

✚ **PARISH NEWS** ✚



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My Dear Friends

We are in one of those in-between seasons. We have celebrated Easter and we look forward to Ascension and Pentecost. Nothing much seems to happen unlike the disciple's experience after Jesus resurrection. Yet when we look at the Gospel narratives not a lot seems to be happening - a bit of fishing, hanging around as a group and having contact with Jesus at totally unpredictable times. However much, I believe, was happening of which we have no record. The disciples were being prepared for the Ascension and Pentecost. Because of that preparation they were filled with joy when Jesus ascended (humanly speaking one would have thought they would have been sad) and there was expectation in the air as they awaited the promised gift of the Holy Spirit.

What was so significant that they could have this attitude? Let us look at the record. Each time Jesus spent with his disciples he was teaching them and explaining the Scriptures - even better than an author taking you through his autobiography page by page! Jesus gave his followers Bible studies - the Word revealing the Word! How exciting it must have been. If Jesus thought it so important that he spent time 'opening their minds to understand the Scriptures' then it gives us our priority. When we imagine nothing much was happening for the disciples the most important thing was going on and it was the vital basis from which they could set out and teach. Peter in the first Christian sermon quoted the prophet Joel at length, and I would not be surprised if it had been one of the passages Jesus explained to help them when the Spirit came.

Bible study, Bible reading and Bible exposition are vital for the individual and the church. We have Jesus' attitude clearly revealed. When there was so much to do he explained the Scriptures because nothing else was as important. What place does the Bible have in our lives and in that of the Church? Does it come first or only when it can be fitted in. If we want to hear God speak today we must first immerse ourselves in the written Word so that the Living Word can start to speak to us and then through us.

With every blessing,

Yours sincerely,

### **Rogation Sunday 20th May 10.00 a.m.**

It has become our custom over the past few years to hold an open air service on Rogation Sunday on a local farm and we have been made most welcome by farmers in both parishes. This year we cannot visit a farm: so we shall be holding a United Service on Milnthorpe Village Green outside St. Thomas' Church. We invite everyone in both our communities to come and join in prayers for our farmers and for all whose living depends on the countryside.

### **Milnthorpe Cemetery Memorial Trees**

The replanting of the trees has now taken place and the Parochial Church Council extends grateful thanks to all who have contributed. An Act of Dedication and Remembrance will take place during the Rogation Day Service on 20th May to which we have invited all who have supported the scheme.

### **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - MAY 13TH - 19TH YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

Christian Aid works to provide hope, health and the chance of a decent life to the world's poorest communities, whatever their race or religion.

Your donation will help turn hopes into reality.

- £2 buys vegetable seeds for a family in a farming community in Brazil
- £5 provides counselling support to a village in Uganda affected by H10/ Aids
- £17 pays for 830 village wells to be tested to ensure water supplies in Bangladesh are safe.

Your donations will be used where it is needed most.

Last year Christian Aid Week raised a record 12 million pounds, of which £600,000 came from the tax reclaimed on people's donations.

Maureen & Gordon Coleclough for Heversham & District  
Margaret Barrow for Milnthorpe

### **.Milnthorpe-with-Heversham Mothers' Union**

At the April meeting the service was taken by Pat Radcliffe and the Bible reading was given by Joan Atkinson. An appeal for prayers, help, cards, phone calls etc. for those affected by the foot-and-mouth outbreak was read out by Gwen Tuer. The branch will have a stall for plants, flowers and produce at the Deanery coffee morning on June 23rd to celebrate 125 years of the Mothers' Union.

The speaker was Audrey Heaton (known in Appleby as Mrs. Mouse!) who gave an hilarious account of the 14 years she spent as cook at Lambeth Palace, with various disasters and near disasters involving mice, chickens and horse manure! She was thanked by Gwen Tuer.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, May 9th when members are asked to speak about "Changes in Housework".

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### **Heversham Bowling Club**



The official opening will be held on Monday May 28th. Membership applications are now being received by Mr. Gordon Coleclough.

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

### **Easter 2001**

Easter tide has come and gone but memories of Holy Week remain with us especially of the combined Churches' Good Friday open air service attended by 187 people. Our joyful Easter Day Services of Holy Communion in a beautifully decorated church - along with the special rendering of "My heart ever faithful", music by Bach, sung by ladies and children of the choir - will be remembered.

