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## FROM THE SEATALLAN PARISH REGISTERS

Occasional Offices conducted between  
the 7<sup>th</sup> June 2025 and the 12<sup>th</sup> August 2025

### BECKERMETH

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|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Aug  | Funeral and Cremation | John Edward Cook     |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Aug | Baptism               | Casey Broome Denwood |

### CALDER BRIDGE, PONSONBY and OLD CHURCH

No Occasional Offices known

### SEASCALE

|                       |                       |                           |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> July  | Funeral and Cremation | Edmund Robinson Jackson   |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> June | Wedding               | Emma Powell and Dale Rigg |

### GOSFORTH, NETHER WASDALE and WASDALE HEAD

|                       |                       |                                   |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 11 <sup>th</sup> June | Funeral and Cremation | Rhona Eastwood (Gosforth)         |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> July | Burial of Ashes       | James and Doreen Plews (Gosforth) |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> July | Baptism               | Elodie Dorothy Ruddy (Gosforth)   |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> June | Burial of Ashes       | Alan Briggs (Wasdale Head)        |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> July | Baptism               | Kiril Kushko (Gosforth)           |

## **‘Living in Tents’**

At this time of year, some of us may be fortunate enough to have just returned from a ‘bit of a break’. My favourite thing to do in the summer, if the weather is good, is to go camping. This year, we tried again... the weather was a bit mixed, but one of the things I always love about it – even if the weather is a bit mixed, is that it is always nice to come home! One of the things I love about camping, is sitting in a field for a few days each year. I love the chance this experience gives you, to put your house keys away, and wear crocs, sometimes even with socks! This is all wonderful, while the sun shines, but when it starts to rain, which always happens in the middle of the night, things change don’t they? You lie there thinking... ‘Will it come through the tent?’... and, if it persists for long enough... ‘Will the river flood and drown us all?’ If the ground outside the tent begins to feel mushy, I confess that I usually begin to wonder if the puddles will come over the top of the ground sheet!

Actually, if you are camping, rain is not really any easier in the day time is it? If you hang around on the campsite, everything turns to mud, and things begin to get dirty and damp. This means you have to leave and ‘go out’. You might go and see a play... or visit a stately home. Of course, there are always coffee shops, and libraries...the cinema and even an evening meal out if things are too wet for a BBQ. It can all get very expensive if you are not careful.

Camping always brings me back to the realisation that what we do in the summer each year is enough for us. We used to go for two weeks at a stretch. I am not sure I could manage that anymore. Imagine camping for literally months, without a car to get into and a home to drive back to if there is no sign of a break in the weather. People who become homeless, because of the geo-political situations of our time, are left with nowhere to go when the ground around them begins to soften, and the rain starts to fall in a way that is beyond their control. They can’t just ‘go out’ until it stops. Many migrants can’t go home – it is too dangerous. We know don’t we that they can be on the move for years. What are they supposed to do with themselves? From my computer screen, watching the boats arrive in Dover, where my sister lives, is so confusing.

We Brits feel a little cheated when it rains sometimes during the summer holidays...but it is nothing if you have a home. Most of us would agree that we should be generous, and compassionate to the homeless, wherever they are from. But it isn’t easy, is it? I know it isn’t for me! So how can we change, and do better? Well, I suppose that when we feel threatened by people, or situations, that are beyond our control, it is important to remember that all people ‘feel things’ in just the same way

as we do. The way to find generosity and compassion for the people in Calais, if you can face it, is to put yourself in their shoes, and let yourself 'feel' how they might feel. You need to be brave to do it.

Jesus said 'Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also'. If we really have a heart for people, it is only because we have managed to 'catch' something of God's heart for this world. It is because we are seeing what Jesus sees as 'treasure'- the people he made, loves, and died for.

This year, living in tents...even a tent on the roof of our car with a mattress in it...was a challenge for me. The rain made it difficult, but to be honest, so did the news, and the mixture of emotions it produced in me, as I heard the rain fall on that thin sheet of nylon which was keeping us dry. As I watch the news, I am often left wondering about my heart... and where my treasure is. I am left thinking that I would like to be better at remembering that no one has a choice as to where they are born. I am left thinking that I must not forget how blessed we are to have a right to live in this amazing and wonderful country... and to call it home.

