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My Dear Friends

How often we hear people say that God is remote! Some situation arises and God seems to be absent - he says nothing and does nothing. When these occasions come I always recall some wise words - "If you think that God is distant don't be mistaken about who has moved!" These words can equally be applied to the speaking and doing as well. Has God stopped speaking or is it that we have stopped listening? Has God stopped doing or is it that we have stopped noticing? Does God no longer hear prayers or is it that we are in the wrong place?

God is always speaking, doing and longing to hear our prayers - 'he is more ready to hear than we to pray' as a familiar prayer puts it. So are we in the right place? So many of our prayers finish with 'through Jesus Christ our Lord' yet the reality is that it is more often a formula than an acknowledgment of the one and only way to the Father. Jesus is the unique way to the Father and if we search Scripture we can find no other way. Jesus himself stated this categorically when he said "I am the Way .. no one comes to the Father except through me". Closeness to Jesus, openness to the Holy Spirit and obedience to His Word are essential for the life of prayer which is primarily the submission of our will to His. The more we are in Him and He is in us the more our prayers cease to be requests for God to do and the more they become a desire to be involved in what God is doing.

Jesus always looked to see what the Father was doing before he acted. God is always taking the initiative and waiting for us to link our wills to His. Jesus gave us the model - oneness with God so he saw and heard what God was doing and saying, and obedience so that what God purposed happened through Him.

True prayer is being where God is - in Him and He in us so that God can reveal His purpose, and speak and do in this world today through us. So much of our prayer seems ineffective because it starts in our wanting and not in our waiting on and being in His will. God has not moved - too often we are in the wrong place.

With every blessing.

Yours sincerely,

The Parish Calendar

Over the last few months there have been a few errors for which we apologise. These are noticed very soon and corrections are printed on the weekly service sheet available each Sunday in both Churches. The normal pattern is for the 8 a.m. Holy Communion to be celebrated at Milnthorpe on the 1st and 3rd Sundays and at Heversham on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays.

If there is a United Service later in the morning this can affect the venue for the 8 a.m. service. When the United Service is held in a Church on a Sunday when it would normally have a Service at 8 a.m. then the 8 a.m. Service will be transferred to the other Church, so that there will always be a morning service in each church.

When these situations arise the change will be underlined and printed in bold lettering in the Parish Calendar so that it will not be seen as a mistake. The first use of this form of notification is on Sunday 29th July.

Musical Afternoon

The event, organised by the Westmorland Youth Orchestra, is to be held in the Brewery Arts Centre from 12 noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, 8th July. Young musicians of all ages from South Lakeland will be showing a wide range of ways of making music and the depth and quality of musical ability in our area. The music will include orchestral, rock, wind and jazz and also the Steel Band and St. Peter's Junior Handbell Ringers. They would all love to have your support - and admission is free! You can come along to the Brewery Arts Centre at any time to suit yourself.

**A Coffee Morning in Aid of the
N.S.P.C.C.
will be held at
The Old House, Ackenthwaite
on Thursday 2nd August
10.30 a.m. to 12 noon
Raffle, Cake Stall, Plant Stall etc.**

All proceeds will go to support the South Cumbria Child Protection Team

All contributions and offers of help will be very gratefully received.

Audrey Wynne 63244.

Milnthorpe-with-Heversham Mother's Union

The closing Communion service of Milnthorpe-with-Heversham Mothers' Union was held at St. Peter's Church, Heversham; the service was taken by the Rev. Jim Radcliffe, assisted by Dorothy Williams. The organist was Judy Dyer and Bible readings were given by Brenda Gregory and Mary Davidson. A collection was taken for the Bibi fund. Following the service, a Jacob's Join tea was served by Heversham members. Gwen Tuer congratulated Jennie Sisson on her recent Diamond Wedding Anniversary, and reminded members of the Deanery coffee morning in Kirkland Hall on June 23rd. The next meeting is on Wednesday, September 12th at 2 p.m. in St. Thomas' Church.

Milnthorpe Art Exhibition

The twelfth annual Milnthorpe Art Exhibition will be held in St. Thomas' Church from Thursday July 26th to Sunday July 29th, opening 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. except Sunday when we close at 3 p.m.

The exhibition has gone from strength to strength until it is now recognised as one of the finest open displays in South Lakeland. Home produced refreshments are served and admission is free. All profits are divided equally between the Church Roof Fund and a local charity which this year will be the highly successful Milnthorpe Steel Band.

Summer Fair, St. Thomas' Church

Saturday, 25th August is a date for your diaries. This is the day that a Summer Fair will be held at St. Thomas' Church, Milnthorpe from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. All the fun of the fair will be there - refreshments and stalls including a grand bric-a-brac where Auntie Brenda will have on display all the wares that she is unable to show at the Friday morning coffee sessions. Suggestions for more stalls would be welcomed - contact Geoff Gregory on 015395 64082. All proceeds are to go to the Church Roof Fund.

