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## FROM THE SEATALLAN PARISH REGISTERS

Occasional Offices conducted between  
the 10<sup>th</sup> May and the 7<sup>th</sup> June 2025

### BECKERMET

- 27<sup>th</sup> May Funeral and Cremation Marjorie Edmondson Cook

### CALDER BRIDGE, PONSONBY and OLD CHURCH

- 20<sup>th</sup> May Funeral and Burial Renee Jackson (Low Church)
- 21<sup>st</sup> May Funeral and Burial John Smith Hodgson (Low Church)

### SEASCALE

- No Occasional Offices known

### GOSFORTH, NETHER WASDALE and WASDALE HEAD

- No Occasional Offices known

## FROM BECKERMET VICARAGE

Dear friends,

Two years ago, I was ordained deacon at Carlisle Cathedral and welcomed into your midst, to live and serve amongst you in the Seatallan Benefice and wider South Calder Mission Community. It has been a joy and a privilege to spend this time with you at the beginning of my journey in ordained ministry. Thank you for making both Chris and I so welcome, for your graciousness in allowing me to serve with you, and for the prayer and support you have given us during this time.

We have been encouraged and inspired by worshipping with you and serving alongside you. It has been lovely to get to know many different people from across the churches and wider communities through the various activities, events and services I have been involved in. It has been a privilege to conduct the funerals of loved ones, those who I had the opportunity to meet and those I only knew through you. It has been a pleasure to celebrate in baptisms and other special occasions. It has been fun and inspiring to spend time in our local schools, especially Gosforth and Beckermets – thank you for welcoming me in and letting me get involved. So many things I could mention... but most of all I want to thank you for letting me into your lives as we have shared this short time together.

As Chris and I embark on our next adventure with Baby and we move to live in Crosscanonby Vicarage as I take up the post to serve as Curate-in-Charge of the Benefices of Allonby, Crosscanonby and Dearham, and Aspatria with Hayton and Gilcrux, we are excited for what God has in store for us. Living with Jesus is an adventure – where it will lead us, we often do not know, but we never go it alone with Jesus.

In my letter of introduction back in Summer 2023, I shared with you one of my favourite Bible verses: 'Be still, and know that I am God' (Psalm 46:10). I leave you with the same verse, in the busyness of life, be that work, family, community involvement, church ministry, may we all still ourselves and let our hearts and minds know, the deep knowing, that God is God. No matter what is happening in our lives, in our churches, in our communities, in our nation, and in the world, God is still God – and in him, who loves us, we can have certainty, security and confidence. Let this be the foundation on which we live and build our lives, not the shifting sands of the changing world and our passing whims.

May God continue to bless you with his presence and his peace, that you may continue to be a light in the world, shining Christ's love for all to see.

With many blessings, *Rachel*

## FROM THE EDITOR

Following my concern about the cost of cutting the churchyard at Gosforth, which I shared with you in the May magazine, several people have made donations towards this, asking who cheques should be made payable to. If you would like to make a donation by cheque, these should be made payable to 'Gosforth Parish Church Management Committee', placed in an envelope marked Churchyard Account, and handed to Philip our Rector, Ali our Treasurer, one of the churchwardens, or they can be placed in the wall safe in St Mary's – on the left of the door as you enter. Cash donations can be given in the same way.

Many thanks to those who have already made donations – we are most grateful. The section of the churchyard that we are only cutting twice a year has just had its first cut and will be cut again in the late Autumn before the snowdrops, crocus and daffodils appear in the early Spring.

*Norma Hughes*

## 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

These will continue through the summer months, meeting on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** and **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August**. Do come along and join us for a drink, homemade cakes and biscuits and a chat with friends, and even to make new friends!



In July our donations will go towards the local Foodbank and in August to Calderwood House in Egremont.



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**GOSFORTH PARISH CHURCH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

The Management Committee along with David & Jill Falkner (Booking Clerks) and Steven & Susan Round (Parish Safeguarding Officers) have revised and updated our Hall Hire procedures to bring them in line with current Health and Safety and recommended Church of England's Safeguarding practices. A new First Aid Box and Accident Book will be located in the Church Building and the First Aid Box and Accident Book in St Mary's Room has also been updated.

