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## FROM THE SEATALLAN PARISH REGISTERS

Occasional Offices conducted between  
the 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025 and the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025

### **BECKERMET**

- 16<sup>th</sup> September Funeral Lilian Edith Tyson
- 18<sup>th</sup> September Funeral Dorothy Ann Southam

### **CALDER BRIDGE, PONSONBY and OLD CHURCH**

- 16<sup>th</sup> September Burial – Low Church Lilian Edith Tyson
- 18<sup>th</sup> September Burial – Low Church Dorothy Ann Southam

**SEASCALE** No Occasional Offices known

### **GOSFORTH, NETHER WASDALE and WASDALE HEAD**

- 12<sup>th</sup> September Funeral and Burial Patricia Richardson (Gosforth)
- 20<sup>th</sup> September Wedding at Gosforth  
Kirsty Hughes and Andrew Dickinson
- 26<sup>th</sup> September Funeral and Burial Terence Minnikin (Gosforth)

## Treasure Islands

To a child, every island is a treasure island. That's what the writer P.D. James is reported to have written. What a shame we 'grow up', and lose our 'sense of excitement' so easily!

I expect that I am not alone in liking islands. In my early twenties, for one summer, I went to live in the Isles of Scilly. I'll never forget getting there. A helicopter ride, out over Lands End (as it is now called), across the sea to St Mary's... and then a walk down to the quay, where we caught a boat, across the Sound, to Tresco. The sun came out as we sailed. I remember getting vertigo as I looked over the side of the little fishing boat. The water was so clear, it was three dimensional. When we arrived, there were strange metallic flowers from Southern Africa everywhere, and palm trees. There was the famous garden – a steamy jungle full of sandy paths, ship's figureheads and strange statues. The white sand sparkled everywhere. The sea was 'blue' blue. To a child, every island really is a treasure island! Of course, the UK is a collection of many islands – and it is full of treasure!

Perhaps it is true to say that islands contain other things alongside their 'treasures'. They have people and communities of a particular type. They are stereotypically rugged, determined, and self-sufficient, giving rise to a resilience that can be a wonderful thing.... especially in times of natural disaster, or hostile attack. But again, the stereotypes say, 'Be careful!' Attempts at 'unpicking' an island mentality can be risky. There is often more to an island than treasure! Cultures matter. Our culture is not to be dismissed - it will fight for its life. No, our culture is to be cherished... but we must also realise that an 'island culture' can also be terribly blind, can't it? Strangely, when we look 'inwards', we don't find peace, we find ever smaller islands, and new disagreements. Conversely, if we look outwards, we find a more accurate way of seeing and understanding our lives; often, we suddenly realise that, by comparison with some people and places, we are 'blessed'. On our island, there is 'treasure' everywhere.

So, the antidote to the 'dark side' of our 'island mentality', is not to pretend it does not exist... surely, it is to 'name' it, and then to allow our concern for other 'places' and 'cultures' to grow. We have to try not to feel threatened. We have to look across 'the straights', and be excited enough to 'explore'. Each year, the Harvest Season gives us that chance. On a local level, we can engage with other people's lives. We can go to a School Harvest Service, a Harvest Festival, or a Harvest Supper. We can meet new people, and rediscover our place in our very

special community. Further afield, we can think again about far off places, where people struggle with life in ways that would never occur to us... in ways that we would find simply unacceptable... and we can do something about it! Year by year people like you and me from the churches of the Diocese of Carlisle send thousands of pounds to help fight rural poverty in places that have little or no treasure of their own. These days, their relative poverty is often caused by climate change that we, in the West, have done most to cause. It is good to look 'overseas', from the stability of our 'treasure island', and 'see' our blessing for what it is... because facing this 'truth' makes us want to share. This year, the Bishop of Carlisle's 2025 Harvest Appeal gives us another chance to 'make a difference' in vulnerable places. Please look out for the posters and the opportunities to give that will emerge for us all.