Thank you to all.

### **Getting Together**

Over thirty drivers and helpers of the Milnthorpe & District Meals on Wheels Service enjoyed a get-together held at Croftside by kind permission of Neighbourhood Care to celebrate 28 years of the service. Also present was Linda Kirkup, W.R.V.S Food Services Manager Cumbria, who introduced Sadie Baker, V.C.C. (Clitheroe), Allison Jackson - Cumbria Contract Services M-on-W manager, Lynne Sneap, Voluntary Manager, Denice Wilson (Barrow) who all praised the success of the work. Mary Davidson, local organiser detailed how the service began, has flourished over the years and now has 50 drivers and helpers who deliver meals cooked at Croftside. Linda Kirkup thanked Mary for all her work throughout the 28 years. Mrs. Janet Boardley, Neighbourhood Care Manager said she was happy to welcome so many people, spoke on care of the elderly and introduced Shanie, Croftside's head cook. Thanks were expressed to Mrs. Boardley for her hospitality and kindness in holding the meeting.

### **Visually Impaired Meeting**

At the April meeting members held a fair on Constance Holme, Milnthorpe's own novelist by local historian Martha Bates. Constance, who lived at Owlet Ash House, youngest daughter of a large family wrote many books. She sometimes incorporated various local happenings and areas under fictitious names - one "The Lonely Plough" included the marshes and the Foulshaw floods of over 100 years ago. Miss Holme married Mr. Punchard at age 36: later moving to Arnside, where she died. Mrs. Bates read passages from various novels, bringing them to life.

### **Kind Fundraisers**

£360 was raised at a "race evening" organised by Jim Baldwin and friends at the Coach and Horses Inn. The money is towards helping a child with terminal illness and his parents.

### **Kind Donors**

When the Lancaster Unit of the Blood Transfusion Service visited Dallam School on April 19th 156 donors attended, of which 140 gave blood.

### **Widening Horizons**

Fifty members attended the Annual meeting of Widening Horizons with officers reporting a successful season. The financial position was good and contributions to the Church and School are to continue. All officers were willing to remain for another year.

Chairman Mrs. Cunningham thanked everyone for their good work. The season recommences on September 12th. The last talk of the present session entitled "Emily Bronte , a contradictory genius" was given by Dr. Favel Morgan who described Emily as a genius overshadowed by her more favoured sister, Charlotte.

### **Young Swimmers**

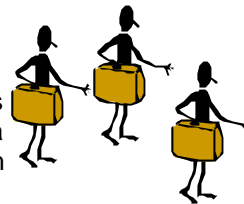
Six pupils of Milnthorpe Primary School - Simon Greenland, Craig James, Lucy Drummond, Laura Shields, Rachel Halhead and Lucy Janes took part in a Charity Swimarathon held at Kendal Leisure Centre organised by the Rotary Club. They swam 89 lengths in one hour, raising over £100 for School Funds.

## WINDOW ON THE WORLD

Next Meetings:- Monday 7th May 7.00 p.m. Jim & Pat Radcliffe  
Sunny Vale, Heversham  
Monday 4th June 7.00 p.m. Sylvia Read  
Honeysuckle Cottage  
Parsonage Fold  
Beetham

### To go to Togo!

On Saturday 21st July 2001 at 06.45 travellers, all involved with St. Peter's Thomas' churches, (Jill Shaw, Cynthia Rhona Rutter) will fly out from Brussels to **Togo**.



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“Where on earth is that?! you may be wondering. Well... it's a very small country in **West Africa** next to **Benin**, both of which are sandwiched between **Ghana** to the west and **Nigeria** to the east, and just north of the Equator.

“Why on earth are you going there?” might be your next question. We are going for 3 weeks as volunteers with Wycliffe Associates, a support group for Wycliffe Bible Translators (WBT), to look after the children of WBT personnel based in Togo and Benin while they attend their bi-annual Conference in Kara in the north of the country. We will travel to Kara from Lome, the capital of Togo on the Atlantic coast, by bush taxi, a journey of 250 miles over largely unmade roads that will take 7 hours! We will spend 2½ weeks at the centre in Kara working very hard in hot dry conditions with temperatures of around 35+ degrees max and 22 min, doing our best to avoid getting bitten by mosquitoes and innumerable other beasties. Then we return by bush taxi to Lome, where it will be slightly less hot but very humid, for a few days as tourists while we wait for our return flight!