*Philip*

## **FROM THE EDITOR**

As you all know, Rachel, who has been our Curate for the past two years, started her maternity leave at the end of June before moving on to take up a new post further north in the county. Rachel and Chris have asked me to thank you all, on their behalf, for your very generous leaving gift – they said they were completely blown away by your generosity!

On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August they had a baby girl – Elizabeth Helen – weighing in at 8lb 7oz!

All is well and they are now back home in Beckermat.

For many of us the summer holidays are over for another year and it's time to start thinking about how we are going to occupy ourselves during the longer evenings indoors that will be with us shortly. I do hope you will get some ideas for filling these as you turn the pages of the magazine.

*Norma Hughes*

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## **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**

We meet monthly in St Mary's Room, Gosforth, on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month (4<sup>th</sup> September) for a catch up, chat and lovely home baking! Do come along and join us.



This month's donations will go towards cutting Gosforth churchyard!

## **GOSFORTH HARVEST FESTIVAL**

This year Gosforth will be celebrating its Harvest Festival on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September, rather sooner than usual, which means the church will be decorated on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September ready for the School Harvest Service at 9.30 am on the Friday morning. Do come and help if you can – everyone welcome! There will be refreshments for helpers as usual. Any donations of flowers or greenery would be gratefully received and can be left at the back of church beforehand or dropped off on the morning. Alternatively, cash donations can be made to Ann McKenzie. The Harvest Service on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> will be a Communion service led by our rector Philip. We hope people will bring along donations of food for the Foodbank.

To help, here is a reminder of suitable items:

UHT Fruit juice and UHT Milk (full fat or semi skimmed) in cartons.

Breakfast cereals, Tea, Coffee, Jam, Biscuits

Tinned goods: Soups, Beans, Carrots, Peas, Sweetcorn, Tomatoes, Spaghetti, Ravioli, Macaroni cheese, Hot dogs, Chicken, Meat balls, Tuna, Rice pudding, Custard, Fruit, Sponge puddings.

Dried rice and pasta, pasta sauces, instant mashed potato.

At the Gosforth Service there will also be an opportunity to make a donation to the Bishop of Carlisle's Harvest Appeal which this year is to help fund Trees for Peace, supporting integrated environmental restoration and community peacebuilding in Burundi. Donations can also be made on line - [www.carlisle-diocese.org/donate](http://www.carlisle-diocese.org/donate)





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## GOSFORTH PARISH CHURCH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Following the Archdeacon's visitation and subsequent Report, two First Aid boxes and accident books have been obtained and placed in the Kitchen and at the back of church.

In respect of the finances, the committee recognises the deficit is alarming. General Reserves were £24,000 and by the end of the year will probably be £14,000 a loss of £10,000. The Parish Offer for 2026 was discussed and agreed.

New hire forms for St Mary's Room have now been approved and will start being used. Along with the new forms - it was agreed to increase the hourly rate from £8 per hour to £10 per hour from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025.

A worship review is underway by the Management Committee. Consideration is being given to the future use of the new AudioVisual equipment now installed in the main Church.

*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. 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.

## MU DIARIES, CHRISTMAS CARDS, CALENDARS ETC.



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## SEPTEMBER 2025

This month's meeting is on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September** when we meet at 2.00pm in St Mary's Room Gosforth for a discussion on the future of our branch with Ann Wodeman the Diocesan President. If you want transport, please contact Mary Waterhouse on 019467 27641.

**MU Diaries, Christmas Cards, Calendars etc.** Those who have internet access are asked to look on line to view the catalogue at [www.mueshop.org](http://www.mueshop.org) . if you wish to place an order, please ensure you find the section on your Diocese and choose Carlisle so that our County MU gets a small % of what you spend. If you don't have internet access, please contact Mary or Ruth.