Our world is full of 'islands'. Many seem to be turning 'inwards' at the moment. The antidote to this is surely a spirit of exploration and understanding... not fear. Christians have always loved to say, *'In Christ... all things can be made new.'* (2Cor Ch5 vs 17). During the Harvest season, we praise God for that truth... and we humble ourselves, as we pray that he will 'do it again'... that he will go on transforming things, not just on our island, but right across this world that he loves.

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 month we meet in St Mary's Room, Gosforth, on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November** for a chat and a catch up with friends, and the usual home baked treats! Do come and join us if you can, especially if you are new to the village or come from another village nearby, as it's a good chance to meet people.



There is no charge but donations can be made to our chosen charity, which this month is the Poppy Appeal.

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The Belonging Course is a free six session small group course designed to help churches to build communities in which people can thrive, feel seen, heard and understood. We hope that the course will lead to the formation of a weekly home group for anyone that is interested in that form of discipleship.

**5<sup>th</sup> Nov – Session 1: Made for Connection**

**12<sup>th</sup> Nov – Session 2: Understanding ourselves**

**19<sup>th</sup> Nov – Session 3: Being seen and understood.**

**26<sup>th</sup> Nov – Session 4: Barriers to belonging**

**ADVENT BEGINS**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Dec: Session 5: For the long haul**

**10<sup>th</sup> Dec - Session 6: The power of empowerment**

This course is open to all and will happen in the homes of church members from across the Seatallan Benefice of churches.

The first session will happen at The Rectory in Gosforth.

**Each session will begin at 7pm.**

For more information please ring the Revd Philip Dorling on

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This month's meeting is on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November** when we meet at 2.00pm in Seascale Methodist Room for fellowship, further discussion on the way forward for a less formal branch and preparation of the MU Christmas Tree for the Seascale Christmas Tree Festival. Those wanting transport please contact Mary on 019467 27641. As usual there won't be a meeting in December.

**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 –**

**November Prayer** - Restore our faith in your eternal purposes; renew in us the hope that never fails; lift our eyes to the things that are unseen and eternal: that we may discern and embrace new things that you have prepared for us, in Christ's 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.
- As we seek new ways for a less formal way of operating the branch, ask for help to stay close to God and live our lives in his presence. Ask for new and innovative ideas for how we can spread the message of the work of the Mothers' Union.
- All who work with children in toddler groups, nurseries, Messy Church, youth groups such as Shackles Off, Drigg Young Farmers and the various branches of the scouting movement, as these vital ministries seek to support families through the joys and challenges of family life.
- All who suffer in the war-torn regions of the world. May the peace of God be with all who work for peace and reconciliation in these areas.
- The members of our armed forces and emergency services in this month that we remember those who gave their lives, or were wounded mentally or physically, in the service of our country.
- On 5<sup>th</sup> November – National Stress Awareness Day - pray for all those suffering from stress at work or at home and those trying to help them.
- The United Nations annual campaign "16 days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence" is supported by the MU and runs from 25<sup>th</sup> November to 10<sup>th</sup> December. Pray for the transformation of the culture of gender-based violence. Also, for women you know in positions of influence, whether in the family, in the church or in society in general, that they are protected from unwarranted criticism or prejudice and instead have opportunities to influence for good.

# *St Olaf's Wasdale Head*

## *faith in the fells*

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

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November **10.45am** – **WASDALE'S REMEMBRANCE SERVICE**

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> November.*

**HARVEST OFFERING** – Following our well attended Harvest Thanksgiving we were able to make donations to North Lakes Foodbank in Egremont of £300, plus tinned food to the value of approximately £80. Thanks to those who gave.

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** – the Act of Remembrance starts by the Memorial in St Olaf's churchyard at **10.45am**. Trumpeter Tony Gagg will sound the '**Last Post**' to start the 2 minutes silence, and the '**Reveille**' to end it. Prior to the silence, we will read the Roll Call of those who were killed in the two World Wars. WW1 claimed the lives of six young Wasdale men and twenty-one Fell & Rock Climbing Club Members, WW2 claimed a further twelve FRCC members and eight airmen whose planes crashed on the Wasdale fells. **Let us never forget them.** A short Service of Remembrance follows in St Olaf's.