Anyone for Croquet?

Time: Wednesday mornings, 10 - 12 in the Summer months.
Venue: Milnthorpe Playing Fields.

New members (ladies and gentlemen, all ages) are very welcome.
Previous experience not needed.
Come along or contact Dorothy Hornby (62403)

Christian Aid Week Collections

Heversham and district house to house collections for Christian Aid amounted to £887.98. With the reclaimed tax this would bring the total to £1,032.46. Gordon and Maureen Coleclough, co-ordinators for the Heversham and district, express their thanks to all those who collected and to all who donated.

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Rogation

The United Rogation Sunday Service held on the Village Green in front of St. Thomas Church was popular and very well attended. It was led by the Revd. Ron Rutter with readings given by farmers George Handley, John and Jean Sowerby . A talk by the Vicar was appreciated . A welcome and unexpected visitor was the Right Rev. Chris Williams, Bishop of the Arctic who gave the Blessing in English and Eskimo!

Family Service

Our June Family Service was certainly a real family occasion with parents Julie and Steve Alderson as sides persons and their three daughters, Grace, Emily and Ellie leading the prayers. Lessons were read by sisters Kara and Lucy Drummond and Steve Alderson. A talk "Hands" was given by the Vicar. It would be lovely if we could welcome more parents with children on these occasions.....do come!

Christian Aid

The Annual Christian Aid Collection in Milnthorpe amounted to £1,000.17 (last year's total was £815.60) Organiser Mrs. Margaret Barrow would like to express her thanks to all who collected and donated. Thanks also go to Margaret herself for all her work.

Trees

At the Rogation Service a dedication of the recently planted Memorial Trees, was made by Mrs. Linda Baverstock who read out the 35 names of those recorded in memory. A framed scroll of these may be viewed in the Church Centre.

Evergreens off again!

Forty-five members and friends of the Evergreen Club enjoyed another half-day outing. This time they visited Ormskirk market followed by a visit to Southport for shopping and tea.

Social Evening

Staff of Croftside organised a Prize Bingo evening which raised £123 towards the Resident's Amenity Fund.

Special Visitors

At their June meeting members of the Visually Impaired Group welcomed officers of the South Lakeland Society for the Blind. They were Andy Shine, Deputy Chairman; Helen Garnett, Chief Executive; Margaret McClure, Project Officer. The main business was to discuss a possible new name and constitution for the Society. All were thanked by Leader Marjorie Rockliffe.

Home Grown

The Annual Horticultural Show organised by the Milnthorpe and District Allotment Society will be held on Saturday 1st September from 1.30 p.m. in St. Thomas Church and Centre.

Come Bowling

Following the Bowling Club's successful annual "Doubles" Day held in May the annual "Singles" Day in June was also a success. The winner was John Patchett. The Club's next competition is "Captain's" Day on Sunday 18 July starting at 2.00 p.m.

The Bowling Club which began over 100 years ago is trying to raise much needed funds. A coffee morning on 18th June held at the Memorial Hall raised £223.00. A "chocoholics" quiz is presently available - 50p per entry. Ring Bill Stables on 63215.

Carnival 2001

Carnival Day will be held on the Playing Field on Saturday 7th September from 1 p.m. There will be the usual entertainment, stalls, car boot sale, amusements, competitions, 5-a-side-football, bouncy castle, Boys Brigade Band and far more! The day will be preceded by various events each evening throughout the week. This year the Carnival is being organised by members of the Institute Social Club. Ring Joe Waters co-ordinator on 62917

Club's Presentation Evening

Milnthorpe & District Junior Football Club held it's Presentation Evening with various awards presented by Peter McDonnell, Chairman of the Kent Valley League. The committee are grateful to South Lakeland District Council for the grant of £335 towards the Restoration Fund for the Sports Hall and changing rooms at Milnthorpe Recreation ground.

WINDOW ON THE WORLD

The next meetings of WOW are to be on

Monday July 2nd 7.00 p.m. at Chris and Elizabeth Bennett, Bridge House, Woodhouse.

Monday August 6th 7.00 p.m. at Robin and Mary Orr, Farnaby Dyke, Levens and on

Monday Sept. 3rd at Edward and Joan Thomas, Almond Bank Cottage, Arnside.

TOGO

Rhona and Jill are very grateful for £150 raised from the sale of puddings on Whit Sunday; this is going towards the sum that they will be taking out to Bibi together with that raised from their sponsored cycle ride and Munro climb. The final amount raised will be reported in the September newsletter, along with a report on their visit. Please remember them, and Cynthia, in your prayers, that they will cope well with the tough climate and will be able to face each day feeling refreshed and full of ideas to occupy, inspire and entertain thirty children between one and seventeen years old!

UKRAINE

Robin would value your prayers too when he goes to Ukraine with Vic Jackopson on 23rd July (two days after the Togo departure). He will be helping at two summer camps for children at an orphanage and then at one for street children.