## PRAYER TOPICS – September Prayer

Father, as we seek to follow your son, help us to be always aware of how our actions and words affect others and the world around us. Give us grace to be peacemakers among people, and good stewards of your creation. 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.
- Countries of the world in hostility that they may find reconciliation through peaceful negotiations rather than war and bloodshed.
- Unity across the generations, with each accepting and valuing the other. Also, the work of the Mothers' Union world wide in support of families.
- Those who gather the harvest of the land and seas and those who transport the harvest to enable others to eat.
- Those throughout the world who are hungry through conflict in areas where they live, through severe drought in their part of the world or for economic circumstances. That we who have food always give thanks for our food and find ways to give to those whose needs are greater than our own.
- Those starting at school, college or university this month as they prepare for the next stage of their life and particularly those beginning their school life at Gosforth C of E Primary School.

# *St Olaf's Wasdale Head*

## *faith in the fells*

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

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 11am - Morning Praise

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September 11am – Morning Worship

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

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

**BAPTISM IN THE LAKE** – St Olaf's has rarely been busier than it was during the week 4<sup>th</sup>–10<sup>th</sup> August when we were joined again by our friends from the Polish Seventh Day Adventist Church from Yorkshire.



They camp at Wasdale Head most years, hold their daily services in St Olaf's, and join us for ours. It is fascinating to hear worship in the Polish language, and they kindly provide an interpreter for us. Following their main Saturday service, we went to the lake to join them for the

baptism of Iwona, a new member. They baptise by total immersion.

As with the Abbey Church earlier in the year, it is good to share our little church with visiting faith groups. We hope to develop this more once the restoration is behind us - this way friendships are formed and faith is nurtured. During the week over 300 attended services at St Olaf's, and we welcomed 970 visitors.

**LOOKING AHEAD** - At the time of writing we are looking forward to the benefice service at the end of August, the first to be held at St Olaf's since July 2018. St Olaf's may also have featured at the start of the BBC Radio 4 Service at 8.15am on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August, Rosalind Amey did a short recording with them on 10<sup>th</sup> August. St Olaf's last appearance on this programme was nearly two years ago when the intended broadcast on Scafell Pike met with some robust Wasdale weather and took refuge in - and broadcast from - St Olaf's.

*Hugh Foulerton*

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## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SEASCALE AND DISTRICT

*It is one of the strengths of "Churches Together" that we work alongside each other with a common goal.*

Our recent symbolic Hunger Lunch for Christian Aid was well supported and served as a reminder to us all of just how fortunate we are to have clean drinking water and food available to us.

Our opening prayers were led by Brian Pateman -

Hunger is not a game – despite the success of the film franchise.

Hunger is not a weapon of war despite being used as one.

Hunger is a killer, silent, invidious and inexorable.

Today we sit down together as friends and neighbours, to a frugal meal, simple, basic, nutritious but still more, much more than many expect to eat today.

Creator God, Lord of all; you provide us with all good things.

Hear us when we raise our voices in prayer and ask that you will strengthen and inspire through your Holy Spirit those striving to feed those who have nothing.

Help us to be friends and neighbours to those who want for the basic necessities of life. Food to fill their children's bellies, clean water to drink, shelter from the weather.

Our Father in heaven, we pray:

Give them this day their daily bread.

Give them hope for the future.

Give us the courage to speak the truth when we have the chance to do so and send your healing peace to the troubled places in your world.

In the name of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, the prince of peace.

Amen.

The prayers set the scene perfectly

Our bare tables in the hall were simply set with drinking water and glasses, we then served a dry bread roll and piece of cheese.

Nothing else.

Prompting thought and conversations about what this very simple food would mean to those in Gaza.

We enjoyed a lovely hour of fellowship and at the end we worked together to clear the hall and wash up.

**Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the event, we raised £349:90 for Christian Aid Gaza Appeal.**



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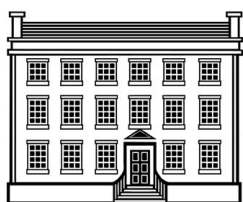
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## NEWS FROM SEASCALE

### Wednesday Outreach

At our August meeting we had a visit from Kirsty Telford, a Community Engagement Officer who told us of the services that were available to provide help with various things such as benefits and finance situations.