There is also an Act of Remembrance beside the FRCC plaque on the summit of Great Gable. Given quiet conditions, or a favourable wind direction, we hope the call of the trumpet may reach up to those on Gable.

**ST OLAF'S PCMC Trustees Meeting** – the October meeting was held at the Inn on 15<sup>th</sup> October, all trustees were present except one due to illness. It was a meeting where no decisions needed to be made, so was a progress report on St Olaf's strengthening financial position, steady growth in attendance at services and in all aspects of its operations. Tenders have been issued to contractors for the restoration, and are due to be submitted in November.

**CHRISTMAS AT WASDALE HEAD: Carols at the Inn – 6pm Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**, in the bar of the Wasdale Head Inn.

**Christmas Day 11.15am** – Festival Holy Communion at St Olaf's.

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## BECKERMET COMMUNITY NEWS

The nights are certainly drawing in and the usual stormy weather has once again hit us with quite some force. Storm Amy certainly packed a punch and although we did not get the worst of the storm it caused plenty of problems and inconvenience throughout the county. Some of the roads were badly affected, as I experienced coming back from the south of the county. It was horrendous getting over Duddon Bridge and I expect I must have been one of the last few to get across before it became impassible on that Friday afternoon. The trees certainly took a battering with a large percentage of their leaves being ripped off, adding even more pressure onto the flooding roads by blocking the drains. Hopefully you have all come through this first storm of the winter unscathed, both personally and property wise. No doubt we will experience more storms in the weeks and months ahead. Stay safe and be extra careful if you have to travel.

### **Little Mesopotamia Walks (£5 fee)**

For those who may not be aware there is an experimental arboretum between the two becks in the village with different microclimates, managed for environmental benefit and to provide habitat to encourage wildlife. There is an abundant variety of trees, some with flowers to encourage pollinators, as well as other plants and a flourishing bird population. Walks are being organised on the following dates starting from the village car park: **-Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Oct, Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Oct, Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Nov & Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Nov all starting at 2.30pm.**

**Booking** is essential via: - [www.littlemesopotamia.co.uk](http://www.littlemesopotamia.co.uk) which provides much more information.

### **Reading Rooms**

This facility continues to be at the heart of our village providing a wide variety of activities throughout the week for members of our community to attend. The success of such facilities depends on those behind the scenes making things happen. Jo our building manager has certainly done a wonderful job in organising lots of the activities during her time in the role but sadly we will be losing her services as she is moving out of the village. Our new manager Rob will be taking over the reins in the coming weeks and we wish him well. Remember you do not have to live in the village to be able to enjoy the events/activities available.

**Everyone is most welcome to attend and we will always make you feel welcome.**

### **Saturday Café**

During the last couple of months, a new venture of a café has opened on Saturdays in the Reading Rooms. This has proved very popular as Tina, who runs the café, bakes wonderful cakes and sausage rolls. It has proved so popular that it is expanding and opening up on Sundays as well. 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. These sessions are becoming increasingly popular with over 30 attending on some Tuesday mornings. The Thursday afternoon sessions are usually quieter with anything up to a dozen attending. If you have never been before then why not come along as you will be made most welcome.

### **Beckermert Village Lottery**

Our village lottery has now successfully completed its second year. **Subs of £25** are now due to be in for the next twelve-monthly draws. In the first year we had 155 entries, last year 177 & hopefully similar again this year. Draws take place normally on the first Tuesday of the month in the Reading Rooms at around 10am. If you wish to continue, then please make payment prior to the draw. This can be done via bank transfer, cheque or cash. If you would like to join then contact me via details below. The lottery funds have assisted various activities within the village over the past year including our entry and plants for Cumbria in Bloom, Beckermert Reception Children, our local Youth Group, the annual Village Show, The Reading Rooms new cupboards & St John's Church large TV screen for use in their services.