HOPE NOW

This is advance warning of a Hope Now Awareness Day which is to be held in Levens Institute at the end of September. It will be an excellent occasion on which to catch up with the work of Hope Now and to meet some of the key workers; there will be full details in the next newsletter.

BBQ AT BARN CLOSE

Everyone is welcome to this BBQ on Sunday 15th July at 12 noon. However **it is essential to obtain tickets beforehand** (available in church) £5 adults, £2 children. N.B. If you are coming, bringing a folding garden or deck chair might be a good idea.

JAMES BENNETT

St. Peter's helped to sponsor James for this year. He writes: 'All good things must come to an end!' A phrase I don't particularly like and don't necessarily agree with, but as July rapidly approaches the inevitable is happening and my time here in rural Suffolk is coming to a close. My year working for a church in the small village of Mendlesham has flown by and it will be with great sadness that I leave. The church has seen rapid growth in the last few years with over 230 people attending most weeks, a third of them being young. It has been really encouraging to see that while the predominant trend is one of decline, there are some churches that are growing. My role has been predominantly with the young people, leading cell groups, running a kids club, going into three local schools to help with PE lessons, lunchtime and after school sports activities and occasionally taking assemblies. I have had a number of great experiences during the year one being a visit with the church to

Croatia, where we ran a holiday club for the children in the village of Sirac and worked with the Baptist church - six children became Christians while we were there. It was amazing, that despite our differences in culture and language, we could still worship the same God together. I found it very humbling to meet so many people who had suffered so much and had so little, and yet were so generous towards us. Experiences such as these challenge you to be far more generous to those in need and make you realise how fortunate we are.

NISCU - SOUTH LAKES

The second half of term has been going well for Libby. She has been in schools almost everyday and took Queen Katherine's CU to Camelot which was a great occasion. Her theme in schools and clubs has been Pentecost and relating the power of the Holy Spirit to individual lives. Please pray for the camps in North Wales which take place from August 6th - 12th and from August 13th - 19th. The first camp is full but there are places to be filled for the second one. The camps are also for youngsters from North Lancs. and the Craven area. Pray for wisdom and understanding for all the leaders and good communication with the campers; for safety while travelling and during the activities of the camp; that anyone unable to go to camp for financial reasons will find sponsorship. If any reader would like to sponsor a place at camp please ask Chris Bennett for details (015395 64091).

Advance notice of the Support Group meeting: September 21st at St. Andrew's, Sedburgh, when the new worker, Mat Taylor will be present.

**Fundraising for the Heversham Children's Playground.
Summer Wines
Wine tasting and talk by
Wine Time, Milnthorpe
Friday 13th July from 8.00 p.m.
Athenaeum Leasgill
Tickets £6 each
for more details please phone Carl Smith 015395 63099**

The Athenaeum at Leasgill

Regular activities at the Athenaeum now include -
Badminton, Yoga, Old Time Dancing, Indoor Bowls, WI events, Lecture Series, After School Club.

Occasional use includes -

Dance nights, Auctions, Art Classes, Trade shows and exhibitions, Fund Raising events, Private parties.

Use of the Athenaeum has increased over the last year but there are certain times of the week, including at weekends, which are generally available on a regular or occasional basis. The Athenaeum has special rates for regular users and also for occasional use by Parishioners.

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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

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 at Rhona's home

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
Service of Prayer for Healing 6.30 p.m. at Heversham

15th Trinity 5

Holy Communion 8 a.m. at Milnthorpe
United Family Service 10 a.m. at Heversham
Preacher: The Revd. Vic Jackopson

16th Kendal Deanery Clergy Chapter 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

18th Heversham PCC 7.15 p.m.

19th St. Peter's Primary School Leavers Service 2.30 p.m.
Preacher: The Bishop of Penrith

22nd Trinity 6

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

26-29th Art Exhibition at Milnthorpe

28th Marriage Service 12 noon at Heversham

29th Trinity 7

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

AUGUST

2nd Marriage Service 1 p.m. at Heversham

4th Marriage Service 2 p.m. at Heversham

5th Trinity 8

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

12th Trinity 9

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

19th Trinity 10

Holy Communion 8 a.m. at Milnthorpe
Family Communion 9.30 a.m. at Heversham
Parish Communion 11 a.m. at Milnthorpe
Holy Communion 1.45 p.m. at Westmorland General Hospital
(this may change - early notice on weekly sheet)

25th Milnthorpe Church Summer Fair 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

26th Trinity 11

Holy Communion 8 a.m. at Heversham
Morning Prayer 9 a.m. at Hincaster
United Parish Communion 10 a.m. at Milnthorpe
(HC at WGH if not last Sunday)

SEPTEMBER

1st Allotment & Garden Show at Milnthorpe
Marriage Service 11 a.m. at Heversham

2nd Trinity 12

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

5-6th Meeting with the Bishop at Rydal Hall

8th Licensing of Readers

9th Trinity 13

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