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## BISHOP'S PASTORAL LETTER

We all know that things have become progressively more serious in Cumbria concerning the Foot and Mouth disaster. It is having a very serious effect on the whole of the county, both in the farming communities and way beyond. In the light of this I am writing this letter to be read in our Anglican churches and to offer support to the members of our congregations and to the many people beyond our congregations to whom this letter may be delivered.

The cull of sheep and pigs in a two mile radius around infected farms brings the tragedy into a great many more farms, along with the anguish of seeing thousands of apparently healthy animals destroyed. Many here have worked day and night to disinfect and protect their flocks and herds only to see their work apparently wasted. We understand that the spread of the disease must be stopped. Whether it is right or wrong, the cull is designed to put a clear break between infected and non-infected farms, seeing that the disease is so difficult to detect quickly in sheep.

The disaster is now affecting thousands of people beyond the farming industry. Tourism has been badly hit, and that is a major contributor to the economy of the county. The loss of business to hotels, guesthouses, shops and suppliers is very serious, as it is also to the haulage industry which has a strong base in Cumbria.

I speak for many when I say that I have utter sympathy with the pain, the despair and the anger that people feel at this time. We know that many have been in tears. Words are inadequate to express our support. In due course there will be important questions to ask about how our national food production works in order that such a disaster may never happen again.

Times of great adversity are also times of great caring. In our churches both clergy and members of the congregations have been keeping in frequent touch with those who are isolated by the disease. To offer such a network of support helps those who are suffering stress to feel there is someone there for them. Acts of kindness such as fetching shopping, newspapers and prescriptions will be appreciated. Funds are available to help in the cases of hardship.

The Bible reminds us to call out to God when we are suffering. In church and in our own homes let us do that. We need God's mercy. We need his help. He will hear us. He does not protect us from all disaster, but he always seeks our well being. He wants to bring good out of evil.

The cross of Christ tells us that God shares our human pain. The Easter Day resurrection tells us that there is always hope, even where it is least expected. It is because Jesus is alive that he is there to be with us and help us in these dreadful times for Cumbria.

So we pray:

God of hope and love, visit this land with your healing power. In your goodness, restore our communities so affected by disease, ruin and the loss of hope. Have mercy on the people of Cumbria. Bring comfort to all those who are deeply affected by the tragedy. Have mercy on your whole creation which is groaning in pain. Guide us to wise stewardship of your beautiful world, that all your creatures may live in peace and health. We ask this in the name of him through whom all things are made new, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Graham Carlisle  
20.3.01

### **Easter Cards**

This year the cards will be delivered only to businesses and the Market traders in Milnthorpe. The cards will be available in both churches and they will contain the details set out in the 'box' in the Parish Calendar. This change is out of concern for the farming community. We do not want to be moving around the lanes near our farmers' premises any more than is absolutely necessary.

### **Rogation Sunday**

The annual event will, this year, be on Sunday, 20th May. However it would be totally inappropriate to go to a farm as has been our custom for many years. I am suggesting that our two parishes meet for the open air Rogation Service on the Green at the foot of the Church steps. It would be good if we could make this a truly community service as we pray to God for our farmers and this year also for all those in other walks of life who, through the loss of visitors and tourists, are facing real hardship.

### **Some Background Information**

*Source of information - Cumbria County Council*

#### **Farming and allied industries**

Current loss sustained by farming community  
In excess of £1.5m per week

Impact on associated industries - haulage etc.  
£2m per week

Further loss to wider economy £1m per week

#### **Tourism and Leisure**

Current loss £8m to £10m per week  
(Lake District £5m)  
Anticipated losses in April £14m per week  
If crisis continues into the summer  
£28m/£30m per week

#### **Job Losses**

Currently in excess of 350 jobs per week across the Cumbrian economy.

### **Foot & Mouth Crisis Helplines & Support**

The following numbers for Help Organisations were listed in the Westmorland Gazette on March 23rd.

#### **Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution**

Shaw House, 27 West Way, Oxford, OX2 0QH

Donations 01865 724931

Helpline 01865 727888

#### **NFU Farmers in Crisis Fund**

Donations NFU Public Affairs, 164, Shaftsbury Avenue, London, WC2H 8HL

#### **Cumbria Tourist Board Fighting Fund**

[www.golakes.co.uk](http://www.golakes.co.uk)

Ashleigh, Holly Road Windermere

### **Milnthorpe-with-Heversham M.U.**

The March meeting was led by Gwen Tuer, with a Bible reading by Joan Atkinson. Due to the foot and mouth outbreak, the Lady Day service at Kirkby Lonsdale has been cancelled. Members were reminded of the coffee morning, cake stall and raffle on Friday March 23rd. The speaker was the Rev. Jim Radcliffe, his subject - "Change and a New Life". After a successful career as a borough engineer in local government, managing a large staff and an even larger budget, he experienced a call to the church. After studying at theological college at Durham, he became a curate at Penrith - a complete change of life. He was thanked by Brenda Gregory. The next meeting is on Wednesday, April 11th, when the speaker will be Audrey Heaton, who calls her talk "Church Mice"!