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

**Quiz** nights will be on **7<sup>th</sup> Nov & 5<sup>th</sup> Dec**, **Bingo** nights on the **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.

### **St John's Services (Sundays).**

Our Harvest Festival Service took place on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October with a collection for the local foodbank. With the attendance of the Egremont Town Band, it made the service that little bit more special. As well as the band, it was also good to see a number of the local farming community join us to celebrate not only their harvest but also their hard work. The service was well attended with 64 adults and 6 children in attendance.

Following the service plenty of tea, coffee, cakes and scones, as well as sausages in buns, were all gratefully consumed. The next service will be on **26<sup>th</sup> Oct**, followed by the Remembrance Service on **9<sup>th</sup> Nov** and then on **23<sup>rd</sup> November** - all starting at **9.30** followed by refreshments after the service.

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

The next soup lunch will be held on the **19<sup>th</sup> November**. As usual this will be held in the Reading Rooms at the usual time from **12-1.30pm** in aid of St John's Church Beckermert. There will not be one in either December or January. 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 and a raffle ticket. A great



way to meet up with friends & even make new ones. All proceeds in aid of St John's Church Beckermets.

### **Band Nights**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November:** Logan Paul Murphy

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December:** Group to be confirmed

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December:** Cath & Gemma Rocking Around the Christmas Tree

Tickets usually sell fast - book early to avoid disappointment- see adverts on Reading Room Facebook page

### **Cumbria in Bloom**

I am pleased to announce that all the effort and hard work carried out by a small band of volunteers has been recognised by the panel of judges and have awarded Beckermets the Gold Award. In addition to this achievement, they have also been jointly awarded the best village, sharing the honour with Bootle and Dalston. This is an excellent achievement and full credit for this success has to go down to Claire and her team who worked tirelessly over months to achieve this award for our village. **Well Done & Thank You All!**

### **Youth Club Evenings**

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

### **Other events to add to your diaries**

**Art Group:** meet every Monday morning 10-12

**Yoga Group:** meet every Sunday morning 10.30-11.30

**Open Mic Night:** Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

**Jazz Club Nights:** 24<sup>th</sup> October & 28<sup>th</sup> November with bar open for refreshments

**Wine Tasting Evening:** 25<sup>th</sup> October Tickets £20

**Café & Christmas Fayre:** Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November

**Two Rivers Rock:** Village choir meet every Wed evening in the Reading Rooms. New members welcome.

**Two Rivers Rock Choir Concert 70's Night:** Sat 8<sup>th</sup> November

**Two Rivers Rock Christmas Performance:** Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Dec

**Mid Copeland - Meet the fundraiser event:** Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November 9.00-1.15pm

**Children's Christmas Parties:** Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 12.30-4pm

Additional Details

For further Information about these events/times and others in Beckermets please check either the:

**Beckermets Reading Room or Beckermets Village Facebook pages** for details.

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# SEASCALE NEWS

## News from the Methodist Church

### Wednesday Outreach

At our October meeting we had a visit from Dave Mann of Future Proof Cumbria Homes. We would recommend a visit to any other groups who may be interested as they are able to offer free advice to help people make their homes warmer and more energy efficient.

PLEASE NOTE from November we return to our winter meeting time of 2pm.

**Tea and Chat** will be on Wednesday 5th November at 2pm.

All are welcome to join us at our meetings.

### Tea Services

Our September Lunch service for Harvest, led by Sheila and Jonathan Falkner, which was followed by lunch, was well attended and much appreciated by all. We collected a wonderful amount of treats which were delivered to Calderwood House at Egremont, where they were gratefully received. We thank everyone for their generous response.

The **November Tea Service**, on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm, will be led by Jim Geering. We look forward to having Jim lead a service for the first time.

All are welcome.

