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My Dear Friends

Some time ago I came across the saying 'Every man shall dig his own well.' The phrase means little or nothing to us who are so used to turning on a tap in the house. Of course the saying comes from a place where the only source of water was a well. As each man set up his home he had to make sure he had provided water for his household - not nice blue alkathene pipe tapping into a water main but the hard work of digging some metres down into the ground. He would take advice about the best place for the best water and would get some idea about the depth. In the end it was up to him - he had to dig his own well.

Are we digging our wells? Where are we digging wells? No, I haven't 'lost it', neither am I asking about holes in our gardens! I'm asking about the source of our reserves and from where we draw our strength. We can rely on all sorts of things in our everyday lives but we must ask whether the source deserves our trust. Also does it deserve all the effort expended in getting down to it? So from where do we draw our strength?

Any man digging a well makes sure there will be not just an adjacent supply of water but also that it is fresh. Will there be enough in a drought and will it be pleasant to drink? We can experience 'droughts' in our lives and sometimes what we rely on does not come up to expectations. In other words we are so often let down by what we hoped would be reliable. Perhaps the problem is that we have not dug in the right place and we have not dug deep enough.

God has made available to us in and through Jesus tremendous resources. In his teaching Jesus referred to himself as the living water and that if we drink of it we will never 'thirst'. While he never spoke of himself as a well Jesus constantly spoke of himself as the One upon whom we rely and from whom we draw. However this is not automatic - we have to put our trust in Jesus, commit ourselves into his hands. In other words we have to do some well-digging. Effort, application and perseverance are required on our part.

We must seek Jesus in order that we dig in the right place, we must dig deep into Jesus in order to benefit from his resources and we must do the digging ourselves because we cannot rely on anyone else's faith. 'Every man shall dig his own well' is a very true saying.

Where are we doing our digging?

With every blessing,
Yours sincerely,

The Milnthorpe Church Clock Chimes

You may have noticed that the church clock chimes at Milnthorpe have not been quite as they used to be. They have become very quiet and one bell is missing from the chimes. The reason is that it is now more than 50 years since the chimes were installed and the wire linkages that pull the hammers on the bells have stretched, so that they now lift the hammers only an inch or two instead of six inches or so. The hammer on one of the bells has also come adrift.

We have had an estimate from the firm that does the annual maintenance on the chimes (The Cumbria Clock Company), and they tell us that to replace the wire linkages with stainless steel and to overhaul the whole system will cost £1,151.50. This would give us a fully operational, and audible, chiming system.

However, the chiming mechanism is (and always has been) a 24 hour system, that is it operates throughout the day and the night (the striking of the hour is on a twelve hour drum, and the quarter chimes are on an hour drum - the clock doesn't know whether it is day or night!). Those living near the church may like to hear the chimes when they are in bed - but some may not.

There is a way of stopping the mechanism during the night. Essentially an electric timer-clock can be fitted, and this is linked to electric motors that pull the hammers clear of the bells, so that both the striking of the hour and the quarter chimes can be cut off at predetermined times. So by installing this equipment the chiming could be stopped, for example, from 11 o'clock at night until 7 o'clock in the morning. Of course, it costs. The Cumbria Clock Company tell us they could install a 'night silencing' system for £934, and this can be added at any time after the restoration.

It would be a pity to leave things as they are, since we have a fine village clock with a chiming mechanism that just needs an overhaul to put it right.

To summarise the possibilities:

To overhaul the mechanism:	£1,151.50
To overhaul the mechanism <u>and</u> install a 'night silencing' system	£2,085.50

We are looking into the possibility of obtaining a grant to cover some of the cost, but this will not cover the total cost of the project.

Contributions will therefore be most welcome. It may be that there are those who would like to contribute as a memorial to a loved one, and if this is the case the Parochial Church Council will ensure that any such contribution is duly recorded in a memorial list on the wall of the Church Centre, as has already been done for the Churchyard Tree Sponsoring project.

We should like to hear the views of those who live in Milnthorpe. Do you think it is a good idea to restore our church chimes? And if you live within earshot of the church, do you like the idea of a 'night silencing' system, or should we continue as we have been for the last half century and more?
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If you would like to express your views, or if you would like to make a contribution, as a memorial or otherwise, please be in touch with John Thorley (Churchwarden) on 015395 62076.

(P.S. We are most grateful for a grant we have now received of £500 from the Milnthorpe Memorial Hall Management Committee. The view of the Committee was that the chimes should be restored without the night silencing system.)

CRUMP (Campaign to Recycle Unwanted Mobile Phones)

CRUMP have teamed up with Child Advocacy International to recycle mobile phones. The scheme not only helps the environment but children in hospitals worldwide. One phone can pay for a surgical cannula to treat a sick child; 35 phones can train a Ugandan children's health worker in essential life-saving techniques. The Women's Institute are backing this campaign and WI members who attend both St. Thomas' and the Methodist Churches of Milnthorpe are prepared to act as receivers of your unwanted phones for this worthwhile cause. They are even more valuable with batteries and chargers. Either donate via **Brenda Gregory at St. Thomas' Church, Joy Bell at the Methodist Church, or Esme Jenkins at the Church of Christ the King, Milnthorpe**, or direct to the WI co-ordinator, Susan Winter via WI Office, St. John's Building, Sandes Avenue, Kendal.