### **Milnthorpe Senior Citizen's Treat Committee**

Any person aged 65 or over living in Milnthorpe Ackenthwaite or Whassett who has not received an invitation to the Senior Citizen's Annual Party and who would like to come please contact Sheila Ashburner on Milnthorpe 62727

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#### **"An English Muse" - Saturday May 5th 2001**

Conductor: Ian Jones

Levens Choir and the Kent Sinfonietta (leader: Mark Whale)

Soloist: Brian Lancaster

An evening of English music by Finzi, Howells, Boyce, Stanley and Vaughan Williams including a first performance in this area of Finzi's 'Requiem da Camera'.

at 7.30 p.m. in Kendal Parish Church

Tickets £6.50, 'Friends of Levens Choir': £4.50, children and students free.

For further details phone: 01539 720168 or 01539 723886

This concert is Levens Choir's contribution to the celebration of Finzi's centenary this year and the challenge set, by Ian Jones, to Cumbrian Choirs to perform all of Finzi's choral works. Finzi did a lot of editing of 18th century music including the Boyce Overture (1772) and Stanley 'Concerto Op.2, No.1' which the orchestra will perform at the concert. Finzi did not actually finish the 'Requiem da Camera' and it was subsequently completed by Philip Thomas (who will be here in Kendal, speaking at the Finzi Festival in July). Ian Jones may be conducting from a photocopy of the original manuscript which we hope to also have on show that evening.

### **St. Thomas Parish News - March 2001**

**Day of Prayer** The annual Women's World Day of Prayer held this year at the Church of Christ the King was a truly memorable occasion in spite of a rather sparse congregation. Ladies from local churches took part in the service prepared by the Women of Samoa - the theme was "Informed Prayer, Powerful Action". Islands of Samoa in the Pacific Ocean are of the world's least developed countries, but religion is one of the most important aspects of Samoan culture - about 99% being Christian. People live simply, with life centering around the family. The service was led by Gwen Tuer; others taking part ecumenically were: Carolyn Gaskins, who also gave the address, Joan Wright, Jean Card, Margaret Godfrey, Lynne Gibbons, Dorothy Hornby, Brenda Gregory, Mary Davidson. Organist was Joyce Stevens - the offering was for the Women's World Prayer Movement and Christian Literature.

**Golden Celebration** Congratulations to Ena and Norman Brough of Ryley Field Road who recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Unfortunately Ena was taken into hospital just before the Golden Day, but happily is home again now!

**Thinking Day** Brownies of the 1st Milnthorpe Pack joined Brownies and guides of the Kent/Lonsdale Division at a Thinking Day Service held at St. Mary's Church, Kirkby Lonsdale conducted by the Revd. Canon Bettridge. They were accompanied by Leaders Anne Gleadon and Cath.

**Visually Impaired Meeting** Members welcomed the two newly appointed workers for the South Lakeland Voluntary Society for the Blind to their March meeting - Scott is to do outreach visiting and Janet to work with volunteers. Both spoke of future plans for the Society and brought with them a variety of visual aids. Mrs. Marjorie Rockliffe, leader of the Milnthorpe and District branch states that any visually impaired person in the area is welcome to attend the monthly meetings held on the first Monday of each month 10 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. at Hartland House. Transport can be arranged.

**Books & Fun** The Primary School held a World Book and Fun Day - children were dressed for the day as characters from their favourite story book. Teachers also took part with head teacher Andy Blackman as a perfect 'Just William' boy! Costumes ranged from Oliver Twist, Heidi, Noddy, Dennis the Menace, Tinkerbell, Red Riding Hood, nursery rhymes and many more. Parents were able to view the various outfits at two assemblies.

**Making Music** The Community Playgroup has recently had a “musician in residence” spread over six weeks. Mike Willoughby from Ulverston brought with him a variety of instruments for rhythm, percussion, strings and even a dulcimer. He allowed the children to explore a selection of them whilst also composing songs and rhymes. The visits were funded by Cumbria Arts in Education. Parents were invited to the last session.

**New members welcome** Milnthorpe Bowling Club wish to encourage new members to join them and would welcome both beginners and experienced bowlers. On Monday April 30th from 6.30 p.m. onwards an open evening for beginners will be held. Bowls and tuition will be provided - just come along, bring yourselves and a pair of flat bottomed shoes.

At the Annual Meeting of the Bowling Club officers appointed were President Mrs. Phyllis Hartley, Secretary W. E. Hunt, Chairman R. J. Holmes, Treasurer W. H. Stables.