Our Boon Day, held on 17<sup>th</sup> May, was well attended and much was achieved for which we are very grateful. We hope to hold another Boon Day later in the year.

Our thanks go to Ann and Peter McKenzie for once more offering to organise this fundraising event in their garden on the 28<sup>th</sup> June.

The next meeting of the Management Committee is planned to be held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> of July, 2025.

*Susan Round (Clerk to Committee)*

**THE LOCAL FOODBANK**

Just a reminder to everyone that the local Foodbank (ours is Egremont) is still very much in need of our support, especially with the school holidays coming up and children requiring lunches at home. There are collection boxes at the back of most of our churches and the food is collected regularly and taken to the foodbank.



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



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## **Gosforth Show takes place this year on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2025 (parking on the Old Show field)**

The gates will be open from 8.45 am; competitions begin at 9 am.

The Show Schedule is available on the website:

<https://www.gosforthshow.co.uk/images/PDFs/2025GosforthAgriculturalShowSchedule.pdf>

The main show ring will host the **Cumberland Wrestling competition from 2.30 pm.**  
Wrestling entries are accepted on the day – all free.

### **Handicrafts and Produce**

Entries for the Handicrafts and Produce section must be received by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2025 – no late entries will be accepted. Please remember to stage your exhibits before 10 am when the judging begins; you may remove your entries at 4 pm.

The Handicrafts and Produce Schedule for this year's Show is on the website:

<https://www.gosforthshow.co.uk/images/PDFs/HandicraftProduceSchedule2025.pdf>

It will give you all the information you need to enter in plenty of time, as well as providing you with the official entry form. You may enter two items in any one class.

Time to hone those crafting skills and make Gosforth Show the best in the district – as always!

### **Horticulture**

The Horticulture tent provides the perfect opportunity for keen gardeners to display their produce.

See the Horticulture Schedule for the classes and rules:

<https://www.gosforthshow.co.uk/images/PDFs/HorticulturalSchedule2025.pdf>

Entries close on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2025 and must be staged by 10 am on Show day.

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# *St Olaf's, Wasdale Head*

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### **JULY & AUGUST SERVICES AT ST OLAF'S**

SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> July – 11am Celtic Praise

SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> July – 11am Morning Worship

SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> August – 11am Morning Praise

SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> August – 11am Celtic Praise

SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> August – 11am Holy Communion, when we welcome friends from the other churches in the area.

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

Nether Wasdale services: 9.30am Sundays 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> July, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> August.

**HOLY COMMUNION, 11am Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August** – We look forward to welcoming you to this special service. Parking on the Wasdale Head Green on Sundays before 11am is not a problem, but car sharing to minimise traffic is always a good idea. Alternatively you can take advantage of the free Wasdale Explorer Shuttle Bus – one leaves the Nether Wasdale parking field at 10.20 arriving at Wasdale Head at 10.50 and returns every half hour.

The service will be followed by refreshments in the Wasdale Head Inn, and if it's a fine day – why not bring a picnic and enjoy our spectacular surroundings?

**WELCOMING OTHER CHURCH GROUPS** – it was good to host the Abbey Church from Longsleddale (near Kendal) when they camped at Wasdale Head and held their service in St Olaf's over the first weekend in June.

In early August we look forward to welcoming the Seventh Day Adventists when they camp at Wasdale Head. They come most years, and worship in St Olaf's each morning and evening throughout the week. Although from Yorkshire, they are all Polish and so is their worship, an attractive and welcome addition to the St Olaf's calendar each year. We hope more faith groups will be attracted to St Olaf's, particularly following its restoration.

**RESTORATION** – We are working hard to ensure this starts next April. We're on the 'home straight' towards reaching our fundraising target, so please pray for us to achieve it. St Olaf's is a special place and the valley's oldest building.

*Hugh Foulerton    01946 725 725    [wasdalehead.church@gmail.com](mailto:wasdalehead.church@gmail.com)*



## **JULY 2025**

The July meeting is at 2pm in St Mary's Room Gosforth on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July** when there will be a talk from Hannah Wright at the Growing Well Project in Egremont with Adrian Simper, a trustee. This project supports members of the local community by using gardening skills to help them. 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.