One of the main reasons for going is to meet up with Bibi Nedellec, whom we support in prayer and financially in our churches (do you remember the Lent Project - Bibi's Bandages - a few years ago?). Bibi has been working in Benin for WBT for 10 years with another 5 years to complete the project, and she has come to tell us about her work on several visits to Heversham during those 10 years. She will be attending the Conference and it will be wonderful to see her (almost!) in her place of work. (In fact her journey to Kara from her village in Benin is about a third of the distance we will cover travelling up from Lome!)



We would value your prayers as we prepare for the trip - especially as we are in the middle of having all the necessary vaccinations and taking malaria protection tablets. We are very excited about it all, but there is a good degree of trepidation too!

It is also our intention to take out with us a gift of money for Bibi to use as is most appropriate, so watch this space for some fundraising events in very near future which you may like to attend, or perhaps make a donation if you can't.

For any further details please contact Rhona Rutter (015395 64260)

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### **MUSICAL FUN IN THE SUMMER**

Bookings for Lake District Summer Music's popular Young String Venture summer music course are up 50%, but organisers are still hoping that more local children will be able to attend.

The Young String Venture, which runs this year from 5-10 August, is based at The Lakes School in Troutbeck Bridge.

The courses are divided into three components:

CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP	-	Beginners to Grade 4
INTERMEDIATE	-	Grades 4 - 7
ADVANCED	-	Grades 7 and above

More advanced players can also enrol for the Solo Performers Class at St. Martin's College in Ambleside.

The fees for the morning classes are £125. The Solo Performers Classes are an extra £65.

Can you help us? LDSM is trying to set-up a bursary fund to enable Cumbrian students, whose families are facing financial difficulties as a result of the current difficulties, to attend the summer school classes. If you would like to assist by making a donation to this bursary fund please contact Andrew Lucas, LDSM Administrator, on 10539 724441. If you would like to know how your child might apply for a bursary then please contact Andrew on the above number.

Lake District Summer Music will also be running its 17th annual International Festival from 4-15 August. Featuring many top names from the world of classical music.

Details of LDSM activities are available on Lake District Summer Music's website at [www.ldsm.org.uk](http://www.ldsm.org.uk) and tickets for this event can be booked directly with the Brewery on 01539 725133.

## 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*

### MAY

- 2nd Heversham PCC 7.15 p.m..
- 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  
Sung Evensong 6.30 p.m. at Heversham.
- 7th WOW Meeting 7 for 7.30 p.m. at Sunny Vale
- 12th Blessing of Marriage 4 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
- 14th Heversham St. Peter's Primary School Governors 7.30 p.m.
- 17th Archdeaconry Parsonages Board 10 a.m.
- 19th Day of Repentance and Prayer for our Nation and Community at both churches (See posters for details)
- 20th Sixth Sunday of Easter - Rogation**  
Holy Communion 8 a.m. at Milnthorpe  
United Rogation Service 10 a.m. at Milnthorpe  
on the Green in front of the Church  
**United Holy Communion 6 p.m. at Heversham**  
50th Anniversary of Patrick's Ordination  
Celebrant: The Revd. P. Simpson  
Preacher: The Right Revd. H. Thompson  
formerly Bishop of Exeter
- 24th Ascension Day**  
**Deanery Eucharist 7.30 p.m. at Burneside**
- 25th Carlisle Cathedral Greater Chapter 10.30 a.m. at the Cathedral
- 26th Marriage Service 1 p.m. at Milnthorpe

**27th Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Holy Communion 8 a.m. at Heversham  
Morning Prayer 9 a.m. at Hincaster  
Parish Communion 9.30 a.m. at Heversham  
Parish Communion 11 a.m. at Milnthorpe

**JUNE**

1st Holy Communion 12.30 p.m. at Carlisle Cathedral

**3rd Pentecost**

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

**10th Trinity Sunday**

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