Our September meeting is on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 2.30pm when Allison will be showing the film show of her visit to Australia. If anyone would like to join us for the afternoon, they would be very welcome.

### Tea Services

The Wednesday team led the July Tea Service with the theme Family, Friends and Neighbours. Allison had noticed song 619 - Thanks for friends who keep on loving - in Singing the Faith when we were preparing for the service. The words were so appropriate and we are grateful to Sheila and Jonathan for finding a well known tune (Love divine) enabling us to sing it at the end of the service.

Please note on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 12.30pm we will be having a Harvest Songs of Praise led by Sheila and Jonathan Falkner which will be followed by lunch. This year we have decided to support Calderwood House with our harvest gifts, when we plan to fill a hamper with treats for the residents.

All are welcome to join us.

*Jackie Folkes*

## NEWS FROM CALDERBRIDGE AND PONSONBY

Our **Summer Fair** was well attended and made £900. Many thanks to all who came along and to everyone that helped out in any way, it was really appreciated.

### Date for your Diary

This year the Christmas Fair will be held on 22nd November at 2pm.

### Services for September

|            |                                |                |
|------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Ponsonby   | 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept - 11.00am | Morning Prayer |
| Low Church | 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept 3.00pm   | Evensong       |



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## **BECKERMET COMMUNITY NEWS**

By the time you are reading this latest edition of the Parish Magazine most of you will hopefully have enjoyed a pleasant summer break, wherever that may have been, while children will be preparing for their return to school. For many it will be just moving up a year while for others it will be a major change, especially for those who will be moving on to secondary school and all that entails. For some they have waited many weeks for exam results which will enable them to further their education in the sixth form or move on to college or university. Hopefully everyone has achieved what they required but if not, there is always other opportunities available. Good luck to all who are moving on to face these new challenges, whether in their new school, onto further education or starting a job for the first time. As parents and grandparents, you all have an important role to play in supporting them in what can be a stressful time.

### **Cumbria in Bloom**

The Cumbria in Bloom judges arrived in mid-July to undertake their tour around the village. A great deal of hard work was undertaken by the small band of volunteers to further improve the appearance of our village. The outcome will not be known until early October when their hard work will hopefully pay dividends. Regardless of the outcome one thing is certain, that the village has certainly improved massively over the past couple of years, and especially in the last twelve months. Well done to you all for your endeavours on behalf of our village.

### **Reading Rooms**

The final element of the work on upgrading the external aspect of the Reading Rooms is now complete with the outstanding sections of the railings now installed. (See the photo on the front of the magazine.) The work has taken longer than anticipated but has made all the difference to the appearance of this village facility. In addition, there have been two extra built in storage cupboards to accommodate the musical equipment for our village choir group "Two Rivers Rock." This equipment was acquired through a grant from the GDF. The building continues to be at the heart of village activities being used by groups and by individuals for family events.

### **Saturday Café**

During the last few weeks, a new venture of a café has opened on a Saturday from 11-3pm in the Reading Rooms. This has proved very popular as Tina who runs the café bakes wonderful cakes and sausage rolls. If you haven't been yet I suggest you have a trip out to try for yourself.

### **Coffee Cake & Chat**

Our sessions continue throughout the year on **Tuesday from 9.30-11.30** and on **Thursday 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. On Tuesday **16<sup>th</sup> October** we have arranged for Beckermets Nursery to come along to enjoy the morning session with us when we have arranged for Pet Encounters to attend. This will be the second of many opportunities hopefully for them to come along and join us at our sessions.

### **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 **14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> September & 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> October**.

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

There has been a short break from undertaking the monthly Soup Lunches over the summer but they have started again in September. The dates for the next few months are as follows, Wednesday **10<sup>th</sup> September**, Wednesday **15<sup>th</sup> October** and Wednesday **19<sup>th</sup> November** all in the Reading Rooms at the usual time from 12-1.30pm in aid of St John's Church Beckermets. If you have not had the opportunity to come to one of these then why not add these dates 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 and a raffle ticket. A great way to meet up with friends & even make new ones.