It was reported that the 2000 season had been fairly uneventful but members had enjoyed some very good bowling. Weather permitting it is hoped to open the green on March 25th for the new season. Over the last 2-3 seasons the club has seen a steady decline in membership and it would like to increase numbers including beginners and experienced bowlers. Details from the Secretary on Milnthorpe 62856, Treasurer Milnthorpe 63215 and Chairman on 01539 726108.

**Meals on Wheels** A get-together meeting to celebrate the 28th anniversary for all meals on wheels drivers and helpers has been arranged for Tuesday April 3rd at 10.30 a.m. in Croftside. Representatives of Food Service and Cumbria Catering will also be present.

**People who help us** The Nursery Department of Milnthorpe Primary School have welcomed a number of visitors under the description “people who help us”. On different occasions children welcomed local people including two doctors, two coastguards, a village postman, a dental hygienist and local police who all spoke about their helpful work. A visit is planned to Milnthorpe Fire Station and children have also attended a story-telling session at Milnthorpe Library.

**Evergreens** At the Evergreen Club’s Annual Meeting held in the Church Centre Vic Gray welcomed all saying that the past year had been a good one. He thanked the secretary Betty Hayhurst for all her meticulous work during the past five years. Officers elected were President: Vic Gray, Chairman: Muriel Wilson, Secretary: Florence Fa, Assistant Secretary: Ena Burch, Treasurer: Glyn Pritchard. Committee: Jean Pritchard, Mary James, Walter Jackson and Fred Wilson. New members are welcome.

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**Carnival 2001 arranged.** Thanks to an open meeting arranged by The Institute and Social Club held at the Memorial Hall a Carnival Day will be held this year on Saturday 7th July. Plans are being made and secretary Joe Waters has arranged and confirmed many attractions including displays by the Territorial Army, Kirkby Lonsdale Car Club with a display of rally cars. Kendal Boys Brigade band model car club as well as car boots, children's sports, five-a-side football, fancy dress, various stalls, roundabouts, swing boats and more. Many hands make light work so villagers and any others are asked to volunteer to assist with arrangements. A meeting will be arranged. Details from Joe Waters on 015395 62917.

**Market re-commenced** The weekly W.I. Market is again in full swing! Held in the Memorial Hall each Friday 10 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. There is always a large variety of goods including craftwork for sale.

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**Car Boot Sale  
at Dallam School, Heversham Site  
Sunday 29th April 2001**

*(Raising funds for the Heversham Children's Playground)*

Cars £7 prebooked  
£10 on the day

Entrance: Adults 20p Children free.

Location: The car stalls will be set up on the tarmac area next to Dallam School Sports Hall and will be sign-posted on the day.  
Parking The School Car Park on the main road may be used at no cost.  
Stall Set-up From 8.00 a.m.  
Sale open: From 9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Refreshments will be available from the Tennis Club Pavilion

For further details please contact  
Karen Pickthall 015395 60280 or Paula Lernelius 015395 62058  
**The Heversham Playground Working Group**  
Website: <http://www.heversham-playground.freeserve.co.uk>  
Email: [mail@heversham-playground.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:mail@heversham-playground.freeserve.co.uk)



## **WINDOW ON THE WORLD**

The next meetings of WOW are on Monday April 2nd 7 p.m. at Edward and Joan Thomas, Almond Cottage, Arnside; on Monday May 7th 7 p.m. at Jim and Pat Radcliffe, Sunny Vale, Heversham. Please come along and support the worldwide church.

### **Lent Project**

Please continue to pray for our Lent projects and all those caught up in the conflict in the troubled land of Israel. The following requests have just reached us from the House of Victory and Musalaha.

House of Victory. There has been a sharp increase in requests to enter the drug rehabilitation programme. Seven want to start, among whom are a Jew in prison, a Bedouin and a Druze man, but there are places for only four. We are asked to pray that the places will go to the right four and that with the beautiful time of Spring approaching there will be new life in the House of Victory too.

Musalaha. Over the Easter/Passover break Musalaha is hosting two Desert Encounters. One is for 25-30 university students who will go into the beautiful desert of Wadi Rum, Jordan; the other is for teenagers who will explore the Negev desert. Please pray for the leaders and guides as they plan the trips and for each participant, Jew and Arab, that they will experience forgiveness, reconciliation and spiritual growth.

### **Ellel Ministries**

Jim and Pat Radcliffe, Sylvia Read and Edward Thomas attended Ellel's International Conference entitled "Let the Oppressed Go Free" in February.

