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My Dear Friends

At the end of this month we celebrate St. Peter's Day (June 29th). Peter is one of those saints with whom we can easily identify - or, at least, we think we can. He had his failings and so do we. This thought makes us feel comfortable and so we are led into a false sense of security.

Let us look at the points where Peter failed. No! Rather let us look at the events just before he failed, before he sank into the water, before he said 'This must not happen to you', before he denied Jesus in the High Priest's courtyard. Before he sank into the water he had walked on it, he proclaimed 'You are the Christ' before saying 'This must not happen to you' and before he denied Jesus he had dared to enter the High Priest's courtyard.

There are many occasions when Peter 'launched out into the deep' into 'waters' with which he was not familiar. That made him vulnerable but at least he started to walk on the water, proclaimed the faith about Jesus and declared his allegiance. Once he had done it the doubts came - 'this cannot really be me, it is not my scene' seem to have been his thoughts.

We cannot identify with Peter until we take that step of faith, launch out into new areas, perhaps even unfriendly ones, and make a positive proclamation. Our problem is that we fail before we start because we are not prepared to step out of our so-called security. The basic problem with Church life today is that we can no longer spell 'faith'. If we do not spell it R.I.S.K then it has nothing to do with New Testament faith which is concerned about action in the name of Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit.

After Pentecost (which we celebrate on June 3rd this year) when the Holy Spirit came powerfully on those first believers Peter, the acknowledged leader, carried through his actions without 'looking at the wind and the waves'. The Church called him to account for preaching the Gospel to and baptizing Gentiles - in other words for stepping out of line and doing what was, to most, unacceptable. The Holy Spirit had come to the Gentiles before any of the 'approved actions' had been done but after Peter's explanation the Church response was 'if that is the direction the Holy Spirit is going then we must follow'.

That is the response today of those who are truly part of Jesus Christ's Church.

With every blessing.

Yours sincerely,

Thank you!

My dear Friends,

Beryl and I want to say how much we appreciated all the effort that went into the Celebration of my 50th Anniversary of ordination on May 20th. We both felt it was a splendid occasion, but more than that we felt tangibly surrounded by your love and support. It was good to see so many members of both St. Peter's and St. Thomas's taking part, including Robin Orr's youth music group and the Milnthorpe choir, as well as my fellow clergy and Readers, including a former NSM from Weare Giffard in Devon, and a former St. Aidan's student, now a Canon in Cheshire; not to mention my former diocesan bishop and his wife who helped to mark the occasion with their presence, fellow members of the Arnside Chess Club and their wives, and six of our neighbours from Vicarage Close in Burton!

Very special thanks must go to John our Vicar who organized so much of the service, printing of the service sheets, arranging readers, etc. and generally oiling the wheels, so to speak; also to Margaret who made such a splendid and scrumptious cake. And thank you all for the most generous, unexpected and largely undeserved cheque, together with the beautiful bouquet which is now arranged in our lounge - and to Margaret and Jean who made a special commemorative tapestry which now hangs in our hall.

The food brought by many as part of the Jacob's Join was also quite exceptional - a real feast of good things.

It was a day to remember for Beryl and me and our family, and we want you all to know that we appreciated all you did and continue to do in the cause of Christian friendship.

With love to you all,

Pat and Beryl Simpson

Slides & Songs

In addition to the sponsorship 'climb and ride' Glenda Bailie will be showing slides and introducing songs on Monday 25th June at 7.30 p.m. in the Old School, Heversham

The slides are of Bibi and her work of Bible translating in Benin, W. Africa and the songs are ones Glenda has written herself. Glenda acts as Bibi's agent in this country and will have up-to-date information for us. The slides are some of those Glenda received recently of Bibi in Benin.

The purpose of the evening is to raise funds, most likely for some communication equipment for Bibi. Rhona Rutter, Jill Shaw and Cynthia Wales are going to Togo (the country next to Benin) in July to look after children of those working as Bible translators in Africa while they hold their two-week conference. They will take our contribution directly to Bibi.

There will be no charge for the evening but generous donations are invited!