There isn't a meeting in August and details of the September meeting will be in the next magazine.

## **PRAYER TOPICS for July**

**July Prayer** As we move into a month when many of us take a break from the regular routine of life, we pray that we will find sacred moments of rest and reflection, of refreshment for our weary souls. Thank you for the opportunity to pause, to breathe and to be rejuvenated in your presence. As we journey through these days of respite, may our spirits be enriched by the beauty of your creation, the warmth of fellowship and the joy of your love. Guide us to use this time wisely, to grow closer to you and to one another. In your Holy Name, Amen

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 MU "Away from it All" scheme which arranges short breaks for families going through tough times, giving them a chance to enjoy rest and relaxation. The visit of our worldwide president to St Bees on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July to see the "Away from it All" caravan and meet local members. Also, the service she will attend at Greystoke at 3pm on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July.
- The MU Wave of Prayer for 30<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> July includes Carlisle Diocese. We can all use it individually to pray for members in our own Branch & Diocese and for Deb Lee on the board of Trustees of the Mothers' Union representing the Province of York.

- All families where relationships have broken down, where one part of a family will not acknowledge another, that they can build bridges between themselves and be reconciled in love.
- Leaders of all nations – that they find ways to think of other nations as their good neighbour and strive for peace and reconciliation
- Those leaving a school, college or university this month as they prepare for the next stage of their life.

## **PRAYER TOPICS for August**

**August Prayer** is the Mary Sumner Prayer. Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August is Mary Sumner Day when we celebrate the birth of our founder. The language of her prayer is dated because of the time when it was written but what it expresses is very relevant for us all -

All this day, O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee; and every life I touch, do thou by thy spirit quicken, whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe, or the life I live. Amen

Please pray for:

- The trustees of the Mothers' Union and the staff of Mary Sumner House
- The MU Literacy Campaign which has enabled so many people all over the world to learn the vital skills of reading and writing.
- All mothers and caregivers who are struggling in their parenting and the many MU projects set up to help them.
- The children and families known to you that, whatever the challenges facing them, they will be able to enjoy a stable family life.
- The elderly, housebound or infirm that they may overcome any challenges they face and manage to keep in contact with the church and local community
- Those on holiday in this area and those from the parish away from the area on their holiday, that they may enjoy rest and relaxation.

## **NEWS FROM SEASCALE**

### **Wednesday Afternoon Outreach**

At our May Tea and Chat on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June we were pleased to have Revd. Rachel Cunliffe with us to lead our prayers. Sadly, this was Rachel's last visit to our Tea and Chat meetings, it has been good to have Rachel with us whenever possible, we will miss her and our prayers go with her for the future. Rachel was presented with a card signed by members and a voucher to buy something for her baby.

In July we will be having a Tea and Chat 'Puddings Afternoon' on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 2.30pm.

The August Tea and Chat will be on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August at 2.30pm.

### **Tea Services**

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30pm the Wednesday Team will be leading the Tea Service.

There will be no Tea Service in August but please see the article about VJ Day.

All are welcome to join us.

### **Saturday Coffee**

Saturday Coffee will continue as usual during July and August: 10-11.30am each week in the Methodist church hall. Just drop in for a drink and a chat or stay all morning and enjoy a social occasion.

*Jackie Folkes*

### **VJ Day**

We will be having a short commemoration to mark VJ Day (Victory in Japan) followed by our usual tea and cakes on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August at 2.30pm in the Methodist Church hall.

Please join us to commemorate VJ Day, following the jubilation of VE Day (Victory in Europe), the day 80 years ago when Great Britain was finally free from the tyranny of war and we were once more at peace.

Please feel free to invite friends or family.

*Jennifer Matches*

### **Easter Fair - supporting Cumbria Agricultural Chaplaincy**

We were delighted to raise £501 for the Cumbria Agricultural Chaplaincy, which included the offering from the March Tea Service. There was a good atmosphere in the church hall as people enjoyed doing their shopping along with time for coffee and cakes.

*Jackie Folkes*



**Messy Church** had a good afternoon at Drigg Gala last month, meeting lots of families and making and flying helicopters (paper variety!) and butterflies amongst other crafts.

Watch out for posters in the villages and on Facebook for details of our next Messy Church events!