### Christmas Fair Saturday - 22<sup>nd</sup> November from 10am -12pm

#### Seascale Methodist Church Hall

This year we will be supporting the Blood Bikes charity. Takings from the Refreshments, Raffle and some stalls will be donated to the Blood Bikes.

There will be a variety of stalls including Cakes, a Christmas stall, Cards and Handicrafts to mention a few, along with a Christmas Tombola.

Please come along and support this vital charity.

*Jackie Folkes*

## NEWS FROM ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH – Advance notice for December

**St Cuthbert's will once more be having a Christmas Tree Festival** – over the weekend of Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December. The theme this year will be **LIGHT**.

Decorated trees will be on display on both days from 2 – 4pm and refreshments will be served.

If a group you belong to would like to decorate a tree please contact Mary Waterhouse – [waterhousemc@gmail.com](mailto:waterhousemc@gmail.com)

The same weekend there will be Seascale Light Works taking place, planned by arts organisation 'Everyone Here' working with the community to produce displays in St Cuthbert's and on the Cricket Field.

*Mary Waterhouse*

## **NEWS FROM CALDERBRIDGE AND PONSONBY**

We would like to thank Stephney Farm once again for the beautiful sunflowers they donated to decorate Ponsonby Church for the Harvest Festival, which were most admired. We'd also like to thank everyone else who donated flowers, fruit and vegetables and all those who helped to decorate the church.

From now until April our Church services will revert to the Village Hall, except for the Carol Service on 6th December which will be held at Ponsonby Church at 5.00pm.

Our first service in the Village Hall will be on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 11.00am

### **Christmas Fayre on 22<sup>nd</sup> November in Calderbridge Village Hall**

Our Christmas Fayre will be held in the Village Hall at 2.00pm with teas (£7 for adults and £3.50 for children), raffles, tombola, cake stall, etc.

Any donations for the raffle or tombola would be greatly appreciated.

*Eleanor Glaister*

## **PRAYER FOR NOVEMBER**

In my prayers, You listen;  
In my silence, You speak.  
In my believing, You work.  
In Your mercy, I find strength.  
In Your light, I find clarity.  
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**Visitors are very welcome to attend a couple of meetings or activities before becoming a member.**

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



**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.

**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

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

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

## NEWS FROM BECKERMET SCHOOL

The children and staff at Beckermat CE School have been very busy since the start of the new school year. Our new Reception children were welcomed into our school family with a lovely service in St John's church, led by the children in Year 6.

The whole school celebrated International Day of Peace in September. We had a beautiful prayer station for the children to spend time in, alongside other class-based activities focusing on calmness and peace. Parents and grandparents were invited to join us for a Macmillan coffee afternoon. They also spent time with the children in their classrooms, joining in with some fantastic art lessons!

Pet Encounters also spent a very exciting day with us, with their snakes, lizards and very adorable armadillo! The children loved having the opportunity to interact with such amazing animals!

Last week the children in Year 5/6 visited Whitehaven Archives Office as part of their history topic. They had a brilliant morning looking at very old and precious documents, as well as finding out all about Beckermat. The information they learned helped us celebrate the school's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday on Friday!

*Susan Alderson – Senior Teacher*

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## GOSFORTH SCHOOL NEWS

In the run up to our Harvest Festival in the church, we had a visit from Stuart and Timmy the Tuna from the Foodbank who talked about the important work that they do and how they support our community. Children brought in food donations on the day of the church service which led to Stuart coming back to school to collect almost twenty bags! Each class performed a Harvest themed song in the church and some of the Year 6s talked about the importance of land in the bible.



FOGS have been busy this last month. The Fun Run was a great success and after being postponed due to the rain the Colour Run was also a huge success. They were then at Egremont Farmer's Market where they held a tombola. Some of the Year 6s also attended and sang a selection of songs and hymns - they were very well received!