Milnthorpe-with-Heversham Mother's Union

At the May meeting of Milnthorpe-with-Heversham Mother's Union, the service was led by Judy Dyer, with Pat Radcliffe giving the Bible reading. Judy welcomed a prospective new member, Audrey Wynne; members were reminded that the next meeting on June 13th will be at 2 p.m. in St. Peter's Church, Heversham, followed by refreshments. Transport will be available from the Square at 1.40 p.m. A lively discussion on "Changes in Housework" followed; from dolly tub to washing machine; black-leaded range to electric cooker; earth closet to flush toilet; carpet beater to vacuum cleaner, all agreed that the changes were for the better, but enjoyed reminiscing about time gone by.

Milnthorpe Primary School

The 2,000 daffodils planted by the children in September were in bloom by March and provided a cheerful patch of colour on the bank in the far corner of the School field. This project was funded by **The Friends of the Lake District** who specified that the School should plant the small Lakeland species *Pseudo Narcissus Lobularis*. We hope that the daffodils will now multiply and gladden the eye for many years to come.

The **Adventure Playground** is now installed. It was originally planned to be erected in two stages as money became available, but thanks to the generosity of the local community, Milnthorpe Men's Forum and the School PTA, we were able to complete the whole project in one go. Particular thanks must go to Michael Ward (uncle of Evie Sandham, a pupil at the School) who enlisted a team of construction workers, including several friends and relatives, some of whom had no direct connection with the School. This work was generously and professionally supervised by Mike Ashton of Landtec, Warton. This group of stalwarts worked for two weekends in cold and sometimes very wet conditions installing the equipment to a very high standard. Their only material reward was a constant supply of tea, coffee, bacon butties and cakes, willingly supplied by a team of volunteers from the PTA - a splendid example of a community working together.

We hope that we shall be able to do some work on the grounds outside the **Nursery** in the near future.

Brenda Gregory.

**Milnthorpe Primary School PTA
invite you to a
SUMMER BONANZA
on Friday 22nd June at 2.30 p.m.
in the Primary School Grounds.**

Bouncy Castle, Tombola, Raffle, Cake and Plant Stalls and much more. Come and join in.

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Loss of oldest resident Miss Doris Mashiter who died on Easter Day aged 102. Born and bred in the village, daughter of Edward and Alice Mashiter of Park Road, her father was owner of a small holding with stables housing a few cows and horses. He was also a carrier with horse drawn van. Her brother was killed during the First World War. Doris attended St. Thomas' Girls School, remaining to train as a pupil teacher under Miss Eva Scott, later teaching at Sedbergh and cycling home at weekends; followed by teaching at Ulverston before returning to St. Thomas School. Here she taught generations of children and is remembered affectionately by many ex-pupils still living in the village. A staunch member of Milnthorpe Methodist Church she was organist for many years, only retiring in her 80s. She clearly recalled the Church opening in 1904. A member of the Eversley Choral Union for 75 years, she remembered singing under the leadership of Mrs. Argles at Heversham and she also knew Mary Wakefield. Miss Mashiter lived in the Square until in 1994 a fire at the restaurant next door enforced her to reside at Ashley House Rest Home until earlier this year. In her 60s she learnt to drive and was often seen around in her blue mini. Her recipe for long life, (stated on her 100th birthday) was "moderation in everything"... ..Dear Miss Mashiter - now Rest in Peace.

St. Thomas Church Annual Meetings At St. Thomas Annual Vestry Meeting, John Ricketts and John Thorley were re-elected as Church Wardens for the year 2001 - 2002 and were thanked by the Vicar for their devoted reliable work throughout the past year.

At the Annual PCC Meeting the Vicar as Chairman introduced Mrs. Jean Proud, Lay Reader-in-Training and Diocesan Architect Mr. Paul Grout who reported that documentation for the new Church roof is now ready for pricing and Faculty application. A detailed report was given on this.

Those currently serving on the PCC are Jim Robson - Treasurer, Mary Davidson - Electoral Roll Officer, Eryl Ricketts - Deanery Synod, Steve Alderson - Deanery Synod, Linda Baverstock, Lillie Hopkins, Glyn Hopkins, Margaret Barrow, Kathleen Dawson. Retiring member, Geoff Gregory. A further four members are required for the next PCC meeting. William Ham was appointed as Hon. Auditor. There are 86 names on the Church's Electoral Roll. The vicar thanked all the many faithful bands of helpers who serve the Church in so many ways, with special thanks to Glyn Hopkins for his work with the Choir, the concerts he arranged during the year and the Choir members themselves. The Vicar himself was sincerely thanked by the Churchwardens.