### **Windband Concert at St Cuthbert's Church**

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30 in St Cuthbert's. There will be refreshments.

Donations to Egremont Foodbank and St Cuthbert's will be very welcome.



## Rotating Wheels Rally

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## BECKERMET COMMUNITY NEWS

The spell of wonderful dry sunny days just a few weeks back has been replaced with rather mixed weather of late with some days being more like weather we would expect in October/November. By the time you are reading this we will have enjoyed the longest day on June 21<sup>st</sup> which I am sad to say means that every day will begin to get shorter by just a couple of minutes each day, so make the most of the next few months especially any summer holidays that you have planned while we still have plenty of daylight hours to enjoy.

### Cumbria in Bloom

A number of our village community have been busy once again getting the various areas of Beckermets ready for the visit by the Cumbria in Bloom judges arriving on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm. This enthusiastic group of volunteers have met regularly giving up their time freely to improve our local environment. Although they have met regularly as a group there are individuals who have also been busy picking up litter that has been dropped from cars passing through our lovely village. The work of the group and the individuals is greatly appreciated and deserve a massive thank you from the rest of the village community. 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 below.

### Reading Rooms

The final element of the work on upgrading the external aspect of the Reading Rooms is still not complete as the outstanding sections of the railings have still not arrived for installation. It had been hoped that this work would have been completed several weeks ago. However, although outstanding this final piece of the upgrade has not prevented the use of the Reading Rooms, which are being used more and more for both village activities and for private functions. If you have not had the opportunity to see for yourself the improvements then I recommend you do so. The vast majority of the work of improving the building has been possible through grants obtained from the GDF for without their financial support these improvements would not have taken place.

### Coffee Cake & Chat

Our 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. Recently a group of children joined us from the village nursery having cakes and juice. Some activities were set up for them to make their attendance more enjoyable. It is hoped that

this will be the first of many visits that they make to these sessions, when in future we will have greater interaction between the children and our regulars.

### **Quiz & Bingo Nights**

The next quiz nights be on **Fri 11<sup>th</sup> July & Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Aug** with **Bingo** on **Fri 25<sup>th</sup> July & Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug** 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.**

The special fundraising talk entitled “**38 Years of GBH in Education**” proved to be a great success with over 30 people in attendance. The evening was full of funny stories about life as a headteacher. Everyone who attended said that it brought back memories of their school days, mostly good but for some it also brought back the times when punishment was cruel and often unjust. The evening raised **£301** which will go towards the building work that will be required at St John’s Church. A number of local residents missed the evening due to being away so I am happy to repeat the evening but with lots of different stories so if you enjoyed it first time around you can always come again. The talk will be on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September** in the Reading Rooms starting at 7pm with entrance donations and raffle income once again in aid of St John’s Church building repair fund.

### **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 are services are the **13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> July and 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> August**.

### **St John’s Soup Lunches**

There will be no Soup Lunches in July & August and therefore the next Soup Lunch in aid of St John’s Church Beckermat will not be until Wednesday **17<sup>th</sup> September** at the usual time from **12-1.30pm**. If you have not had the opportunity to come to one of these then why not add this date to your diary. 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**

Just like the soup lunches there is going to be a couple of months break over the summer. Keep a look out for the next film night date and come along and have a free film night & have a drink as the bar will be open to purchase refreshments.

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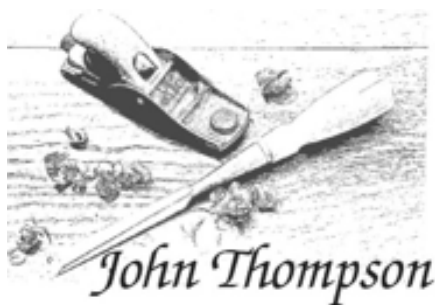
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## **Open Mic & Jazz Club Nights**

The Open Mic Nights continue to be popular each month. Please keep an eye on Facebook pages for dates of these events, which are usually held on the second Wednesday of each month. Two Jazz Club Nights have been booked for **18<sup>th</sup> July & 29<sup>th</sup> August** both on a Friday night from 7-11pm. All of these sessions are free with the bar open to purchase refreshments.