A Clothes Swap was held in the school hall and refreshments were also served. The committee were pleased with the turn out and hope to hold another later in the academic year. The next event will be a Table Top sale with refreshments, which will be held in the school hall on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November between 10am and 2pm.

Sporting events offering the opportunity to compete against other schools have begun. A team of Year 3 and 4 children travelled to Whitehaven Academy for a Football tournament. A team from Year 6 attended a Tag Rugby event at Egremont's rugby union ground and another Year 6 team travelled to West Lakes Academy for a Netball event.

The school has been successful with its application to the Hedgehog Friendly School program. Our first task is to take part in the big litter pick up. We also have a live assembly to dial into. Over the course of the year, we will have produced hedgehog friendly shelters and learnt how to help hedgehogs in distress. We have had two classes experiencing Science trips. Year 6 travelled to Lakes College for the REACT Science Show which was all about energy and Year 2 travelled to Workington Nature Reserve to look for signs of Autumn.

*Mrs S Layzell  
Assistant Headteacher*

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## NEWS FROM GADS - GOSFORTH AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY



Our Autumn Play **'Two'** was written by **Jim Cartwright** and directed by **Benita Blacklock**. This is the first time for ages that a regular play has been sold out (and for all 3 nights), so we would like to thank everyone that supported us. We thoroughly enjoyed it and we hope you did too.

Due to the current refurbishment work, facilities at the hall are limited. This means that we will not be able to bring you our customary pantomime in January. However, the weekly Youth Theatre Group will keep going for as long as we can. Hopefully this will lead up to a performance of "The Phantom and the Phoenix" in March. There are still places available in the Youth Theatre Group so please get in touch if you have a youngster (aged 8 to 18) interested in joining. You can visit the website [www.gads.org.uk](http://www.gads.org.uk), follow us on Instagram (gads\_gosforth) or email us using [gadsgosforth@gmail.com](mailto:gadsgosforth@gmail.com).

## 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.



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# GOSFORTH PUBLIC HALL REFURBISHMENT PROJECT

Gosforth Parish Council has been successful in being granted funding to refurbish the listed building part of the Public Hall that houses the Library, the Kitchen and the Supper Room. Roland Hill is the Contractor undertaking the refurbishment which started October 6<sup>th</sup>. Most of the work will be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 with lime render being undertaken by end June 2026. You may have noticed the Contractor on site with establishment of a fenced area and storage containers.

In October, the main work involved setting up the site, storing the remaining contents of the library, kitchen, supper room and store rooms, erecting scaffolding and stripping out the old redundant equipment. This will continue during November, old plaster will be removed, roof repairs will start and internal modification will begin.

The Public Hall remains open with entry via the rear accessible door. While there is no parking during the refurbishment, pedestrian access is on the right hand side of the Hall. If you wish to book the Hall, please email [GPHbooking@gmail.com](mailto:GPHbooking@gmail.com).

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or would like any more information.

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GOSFORTH LIBRARY

The refurbishment of the library is well underway, and the pop-up library opposite, in the old hobby shop on Denton Hill, has opened and we are getting a steady stream of customers during its Saturday morning opening hours (10-12 am). Work is on schedule and a lot of internal strip out of the plaster and woodwork has taken place.



GOSFORTH WI

Our November meeting will be held on **Tuesday 4th November** in St. Mary's Room at 7.15pm. Please note the new venue.

We will be having a Crafting Session led by Ann McKenzie and Susan Round.

Competition: Something Sparkly.

There will be a raffle and light refreshments.



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Trips coming up are:

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

- Saturday 8th November – Carlisle / Gretna - £11.50
- Friday 21st November – Egremont Farmers Market -
£3 donation to the market
- Saturday 22nd November – Keswick - £9.00
- Saturday 29th November – Ulverston (Dickensian Festival) - £9.00
- Saturday 6th December – Cockermouth – Taste Cumbria - £8.00
- Friday 19th December – Egremont Farmers Market
- £3 donation to the market
- Saturday 20th December – Carlisle - £11.00

SAVE THE DATE: Friday January 2nd 2026 - Coffee, Cake and Crosslinks with the Rev Andrew Walker and family members (the Amey's daughter, son-in-law and family) talking about their work in Argentina. More details next month.

