring this venue.

### **Coffee Cake & Chat**

These sessions continue throughout the year on Tuesday mornings from 9.30-11.30 and on Thursday afternoons from 1.30-3.30. All refreshments are free of charge but if you would like to leave a donation that would be gratefully received.

### **Quiz & Bingo Nights**

The next quiz nights be on **Fri 6<sup>th</sup> June & Fri 11<sup>th</sup> July** with **Bingo on Fri 20<sup>th</sup> June & Fri 25<sup>th</sup> July** all at the usual time of 6.30-8.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend wherever you live. Why not come along and sample one of these sessions which are often full of fun and laughter,

### **Special Fundraising Evening Talk**

A special fundraising evening in aid of the work required to be undertaken on St John's Church Beckermest will take place on **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May at 7pm** in Beckermest Reading Rooms when there will be a talk given by retired headteacher Mr. John Mackay, entitled "**38 Years of GBH in Education.**" Don't be put off by the title as it is not what you might be thinking but it may bring back lots of different incidents/situations and memories of your own school days as a child growing up in a world different from today. There will be no charge for entry although a donation will be gratefully accepted towards building costs. The bar will be available on the night for refreshments. Places are limited, so reserve your seat using the contact details at the end of this article to be sure of a place.

### **St John's Services**

Our regular church services take place on the second and fourth Sunday of each month at St Johns Church in the village, starting at **9.30pm** followed by refreshments in the church after the service. The dates for these services are the 8<sup>th</sup> and the 22<sup>nd</sup> June. There will also be a **Benefice Service** on the fifth Sunday, **29<sup>th</sup> June**. This service will start an hour later at **10.30am** and will be our Curate Rachel's last service with us in the Seatallan Benefice. Following its conclusion, you are all invited to a 'bring and share' lunch in the Reading Rooms, just a short walk from the church.



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### **St John's Soup Lunches**

The next Soup Lunch in aid of St John's Church Beckermert will be on Wednesday **18<sup>th</sup> June** at the usual time from 12-1.30pm. If you have not had the opportunity to come to one of these then why not come along. Excellent value at £6 per head which includes a bowl of soup or two even, home-made cakes plus copious tea/coffee. A great way to meet up with friends & even make new ones.

### **Free Film Nights**

The monthly film nights continue in the Reading Rooms with the next being held on the **21<sup>st</sup> June** so add the date to your diary. The film on show will be "Greece sing along." Further details of all films can be found on the Reading Rooms & Village Facebook pages. These cinema evenings are free for all to attend so why not come along & enjoy a free night out & have a drink, as the bar will be open to purchase refreshments.

### **Open Mic Nights**

These sessions take place on the second Wednesday of each month where various local musicians come along & play for enjoyment & entertain those who attend. Free with the bar open to purchase refreshments.

### **Beckermert Village Lottery**

This activity continues with monthly draws taking place around 10am on the first Tuesday of each month during Coffee Cake & Chat sessions. The next two draws will take place on the **3<sup>rd</sup> June & 1<sup>st</sup> July** so if you want to join there is still time. At present we have just over 170 members which will provide over £2,000 in Prize Money during the year with the same amount available for good causes in the village which both individuals & groups can apply for financial support. If you would like to join or need financial support then use the contact details at the end of this article.

### **Additional Details**

For further Information about these events and others in Beckermert please check either the **Beckermert Reading Room or Beckermert Village Facebook pages** for details.

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## GOSFORTH SCHOOL NEWS

We have been working hard to achieve our Sun Safe Accreditation these last few weeks. This has included teaching the children about the dangers of the sun's rays and how they can protect themselves. Children can also buy school badged bucket hats to wear at breaktimes on sunny days.

Wastwater enjoyed a visit to Workington Magistrates Court. While there, the pupils role-play a mock trial based on Cyberbullying. They then get a chance to look at the cells and talk about our justice system. The magistrate who hosted us was very impressed by the knowledge of our children.

All children have had another session of Maypole dancing in preparation for Wasdale May Festival. It was pleasing to hear that many children from school took part on the day with Alfie in Year 3 winning the Jenny Naylor Award for best dancer.