## **Beckermat 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 **1<sup>st</sup> July & 5<sup>th</sup> Aug** 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 for your group then use the contact details at the end of this article.

## **Additional Details**

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

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## **NEWS FROM CALDERBRIDGE AND PONSONBY**

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

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

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

#### **Ponsonby Morning Services - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month at 11.00am**

|                        |
|------------------------|
| July 6 <sup>th</sup>   |
| August 3 <sup>rd</sup> |
| Sept 7 <sup>th</sup>   |

#### **Calderbridge Summer Fair - Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30pm**

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## West Lakes U3A JULY & AUGUST events

Full details can be found on our website: <https://west-lakes.u3asite.uk>  
Please note that several groups take a summer break so do check the website

Or contact [smithybrow@icloud.com](mailto:smithybrow@icloud.com) or 07817499849

**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** - Mondays - weekly - Gosforth Public Hall

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

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

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

**French conversation** - Wednesday mornings weekly  
- The Kellbank, Gosforth

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

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

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

**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

**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

## GOSFORTH SCHOOL NEWS



Following SATs week, our Year 6s headed off to Scarborough for their residential. We spent five action packed days in Yorkshire! Tuesday was spent in York visiting the Minster, Castle Museum and the Dungeons. In

Scarborough we made good use of the local facilities - ten pin bowling, indoor bowls, crazy golf, high ropes, footgolf and the water park. We also spent an evening soaking up the sights in Whitby. We needed the half term to recover!

Sporting events in recent weeks have included some of our Year 5 children competing in a Rounders tournament, some of our older girls going to a Girls Rugby event and a small team playing tennis.

After a lot of worries about the weather Sports Day went ahead as planned resulting in a win for Wilson with Birch a very close second. It's lovely to see all of our parents and families coming along to support our children. We recently celebrated achieving the Gold Sports Mark award, which signifies high level of commitment to developing competitive sport within our school and our local community.

Transition has begun for both our new starters for September and the Year 6s who will be leaving us in July. The Year 6s attended the Diocesan Leavers Service, which took place in Carlisle Cathedral, along with other schools from the local area. We will be welcoming our six new starters for September for transition sessions in the coming weeks.

All of our children looked into the work of Wasdale Mountain Rescue to help inspire them to create their Drigg Gala pictures. Our children in Key Stage 2 created posters to raise awareness following World Oceans Day. Some of them are now displayed around school. Gosforth Show entries are also being prepared. This year we have two categories per class - handwriting and a picture.

We have taken part, as we do every year, in the Bright Stars programme. Bright Stars is an award-winning competition aimed at primary school children across Cumbria. Each school receives £50 in seed funding with a simple instruction to set up their own mini social enterprise. This year the children decided to support the plight of the solitary bee. They made

bee homes from recycled materials, grew sunflowers and created a 'bee bag' which contained an information leaflet on solitary bees, a packet of flower seeds and a pin badge. So far, their little business has made £500!

*Mrs S Layzell  
Assistant Headteacher*

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



As we write, the rehearsals and ticket sales for “Shrek – the musical” are going well and it promises to be a really great show. But by the time this goes to press, it will all be over and we will be taking a very brief but well-earned rest.

On Tuesday 29 and Thursday 31 July we will be holding auditions for our Autumn play “Two” by Jim Cartwright. The play follows a bickering husband and wife and the dozen regulars who pass through their pub in an evening. Each vignette skilfully combines pathos and humour. When a little boy is left behind by his father, a fragile reconciliation occurs as their own dark tragedy is revealed. This is traditionally played by only two actors, but we will be using more to make it slightly less demanding and give more the opportunity to take part. If you would like to give it a go, please come along to the Public Hall on either date at 7:30pm. Performances are in mid-October so more details will follow later.

In August, we are planning to run our Summer Youth Workshop week once again and details for signing up should appear soon.

Our Youth Theatre Group returns after the summer break on Tuesday 9 September and there will inevitably be a few places on offer, after some of the older ones move upwards and onwards. It is for youngsters aged 8 to 18. Please get in touch if you are interested.