WEST LAKELAND ROTARY CLUB

One of our lady members has been working tirelessly these last 2 years seeking grant funding for the refurbishment of the public footpath that runs from Holmrook via St Paul's Church, to Irton Hall. Grants totalling over £16,000 from the GDF South Copeland Community Fund, the Jeffrey Bond Memorial Fund, and the Geoffrey Blake Architectural Heritage Fund, and a contribution from our own charity fund, have allowed complete renovation of the main section, from Holmrook to St Paul's Church as well as the provision of detailed information boards to be completed and installed shortly.



Very recently this member applied for another grant, this time from the South Cumberland Community Panel, to tackle the remaining section via Hags Wood to Irton Hall. At a meeting of the Panel at Drigg in September, she was delighted to be awarded with a grant of £4000 to allow her to order the completion of the work.

This remaining section has an interesting history, and it's all described in a book, 'A Most High Handed Proceeding' by local solicitor and historian Paul Pharaoh, giving a detailed and entertaining account of the long legal dispute, lasting from 1897 to 1907, about Rights of Way between local Irton residents and the then owners of Irton Hall, the Brocklebank shipping magnates. The locals eventually won! Well worth a read! And also well worth the walk.

Malcolm Richardson

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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 1st 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 or 07931-393954.

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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

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

SUNDAY EVENINGS

1st and 3rd Sunday of Month: 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 contact Jill Hudson on 019467 21592 – jillhudson@hotmail.co.uk *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 and for a Zoom invitation email khudson@freenetname.co.uk or ring 01946 721592 or visit 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 - NOVEMBER 2025

	Church	Service	Time
1st Sunday			
2nd Nov	Nether Wasdale	HC	9.30
4th Before Advent	Seascale	Morning Prayer at St Cuthbert's	9.30
GREEN	Gosforth St Mary's Room	Morning Praise	11.00
Proper -	Calder Bridge Village Hall	HC	11.00
All Saints	Gosforth St Mary's Room	Methodist Evening Worship	6.30
2nd Sunday			
9th Nov	Beckermet	Remembrance service	9.30
Remembrance	Seascale	Methodist Worship at Methodist Church	10.30
GREEN	Seascale	Remembrance	10.50
Proper -	Gosforth	HC with Remembrance	10.45/11.00
	Wasdale Head	Remembrance	10.45/11.00
	Seascale/Gosforth	Faith & Fellowship	6.45 for 7.00
3rd Sunday			
16th Nov	Nether Wasdale	Iona Service	9.30
2nd before Adven	Seascale	HC at St Cuthbert's	9.30
GREEN	Gosforth St Mary's Room	Morning Worship	11.00
Proper -	Gosforth St Mary's Room	Methodist All-age Worship	6.30
4th Sunday			
23rd Nov	Beckermet	HC/Lay led Service	9.30
Next bef Advent	Seascale	Methodist Worship at Methodist Church	10.30
GREEN	Gosforth St Mary's Room	HC	11.00
Proper -	Wasdale Head	Morning Worship	11.00
	Gosforth St Mary's Room	Phoenix Evening Worship	7.00
5th Sunday			
30th Nov	Seascale	Benefice HC	10.30
Advent I	Gosforth	Light up a Life Service (Hospice at Home)	2.00
GREEN			
Proper -			

SAINT FOR NOVEMBER - ST MARGARET



Saint Margaret of Scotland, who died in 1093, is remembered by the Church of England on the 16th of November as a philanthropist and reformer. She was Queen of Alba, as the consort of King Malcolm III. She did many charitable works including the establishment of a ferry across the Firth of Forth to carry Pilgrim's to St. Andrews.

It is the names of South and North Queensferry which remain as her memorial today.