The whole school marked VE Day with a special collective worship followed by a morning of 1940s dancing. The children in Reception decorated bunting for a street party, Loweswater designed an invitation for a street party, Year 3 and 4 wrote a diary entry from a child who had attended a street party and the children in Year 5 and 6 wrote a newspaper article from the day after VE Day.

Year 6 are preparing to take their KS2 SATs after working incredibly hard ensuring curriculum coverage was complete. We will meet in the classroom in the morning to enjoy toast and a chat before moving into the hall. We constantly remind our children that they are brilliant and that these tests are one small part of their journey.

We have attended two sporting events this month both with Year 3 and 4 children. The first event was Tri Golf. Tri golf is a fun, adapted version of golf designed specifically for primary school children. It uses lighter plastic clubs and rubber balls, making it suitable for younger players. The second event was Hockey. The weather has been kind making these outdoor events most enjoyable.

May also brought a really special celebration for one of our class teachers. Miss Tilsley married her fiancé, Andrew, and became Mrs Hilton. We all wish them a lifetime of love and happiness.

*Mrs S Layzell*  
*Assistant Headteacher*

## NEWS FROM BECKERMET SCHOOL

Can't believe it's nearly half-term again! Where has this term gone! Our wonderful Year 6 have been working hard in the lead up to their SATs. We know they will all let their lights shine and do the very best that they can do!

The main focus for our school this half-term has been our VE Day 80 celebrations. The children looked amazing in their red, white and blue colours. Key Stage 2 built their own Spitfire models in a hotly contested competition! EYFS and KS1 designed and made some beautiful VE Day 80 medals from clay...a messy fun time was had by all! We also created two pieces of collaborative art. Every child cut out a red and a blue butterfly which together, made a stunning 3D Union Jack flag.

The children also drew an image of themselves doing a playtime activity. These were then included in our recreation of L.S Lowry's VE Day Celebration painting. We're very pleased with our creativity! We had a lovely street party in the playground in the afternoon, making the most of the sunny weather! At the end of the day, we all came together in the hall and sang 'I'll Remember', a beautiful song to remind us of those who gave their lives for us.

*Susan Alderson – Senior Teacher*

### SAINTS FOR JUNE - Thomas Ken



On the 8<sup>th</sup> of June the Church of England remembers Thomas Ken, who died in 1711. He was the Bishop of Bath and Wells and was appointed in the reign of the second King James. He did not agree with the next rulers, William and Mary, and he retired, spending time at Longleat. His main claim to fame today are two hymns - 'Awake my soul, and with the sun' and 'Glory to Thee, my God, this night'. Both have the same last verse, 'Praise God, from whom all blessings flow'. Sadly, they have fallen out of favour these days, but it is right to remember Thomas Kenon the 8<sup>th</sup> June.

## NEWS FROM GADS - GOSFORTH AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

### Shrek the Musical

There are still tickets available for our next show “Shrek – The Musical” although they are selling quickly, especially for Saturday evening. They are available directly from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/gadsgosforth](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/gadsgosforth) or you can email [gadsgosforth@gmail.com](mailto:gadsgosforth@gmail.com) or phone / text / WhatsApp 07842 123 333. Please contact us directly if you have any special access requirements like a wheelchair or pushchair, so that we can make sure you have enough room and an appropriate seat.



Performances are on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 1pm**. Tickets for the show are £10 each and we will be going all out to give you the full on theatre experience with ice cream, refreshments and our famous raffle.

After the show there will be an opportunity for photos with the main characters (Shrek, Fiona and Donkey) with all donations from that going to the Public Hall refurbishment fund.

This smash hit musical is guaranteed fun for all ages and will have you dancing and laughing all the way home.

Come join the adventure as Shrek and Donkey endeavour to complete their quest, finding unexpected friendships and surprising romance along the way.

More information is available at [www.gads.org.uk](http://www.gads.org.uk)

Shrek the Musical is based on the Dreamworks Animation Motion Picture and the book by William Steig. Book and Lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaire. Music by Jeanine Tesori. Originally produced on Broadway by DreamWorks Theatricals and Neal Street Productions. This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International. All authorised performance material are also supplied by MTI [www.mtishows.co.uk](http://www.mtishows.co.uk)



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# WEST LAKELAND ROTARY CLUB



## Visit to Haile Hall

Our members enjoyed a very pleasant visit to Haile Hall at the beginning of May. The gardens were stunning– rhododendrons, azaleas etc in full bloom, at their very best in the bright evening sunshine. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend but another visit is planned; guests always welcome.