Evergreens off again Forty members and friends of the Evergreen Club enjoyed a half-day coach outing to Cleveleys with tea taken at the Chequered Hotel, Garstang on the homeward journey.

Senior Citizen's Party at the commencement of the Annual Citizen's party a tribute was paid to the late Brigadier C. E. Tryon-Wilson, a staunch supporter of many good causes. Eighty-six guests sat down to a delicious tea of turkey/ham salad, trifle, scones and cakes. There were 10 free raffle prizes of grocery parcels with 50 prizes in the main raffle, many donated by local shops and market stalls.

Oldest men present were Jim Crowe and Jim Guy, both 92. Oldest lady was Mrs. Mary Thornburrow (99). Each was presented with a basket of fruit. Entertainment was provided by Maurice Wilson and Malcolm Heslop of Kendal. The party was organised by the Senior Citizen's Party Committee, who thank all who so kindly donated gifts.

Marathon Man Milnthorpe Solicitor, Simon Rose took part in the London Marathon finishing in 3 hours 34 minutes - this was close to his personal best! He was sponsored for two charities, the Leonard Cheshire Home and Sustrans (for sustainable transport). Simon is a volunteer ranger for Sustrans in the Lake District. This was the third time he had taken part in the London Marathon - well done Simon!

A morning out The May meeting of the Visually Impaired Group was held at Haverbrack by kind invitation of Mr. Basil and Mrs. Mary Reckitt. Members thoroughly enjoyed a lovely morning there and after coffee were shown around part of the house including the Library with its vast collection of books and family portraits. They heard details of the interesting history of the house. Sincere thanks were expressed to Mr. & Mrs. Reckitt by Leader Marjorie Rockliffe.

Memorial Hall Management At the Annual meeting officers Bill Stables, Chairman, Gordon Wilson, Secretary and Chris Thompson, Treasurer were all re-elected for another year. The past twelve months had been particularly busy with secretarial work, but hopefully the coming year will be easier and uneventful. Satisfactory accounts were presented. At the following committee meeting it was stated that the lease to the Institute Club has been signed. Letters from organisations requesting grants were read. Donations were approved for:- The Allotment Association's Annual Horticultural Show, The Community Steel Band, The Junior Football Club (incorporating Dallam Sports) and Corinthians Football Club.

Come bowling The open evening in April was so successful that another similar evening was held on May 21st. 22 members took part in the Annual "Doubles Day" competition on 13 May. The annual "Singles Day" competition open to all members is on Sunday 3 June starting 2.00 p.m. New members, beginners and experienced are welcome to join the Club. Details from Rod Holmes 01539 726108 or Mr. Hunt 015395 62856, or Bill Stables 015395 63215

WINDOW ON THE WORLD

Next Meetings:- Monday 4th June 7.00 p.m. at Sylvia Read, Honeysuckle Cottage, Beetham; Monday 2nd July 7.00 p.m. at Chris and Elizabeth Bennett, Bridge House, Woodhouse.

Lent Project A huge "thank you" to everyone who contributed to the Lent Project, as a result of which £463.20 was raised. This has been divided equally between the House of Victory and Musalaha for their work in Israel.

Money to go to Togo! As mentioned in last month's newsletter the three going to Togo would like to take out a gift of money for Bibi; this would probably go towards either a motorbike or a satellite telephone, both of which are pressing needs - and costly ones! Rhona intends to do a sponsored cycle ride round Windermere, whilst Gill hopes to do a sponsored climb of a Munro.

Sunday 3rd June is *Pudding Sunday!* There will be a selection of delicious puddings on sale, so please bring a suitable container in which to take your pudding home. We hope that these three ventures will raise a good sum of money to be taken to Togo for Bibi. Please support them.