### **Friday Quiz & Bingo Nights**

Quiz nights will be on **12<sup>th</sup> Sept, 10<sup>th</sup> Oct, 7<sup>th</sup> Nov & 5<sup>th</sup> Dec**, Bingo nights on the **26<sup>th</sup> Sept, 31<sup>st</sup> Oct, 21<sup>st</sup> Nov & 12<sup>th</sup> Dec** 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 "38 Years of GBH in Education"**

This talk will be put on again as a number of local residents missed the evening due to being away so I am happy to repeat the evening but with many 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.

### **Hospice at Home Coffee Morning**

A special fundraising event is being held on Wednesday **17<sup>th</sup> September** from **10.00-12.00** in the Reading Rooms to help raise much needed funds for this organisation which provides wonderful support to many individuals in our area at the most difficult time in their lives. Please come along and support this excellent local organisation to continue to provide this much needed support both to the individual and their families. As well as the usual lovely cakes we will be holding a raffle to raise even more funds.

### **Beckermets Village Lottery**

By the time you are reading this edition of the church magazine the last lottery draw will have taken place on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. The fee of **£25** will be due to continue in the next years round of monthly draws with the first taking place on Tuesday **7<sup>th</sup> October** at around 10am during the Coffee Cake & Chat sessions.

If you would like to join or need financial support for your group then use the contact details at the end of this article. The lottery funds have assisted various activities within the village including our entry and plants for Cumbria in Bloom, Beckermets Nursery & School, The Reading Rooms & St John's Church. At the time of writing this article there is still a small amount available to support a cause in our village.

### **Youth Club Evenings**

Held in the Reading Rooms on Mon & Thurs evenings from **6-8pm**. Free entry, with tuck shop available.

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### **Additional Details**

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

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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** - 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.

**Treble Recorder** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday afternoon & 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday morning  
monthly  
- Santon Village Hall

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

**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** - 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

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## **PRESS RELEASE – GOSFORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

### **15<sup>th</sup> August, 2025**

**Gosforth Parish Council has secured grants towards the refurbishment of Gosforth Public Hall.**

Historic England is supporting repairs to the Grade II\* listed part of Gosforth Public Hall with £424,785 of funding. A building survey, carried out in 2023, revealed the deteriorating condition of the fabric of the building, caused by damp due to the life-expired condition of the roof and the introduction, in the past, of cement render which does not allow the building to breath.

After contacting Historic England, the building was placed on the Heritage at Risk Register making it eligible for funding when it became available. The Heritage at Risk Capital Fund, led by Historic England and funded by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, launched in April 2025 with the aim of rescuing listed buildings facing dereliction or demolition.

Gosforth Parish Council was delighted to get the news of the award and wishes to thank Copeland Community Fund for providing the necessary match-funding with a grant of £101,679. Planned work includes re-roofing, re-rendering and window and masonry repairs all providing long term resilience for this well used community asset.

This is Phase 1 of the project which concentrates on the most urgent repairs. During this phase, the main hall will remain open. Phase 2 will follow when funds have been secured. Phase 2 will include an extension for a new kitchen and complete renovation of the main hall plus access improvements throughout the building. Gosforth Parish Council thanks the hall committee members and regular user-groups who are continuing their efforts to raise funds.



Grade II\* listed part of Gosforth Public Hall housing the volunteer-managed library.

## GOSFORTH SCHOOL NEWS



The last few weeks of the Summer Term were incredibly busy for us! Some of our children shared their talents at our Summer Music concert. Performances were played on the piano, an oboe and recorder and we also had a very moving singer.

All of the children came to school dressed in green and brought along a donation for our local Foodbank. We handed over twenty bags of shopping.

We received a visit from PC Mann with the police dogs. This took place on the main playground with all the children watching. PC Mann talked about the valuable work that the police dogs do and we had a demonstration.

Our annual event, Gosforth's Got Talent, took place in the village hall. We had over twenty performances which included singing, dancing, a keyboard performance, football skills and sword fighting!

We had another SMSC Day and celebrated all things to do with China. Activities included creating Chinese lanterns, learning a traditional dance, finding out about the Terracotta Army, learning the Willow Pattern story and looking at the geographical features of the country.