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

## **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.

**NO BOWLING IN AUGUST.** Restarts on Wednesday, 3 September.



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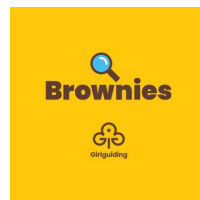
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## GOSFORTH BROWNIES

Over the last few months we've been busy working towards our Mindfulness and Be Well badges, helping each other to be kind and look after our own wellbeing and that of others.



We've recently visited Woody's Woolies and walked and petted the sheep, held a nature colour scavenger hunt, learnt yoga, had a spa pamper session, and had a go at various craft, sports and game activities. Off to Ennerdale soon with other Brownie Units to celebrate 50 years of Girlguiding in our region (Cumbria North). Hopefully in September we will be holding our annual camping activity afternoon at Fisherground in Eskdale.

We currently have vacancies in our Unit, so if your daughter is aged 7-10 (or soon to be 7) and would like to join us in September, please register interest on [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk)

## MUNCASTER MICROBUS

Could you drive once a month for the Microbus?

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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 12<sup>th</sup> July – Coniston / Hawkeshead - £9.00
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Egremont Farmers Market
  - £3 donation to the market
- Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Windermere and Ambleside - £10.50
- Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August – Yorkshire Dales / Hawes - £13.00
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August – Egremont Farmers Market
  - £3 donation to the market
- Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August – Keswick - £9.00
- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August – Barton Grange Garden Centre - £12.50
- Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September – Grange and Cartmel - £9.00



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## WEST LAKELAND ROTARY CLUB



Our Rotary Plant Sale, held in Calderbridge Village Hall on 1 June, was a great success. There were lots of plants to choose from – all grown by our members – and many bargains to be had. After deductions for hall hire etc £1700 was raised and will go to our President's charity – the NSPCC.

In addition, members of the Inner Wheel supplied tea, coffee and an excellent selection of home-made cakes and biscuits, making it very much a social occasion. Their efforts raised an additional £450 for their own charity - Hospice at Home.

And, a final reminder: don't forget 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.

Thank you for all your support.

*Malcolm Richardson*

## GOSFORTH LIBRARY

### Opening hours as follows:

Saturday: 10.00 – 12.00 hrs.

Monday: 13.00 – 14.30 hrs.

Wednesday: 16.00 – 17.30 hrs.

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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.

Cumberland Council are carrying out a survey to find out what its current library user's want from the future library service. To take part in the survey log on to

[www.cumberland.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives](http://www.cumberland.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives) before the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

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## GOSFORTH WI



Gosforth WI will meet on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025 in Gosforth Public Hall at 7.15 pm. The speaker will be Chris Ray who will talk about the origin of surnames and the competition will be an old family photograph. Refreshments will be served as usual.

In August, the Gosforth WI will enjoy their annual trip. Plans are to have lunch at the Craggs, Bothel, and then carry on to Cockermouth for a visit to Wordsworth House and garden and/or shopping time in the many lovely shops in Cockermouth. Please make sure you have put your name down if you wish to go, so that final arrangements can be made for transport. Costs to be confirmed.

*The Secretary - Gosforth WI*

### GOSFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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With the exception of meetings' attendance, the post holder will be expected to work from home, for which an allowance will be payable. The Council meets on the second Wednesday evening of each month (except August), with other meetings being called as required.

**Salary** NJC scale LC2 SCP 18 £15.84 per hour. Working hours are 40 per month.

For an application pack, please e-mail [gosforth.parish2@outlook.com](mailto:gosforth.parish2@outlook.com) or contact 01229387852. The closing date for receipt of applications is: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

## HOLMROOK READING ROOM

**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 £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.

### SAINTS FOR JULY & AUGUST



On the 15<sup>th</sup> of July the Church of England remembers **St. Swithun** or Swithun who died in 863 as the Anglo Saxon Bishop of Winchester. He was buried in the Cathedral grounds by his own request and his grave became the source of miracles. Some years later his remains were moved into the Cathedral and the myth is that he disliked the move and had said that it would rain for forty days if the move took place. There is apparently some evidence to support this, so -

If on St. Swithun's Day it really pours,  
You're better off to stay indoors.



If the weather following the 15<sup>th</sup> of July is poor, you might still be remembering Swithun in August, and not too favourably. It might, therefore, be a good idea to read an improving book, and there is nothing better than 'The Pilgrim's Progress', written by **John Bunyan**, who died in 1688. He is remembered on the 30<sup>th</sup> of August. It is not an easy read, so you should hope that story of Swithun doesn't apply this year!