Miracles in South Africa

When a heroin-addict who has been "inside" every English prison for drug-related offences marries the beautiful, intelligent and only daughter of a senior Police Officer, obviously something remarkable has happened! Mary and I witnessed exactly that in Cape Town last month when, with Vic Jackopson and ten others representing HOPE NOW, we were guests at the wedding of Colin Garnett and Deanna Iles. It was one of the loveliest weddings we have been to and proved, yet again, that, with God, nothing is impossible. (Colin is to be ordained in July and the Rev'd. Colin's first job will be running a drug-rehabilitation centre in Cape Town.) For the full story of this miracle, ask Mary or me.

While there we also saw some of the projects with which HOPE NOW is involved. For example the prison ministry of Jon and Jenny Clayton in Pollsmoor Prison (once temporary home to Nelson Mandela and, today, temporary home to 3000 men, women and young offenders. More miracles there. Then there's the project to give sports facilities to the young people of Langa township (not one of the smart areas) so that the hundreds of boys and girls in Langa don't have only the streets for their games. Also in Langa there's the project to build a bigger church; the Baptist Church there is growing so fast that the present building is hopelessly inadequate. (They squeezed us in for their Easter morning service.) During our fortnight we visited several other churches built with financial help from HOPE NOW and have memories of vibrant worship and very warm welcomes.

Everywhere evidence of growing congregations and also of church-planting; signs, surely, of a healthy church.

Some touristy trips were fitted in as well: for example, a never-to-be-forgotten visit to Robben Island (another miracle there). What a beautiful but problem-ridden country. We pray for further miracles.

Robin Orr.

Heversham Village Children's Sports Day

This event will take place on Saturday 23rd June 2001 at Dallam School sports field. The fancy dress competition starts at 1.30 p.m. followed by the sports. The event is open to all children up to the age of 15 years who live within the Parish boundary or children who attend the village school. Contributions to the refreshment table and offers to help with the sports would be much appreciated.

Heversham Swimming Club

As usual the pool at Dallam School will be open this summer (though opening will be delayed this year until early June owing to repairs). Families or individuals are very welcome to join the club. For fees and opening times please ring the secretary on 015395 62980.

The Kendal Project - Professor Paul Heelan and Linda Woodhead, both from Lancaster University together with two paid researchers are undertaking a study on faith, belief and values in the town of Kendal. The media often comment on religion, usually stating that it is in decline; that society is now mainly secular or that New Age practices are on the increase. There is no real evidence for any of these statements, because the subject has never been investigated in this country. In America a number of such studies have been carried out.

Kendal was chosen because its size allows it to be covered by the number of workers available, and because it is an entity with its own schools and hospital. The survey will not extend to the rural area round Kendal.

The programme began in the Autumn and will take 3 years to complete. The very first part of the project involved counting the numbers of people attending every service in each and every church or chapel in the town on one particular Sunday. Future lines of enquiry might focus on the reasons why people come to church; what is being taught in church and in house groups; what people actually believe and how people respond to crises in their lives.

I hope that we shall have an opportunity to hear some of their findings in the years to come. Watch this space.

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

JUNE

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

4th WOW Meeting 7 for 7.30 p.m.

10th Trinity Sunday

Holy Communion 8 a.m. at Heversham
Celebrant: the Revd. Philip Rumsey on the 63rd Anniversary
of his Ordination
Parish Communion 9.30 a.m. at Heversham
Parish Communion 11 a.m. at Milnthorpe
Praise and Worship 6.30 p.m. at Heversham

11th Diocesan Renewal Group 10 a.m. at Penrith

13th MU Service 2 p.m. at Heversham

17th Trinity 1

Holy Communion 8 a.m. at Heversham
United Parish Communion 10 a.m. at Milnthorpe

24th Trinity 2

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
Holy Communion 1.45 p.m. at W.G. Hospital

25th Kendal Deanery Synod 7.30 p.m. at Underbarrow
'Slides and Songs' 7.30 p.m. in the Old School, Heversham
see item in Newsletter

28th Holy Communion 11 a.m. at Croftside

30th Marriage Service 1 p.m. at Heversham

July

1st Trinity 3

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

2nd WOW Meeting 7 for 7.30 p.m.

4th Archdeaconry Parsonages Board 10 a.m.

5th Admission of Church Wardens 7.30 p.m. at St. George's Kendal

8th Trinity 4

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

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

As usual the July and August issues of the Parish Magazine will be combined so please put any advance notices for August (and indeed early September) in as soon as possible.