Our usual Bouncy Castle Fun Day at the end of the term had an upgrade and became Gosfest! Not only did we have the bouncy castle on the field, but we also had music, tattoos and face paints. The afternoon ended with a visit from Sav's Ices.

The children worked hard on their entries to Gosforth Show. One category was handwriting and the other was a piece of artwork. The younger children drew a picture of their favourite holiday, lower KS2s theme was Fur, Feather or Fin and Year 6s theme was VE Day. We also collaboratively worked on our planter entry. We used the fingerprints of each child to create a flower and insect scene.

FOGS are busy organising the 5K Fun Run with Colour Run for the children. This will take place on Gosforth Playing fields on Wednesday 10th September at 6pm. You can turn up on the night and enter.

We are looking forward to welcoming our new starters in September as they begin their educational journey with us.

*Mrs S Layzell  
Assistant Headteacher*

## NEWS FROM GADS - GOSFORTH AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY



On Thursday 7 August, Historic England announced that they are funding part of the Hall refurbishment project. This is fantastic news for Gosforth and all hall users as it will give us much improved facilities. However, it does mean that the GADS production programme will be affected and we are working hard to create a programme of entertainment which will still give everyone something to look forward to and showcase the incredible talent the local area has to offer.

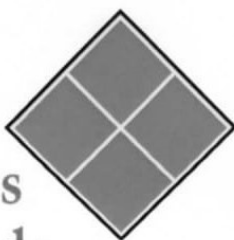
Our next production **'Two' by Jim Cartwright** will be going ahead as planned. We always like to try and offer our audiences something different and "Two" is certainly that. We will be turning the Public Hall into a 1980's pub for three nights from Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October. The play is directed by Benita Blacklock who brought *Sheila's Island* to the stage last year to fantastic reviews. Join us as we meet the regulars and learn their stories - some poignant, some funny and some thought provoking. This is an adult production aimed at those aged 14+ as it contains mature themes. The audience will be immersed in the play from the moment they arrive into the 'pub' as the stage won't be used for this production. You may well find yourself sitting next to one of the 'regulars'! Listen to the music, have a drink and enjoy the show!



Tickets for "Two" will be £7.50 for adults and £5 for u18 / full time students. They go on sale from 5 Sept to GADS members and from 12 Sept to the general public. Doors will open at 7pm and the shows start at 7:30pm but you need to bring your own drinks as our bar will only be serving our cast members. Watch out for posters and see Facebook or our website for more information.



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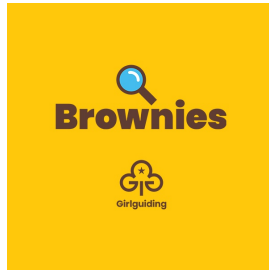
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## GOSFORTH BROWNIES



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## GOSFORTH INDOOR MAT BOWLING CLUB

Gosforth Indoor Bowling restarts on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September in Gosforth Public Hall from 2pm – 4pm. £3.00 including refreshments. Spare bowls available. Please bring clean flat shoes.

## MUNCASTER MICROBUS

Could you drive once a month for the Microbus?

Also looking for drivers to assist with a routine Gosforth to Seascale journey.

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 6<sup>th</sup> September – Barton Grange Garden Centre - £12.50  
(NEW DATE)
- Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September – Grange and Cartmel - £9.00
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Egremont Farmers Market  
- £3 donation to the market
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September – Workington - £8.50
- Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Kendal - £10.50
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Egremont Farmers Market  
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- Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Windermere / Ambleside - £10.50
- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Carlisle / Gretna - £11.50
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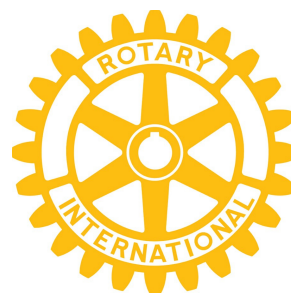
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## WEST LAKELAND ROTARY CLUB

The Rotary Club of West Lakeland held its annual 'Rotating Wheels' rally on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July on the Old Gosforth Show Field. As has always been the case in previous years, there was an excellent display of classic cars, motorcycles, tractors and other exhibits as well as sideshows, games and stalls.