## **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  
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, 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**

**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. *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](mailto: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**

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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## SEATALLAN BENEFICE SERVICES – JULY 2025

|                               | Church                  | Service                                 | Time  |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b>  |                         |                                         |       |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> July          | Nether Wasdale          | Iona Service                            | 9.10  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> after Trinity | Seascale                | HC at St Cuthbert's Church              | 9.10  |
| GREEN                         | Gosforth                | Morning Praise                          | 11.00 |
| Proper 9                      | Ponsanby                | Morning Prayer                          | 11.00 |
|                               | Gosforth St Mary's Room | Methodist Evening Worship               | 6.10  |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b>  |                         |                                         |       |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> July         | Beckermet               | HC                                      | 9.10  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity | Seascale                | Methodist Service at Methodist Church   | 10.30 |
| GREEN                         | Gosforth                | HC                                      | 11.00 |
| Proper 10                     | Wasdale Head            | Celtic Praise                           | 11.00 |
|                               | Seascale/Beckermet      | Faith & Fellowship                      | 7.00  |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b>  |                         |                                         |       |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> July         | Nether Wasdale          | Iona Service                            | 9.10  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity | Seascale                | HC at St Cuthbert's Church              | 9.10  |
| GREEN                         | Gosforth                | Morning Worship                         | 11.00 |
|                               | Old Church              | Evening Prayer                          | 1.00  |
| Proper 11                     | Gosforth St Mary's Room | All-age Methodist Evening Worship       | 6.10  |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>  |                         |                                         |       |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> July         | Beckermet               | HC/Lay led Service                      | 9.10  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity | Gosforth                | HC                                      | 11.00 |
| GREEN                         | Wasdale Head            | Morning Worship                         | 11.00 |
|                               | Seascale                | Methodist Circuit Service               | 4.00  |
| Proper 12                     | Gosforth St Mary's Room | <b>No Phoenix Service this evening.</b> |       |

## SEATALLAN BENEFICE SERVICES – AUGUST 2025

|                                | Church                  | Service                               | Time  |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b>   |                         |                                       |       |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug            | Nether Wasdale          | HC                                    | 9.10  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> after trinity  | Seascale                | HC at St Cuthbert's Church            | 9.10  |
| GREEN                          | Gosforth                | Morning Praise                        | 11.00 |
| Proper 13                      | Ponsanby                | HC                                    | 11.00 |
|                                | Gosforth St Mary's Room | Methodist Evening Worship             | 6.10  |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b>   |                         |                                       |       |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Aug           | Beckermet               | HC                                    | 9.10  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity  | Seascale                | Methodist Service at Methodist Church | 10.30 |
| GREEN                          | Gosforth                | HC                                    | 11.00 |
| Proper 14                      | Wasdale Head            | Morning Praise                        | 11.00 |
|                                | Seascale/Beckermet      | Faith & Fellowship                    | 7.00  |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b>   |                         |                                       |       |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> August        | Nether Wasdale          | Iona Service                          | 9.10  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity  | Seascale                | HC at St Cuthbert's Church            | 9.10  |
| GREEN                          | Gosforth                | Morning Worship                       | 11.00 |
| Proper 15                      | Ponsanby                | Evening Prayer                        | 1.00  |
|                                | Gosforth St Mary's Room | Methodist Evening Worship             | 6.10  |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>   |                         |                                       |       |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> August        | Beckermet               | HC/Lay                                | 9.10  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity | Seascale                | Methodist Service at Methodist Church | 10.30 |
| GREEN                          | Gosforth                | HC                                    | 11.00 |
| Proper 16                      | Wasdale Head            | Celtic Praise                         | 11.00 |
|                                | Gosforth St Mary's Room | <b>No Phoenix Service this month</b>  |       |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>   |                         |                                       |       |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> August        | Wasdale Head            | Seatallan Benefice HC                 | 11.00 |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity | Seascale                | Methodist Circuit Service             | 3.00  |
| GREEN                          |                         |                                       |       |
| Proper 17                      |                         |                                       |       |

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