This title reflects the need in lives the world over to be released from the devastation and suffering caused by oppression. People everywhere carry the scars of man's inhumanity witnessed in war and ethnic cleansing down to the individual locked into domestic abuse, the child victim, the lonely and the despairing. The only hope for all victims anywhere is the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Speakers included Dr. Derek Prince - who spoke of God's heart for the widow and the orphan; Johannes Facius - healed from the curse of deep depression, who brought understanding of God's heart for the oppressed; and Kimberley Daniels - a dynamic black pastor from America, shared her testimony of being set free from drugs, violence and rebellion. Peter Walker, an Aboriginal, spoke without condemnation of the pain of his people in Australia at the hands of the British settlers, while Eliyahu Ben Haim came from Jerusalem to bring insights into the oppression of God's people, the Jews, and the dangers of humanism. Peter Horrobin, Director of Ellel Ministries, focused attention on the keys to healing and the message of hope found in the Gospel. Other teachers from Ellel's centres in Canada, Hungary and England also spoke at teaching seminars. News was shared of centres for healing and deliverance opening in Scotland and Australia, and opportunities for outreach into Ghana, Taiwan and Malaysia.

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Up to 1,400 people each day were able to share in one of the most important challenges facing the Church today - the cry from God's heart to reach out to a broken, hurting world.

### **SAMS TRAINING DAY**

On Saturday 17th February a group of us attended the SAMS (South American Mission Society) Training Day in Bolton. It is an annual event and please don't be put off by the Training Day title! In fact it is always a very varied and interesting day where we learn a lot more about the work going on in South America from people who really are on the front line of an organisation we have supported for many years.

This year we heard from Bishop Colin Baxley and his wife Barbara, just retired after 37 years in Chile, Bob Lunt, translating the Bible into the Wichi language in N. Argentina, Miriam Peat on home leave from a very practical work in Brazil setting up agricultural projects to help the local people, and Simeon and Catherine Mitton working on an Orphaid project on an entirely new venture into Ecuador looking after families struck down by Aids, caring for parents who are dying and then taking in the surviving children into their own extended family in a "cottage home" situation.

Why not come along next year? For more details please contact Rhona Rutter on 015395 64260

### **Parish Calendar**

#### **Regular Weekly Services and Events.**

Tuesdays	Prayer Gathering at Heversham 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Heversham 10.00 a.m. Informal Prayer at Milnthorpe 1.00 p.m.
Saturdays	Prayer Meeting at Heversham 7.45 a.m.

*For Bell Ringing information call J. Thorley 62076*

### **APRIL**

#### **1st Lent 5 Passion Sunday**

Holy Communion 8 a.m. at Milnthorpe  
Family Service 9.30 a.m. at Heversham  
Family Service 11 a.m. at Milnthorpe  
United Sung Evensong 6.30 p.m. at Milnthorpe

2nd WOW Meeting 7 for 7.30 p.m.

4th Holy Communion 10 a.m. at Milnthorpe  
Kendal Deanery Clergy Chapter 10 a.m.

**APRIL****8th Palm Sunday - the beginning of Holy Week**

Holy Communion 8 a.m. at Heversham  
Parish Communion 9.30 a.m. at Heversham  
Parish Communion 11 a.m. at Milnthorpe  
Healing Service 6.30 p.m. at Heversham Speaker Malcolm Lake

9th Monday Compline 7 p.m. at Heversham

10th Tuesday Holy Communion 10 a.m. at Heversham  
Compline 7 p.m. at Heversham

11th Wednesday Holy Communion 10 a.m. at Milnthorpe  
Compline 7 p.m. at Heversham

12th Maundy Thursday The Last Supper 7 p.m. at Milnthorpe

13th **Good Friday** Open Air Service 10 am. at Milnthorpe  
Readings & Hymns on the Passion 6.30 p.m.  
Heversham

**15th Easter Day**

Holy Communion 8 a.m. at Milnthorpe  
Family Communion 9.30 a.m. at Heversham  
Parish Communion 11 a.m. at Milnthorpe

**22nd Second Sunday of Easter**

Holy Communion 8 a.m. at Milnthorpe  
Morning Prayer 9 a.m. at Hincaster  
United Parish Communion 10 a.m. at Heversham

26th Milnthorpe PCC, Vestry and Annual Meetings 7.30 p.m.

28th Marriage Service 3 p.m. at Heversham

**29th Third Sunday of Easter**

Holy Communion 8 a.m. at Heversham  
Parish Communion 9.30 a.m. at Heversham  
Parish Communion 11 a.m. at Milnthorpe  
Holy Communion 1.45 p.m. at W. G. Hospital

**MAY****6th Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Holy Communion 8 a.m. at Milnthorpe  
Family Service 9.30 a.m. at Heversham  
Family Service 11 a.m. at Milnthorpe  
United Sung Evensong 6.30 p.m. at Heversham.

**13th Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Holy Communion 8 a.m. at Heversham  
Parish Communion 9.30 a.m. at Heversham  
Parish Communion 11 a.m. at Milnthorpe  
Praise & Worship 6.30 p.m. at Heversham