The Club is extremely grateful to all the people who came along to support the event, both local and those on holiday. A big thank you also to the Ladies of Inner Wheel and other friends who kindly assisted with the organisation of the event.

The profits raised will be donated to 'The Young Carers Project', 'Carer Support, West Cumbria' and other good causes supported by Rotary.

*David Lord - President*

## GOSFORTH LIBRARY

### **Opening hours as follows:**

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.

The Public Hall has recently heard that it was successful with a grant application to Historic England, this will allow us to make major repairs to the old part of the building, mainly the Library. This will mean that the library will have to close for the duration of the project which will start late September/early October. More announcements will be made soon.

## HOLMROOK READING ROOM

Our next event:

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October – 18:30**

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**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.

## GOSFORTH WI



Gosforth WI had an enjoyable outing on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> August. We travelled to The Craggs, at Bothel, for a lovely lunch, then a visit to Wordsworth House and Garden in Cockermouth, finishing at the Lakes Centre.

Our September meeting will be on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September, at 7.15pm in Gosforth Public Hall. Speaker to be confirmed. Raffle and light refreshments.

## 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.*

**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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# SEATALLAN BENEFICE SERVICES - SEPTEMBER 2025

|                                      | Church                  | Service                               | Time  |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b>         |                         |                                       |       |
| <b>7<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>           | Nether Wasdale          | Iona Service                          | 9.30  |
| <b>12<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b> | Seascale                | Morning Prayer at St Cuthbert's       | 9.30  |
| <b>GREEN</b>                         | Gosforth                | Morning Praise                        | 11.00 |
| <b>Proper 18</b>                     | Ponsonby                | Morning Prayer                        | 11.00 |
|                                      | Gosforth St Mary's Room | Methodist Evening Worship             | 6.30  |
|                                      |                         |                                       |       |
|                                      |                         |                                       |       |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b>         |                         |                                       |       |
| <b>14<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>          | Beckermest              | HC                                    | 9.30  |
| <b>13<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b> | Seascale                | Methodist Service at Methodist Church | 10.30 |
| <b>GREEN</b>                         | Gosforth                | HC                                    | 11.00 |
| <b>Proper 19</b>                     | Wasdale Head            | Morning Praise                        | 11.00 |
|                                      | Seascale                | Faith & Fellowship                    | 7.00  |
|                                      |                         |                                       |       |
|                                      |                         |                                       |       |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b>         |                         |                                       |       |
| <b>21<sup>st</sup> Sept</b>          | Nether Wasdale          | Iona Service                          | 9.30  |
| <b>14<sup>h</sup> after Trinity</b>  | Seascale                | HC at St Cuthbert's Church            | 9.30  |
| <b>GREEN</b>                         | Gosforth                | Morning Worship                       | 11.00 |
| <b>Proper 20</b>                     | Old Church              | Evening Prayer                        | 3.00  |
|                                      | Gosforth St Mary's Room | Methodist Evening Worship             | 6.30  |
|                                      |                         |                                       |       |
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| <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>         |                         |                                       |       |
| <b>28<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>          | Beckermest              | HC                                    | 9.30  |
| <b>15<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b> | Seascale                | Methodist Service at Methodist Ch     | 10.30 |
| <b>GREEN</b>                         | Gosforth                | HC - Harvest                          | 11.00 |
| <b>Proper 21</b>                     | Wasdale Head            | Morning Worship                       | 11.00 |
|                                      | Gosforth St Mary's Room | Phoenix Evening Worship               | 7.00  |

## SAINTS FOR SEPTEMBER - Gregory the Great



On the 3<sup>rd</sup> September the Church of England remembers Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome (Pope), Teacher of the Faith. He died in 604, though not in September. One of his claims to fame is that he reorganised church music by introducing plainsong, called Gregorian Chant, which sounds a bit like the Advent hymn "O come, O come Emmanuel". He is also known for describing Anglo Saxon children as 'Angels', not 'Angles'. But to be serious, however, we should remember Gregory as possibly the first missionary to England.

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