## Ukrainian Evening

In conjunction with Whitehaven Rotary Club, our members had also been in the planning of a Ukrainian Evening held at Lamplugh Village Hall on 10 May. Over 100 members and guests from both clubs enjoyed traditional food and dancing by their Ukrainian lady hosts Anna and Maria.

Over £2000 was raised for the Ukrainian Relief Fund.

Coming up! Don't forget the **Rotary plant sale, 12 noon - 3pm on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June** Calderbridge Village Hall; just £1 admission, very reasonably-priced bedding plants, perennials and vegetable plants – everything must go!

And finally, for your diaries: our annual **Rotating Wheels** event at the old Gosforth Show field on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July**; there is still room for additional vintage & classic cars, motorcycles and farm machinery, as well as spaces for Trade and Charity stalls. You can book these with 'Rob' at <[rotatingwheelsrally@gmail.com](mailto:rotatingwheelsrally@gmail.com)> or for general enquiries about the event, 'Ian' at the same address.

*Malcolm Richardson*

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The speaker will be Barry Kirkbride who will entertain us with the story of the Lady in the Lake. The competition will be by My Favourite Crime Novel

(no doubt lots of Agatha Christie books!).

Light refreshments will be available and potential new members are welcome to attend.

(Please don't forget to pay your subs if you haven't already done so – BACS details are available from the Treasurer or the Secretary or you could pay by cheque.)

*The Secretary - Gosforth WI*

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- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Egremont Farmers Market  
- £3 donation to the market
- Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June - Yorkshire Dales / Hawes - £13.00
- Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Coniston / Hawkshead - £9.00
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Egremont Farmers Market  
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**Playground:** Come and see for yourself – A lovely playground in a great setting.

**Wild Flower Meadow:** Enjoy a walk or just sit and relax in the peace and quiet of the meadow. Supervised children are welcome.

**Fishing Club:** If you want to join this club it's only £12/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. £9 / 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. £8 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.

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GOSFORTH INDOOR MAT BOWLING CLUB

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ZOOMED AND EVENING SERVICES IN THE SEATALLAN BENEFICE

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

Thursdays at 9.30am South Calder Mission Community Morning Prayer. For an invitation please contact David Davies – divord4@gmail.com

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

2nd 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 *This group has no formal or legal connection with the Church of England or the Methodist Church in England.*

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

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SEATALLAN BENEFICE SERVICES - JUNE 2025

	Church	Service	Time
1st Sunday			
1st June	Nether Wasdale	Iona Service	9.30
7th of Easter	Seascale	HC at St Cuthbert's Church	9.30
WHITE	Gosforth	Morning Praise	11.00
	Ponsonby	Morning Prayer	11.00
	Gosforth St Mary's Room	Methodist Evening Worship	6.30
	Wasdale Head	Abbey Church Service	10.30
2nd Sunday			
8th June	Beckermet	HC	9.30
Pentecost	Seascale	Methodist Service at Methodist Church	10.30
RED	Gosforth	HC	11.00
	Wasdale Head	Thanksgiving for Lambs Service	11.00
	Seascale Beach	Open Air Pentecost Service (St Cuthbert's Church if wet)	3.00
	Seascale/Beckermet	Faith & Fellowship	7.00
3rd Sunday	Nether Wasdale	HC	9.30
15th June	Seascale	HC at St Cuthbert's Church	9.30
Trinity	Gosforth	Morning Worship	11.00
WHITE	Ponsonby	Evening Prayer	3.00
	Gosforth St Mary's Room	Methodist Evening Worship	6.30
4th Sunday	Beckermet	Vision Service	9.30
22nd June	Seascale	Methodist Service at Methodist Church	10.30
1st after Trinity	Gosforth	HC	11.00
GREEN	Wasdale Head	Morning Praise	11.00
Proper 7	Gosforth St Mary's Room	Phoenix Evening Worship - Zoomed	7.00
5th Sunday	Beckermet	Benefice HC followed by shared lunch In the Reading Rooms	10.30
29th June			
2nd after Trinity			
GREEN			
Proper 8			

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