N.S.P.C.C. Coffee Morning

At the Coffee Morning held at The Old House, Ackenthwaite on 2nd August £600 was raised to support the Centres for abused children in Kendal and Barrow. I would like to thank everyone who helped to make the morning such a success.
Audrey Wynne.

Samaritans Appeal

The Lancaster & District Samaritans appeal for new volunteers to combat falling numbers as demand for the service grows. The charity Reg. 501761 wishes to recruit listening and fundraising volunteers. Being a volunteer can be incredibly rewarding, as well as hard work, and we have a lot of fun as well. More than one in four people personally know someone who has died by suicide; lots more know what it is like to be desperate, so there are lots of people who understand why the Samaritans is so important. Volunteers come from all walks of life, and no-one is expected to take calls without full training and on-going support. Anyone over 18 can apply to become a volunteer. Information events are to be held throughout September. If you are interested please contact 01524 61666

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Art Exhibition

The 12th Annual Art Exhibition held at St. Thomas Church was a great success and during the four days welcomed thousands of people. There were 630 entries including 382 paintings and 23 ceramics. The event was heralded by the Milnthorpe Steel Band who played again prior to the close. A section of the exhibition was dedicated to the paintings of the late Judith Da Fano, talented artist who over the years gave great support and headed the selection panel of the exhibition. Refreshments were served throughout. Floral arrangements were by South Westmorland Flower Club. Profits from the event will be divided between St. Thomas Church and Milnthorpe Steel Band. We thank the Men's Forum for such a wonderful event.

Summer School

Janet Day, Arts and Summer School Co-ordinator, introduced Mr. Brian Walker, Chairman of Dallam School Board of Governors who opened the 10th Annual Dallam Summer School (11 -19 August) . Both thanked all present and all who had worked so hard to make the event so successful. Special thanks were expressed to Mrs. Martha Bates the instigator of it all. Tribute was paid to the late Brigadier C. E. Tryon-Wilson for all his enthusiastic support throughout. An exhibition of work was open through the week. The Summer School offered a variety of 72 courses given by qualified and experienced tutors.

Day of Prayer

An inter-denominational "Regional Day of Prayer", entitled 'FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS' WAS HELD AT Dallam School with special direction of prayers for revival in the Church and Nation. The organising team was led by volunteers from Kendal, Barrow, Lune Valley, Kentmere, Eden area, and South Westmorland. Visitors arrived throughout the day in groups, singly and with families - some enjoying an outdoor picnic.

Eversley Choral Union

The Union would welcome new members. The next session starts on Monday 17 September at 7.00 p.m. in the Primary School, Milnthorpe with a new conductor - Mr. Stephen Carleston. Details from the Secretary on 01524 824051. Two Christmas concerts are being arranged, one to be held at St. Thomas Church on 17 December.

New Secretary needed for Milnthorpe & District Allotment Association.

Due to home commitments the General and Show Secretary will be leaving in September. The post carries a small honorarium and the committee would be grateful to hear from anyone interested in taking on the role. Further details from the Secretary on 01524 730179 or Chairman on 015395 64384

Evergreens off again!

Evergreen members and friends have enjoyed two more half-day outings - one to Richmond and later Skipton. The other to Keswick with a scenic journey to Ulverston and tea at the Armadale Hotel.

Carnival 2001

This year Milnthorpe Carnival was organised with help from members of the Institute and Social Club. Co-ordinator was Joe Waters. Each evening of the week competitions took place, ending with a Carnival Dance. On Carnival Day warm weather brought many visitors to the playing field. The many attractions included music from the Kendal Boys Brigade Band, roundabouts, big wheel, competitions, five-a-side football, Kings Own Royal Border Regiment and the first visit of Corioraptor the rehabilitation of injured wild birds of prey.

Charity Collections

Street collections held on the Square during the holiday season were:-

Cumbria Deaf Association - £156.17, R.S.P.C.A. - £121.16

Cumbria Wildlife - £129

South Lakeland Vol. Society for the Blind £74.23 (taken on a very wet day)

Meals on Wheels

HELP! We need a volunteer to accompany a car driver - just once a month - delivering local meals on wheels (time taken - under an hour)

Please ring Mary Davidson on 015395 63144. Thanks.

From Gemma Cordwell & Amanda Robinson

From January until May this year I taught English to year 7 and 8 at Marie Curie Secondary School, Hanoi. There were over 1000 students in the school, and about 30 in each class. The school didn't have any text books, so the children had to buy their own.

The pupils were all very excitable, but the teaching got a lot easier as the novelty of having an English girl in the school wore off. I was supposed to use a very old-fashioned text book, but the children preferred it when we studied "Harry Potter".

During June and July I travelled through Vietnam, China, Laos, Cambodia and Thailand before finishing with a holiday in Australia. The last 7 months were a wonderful experience which I will always remember.

Gemma Cordwell

I am now at the end of my 6 month placement at a secondary school in the Muslim state of Terengganu on the east coast of Peninsular Malaysia. The time has gone so quickly and it is going to be very hard to leave behind all the friends that my Gap partner, Faiza, and myself have made. Malaysia is a beautiful country with lovely people - and is rich in culture with its diverse mixture of Malays, Indians and Chinese.

I have been very lucky in my placement. I get on well with Faiza and the location is ideal. We have taught a wide range of ages in English, some French and various sports (mainly tennis) and been involved in the national debating competition in Kuala Lumpur. I have been able to get to know the area and the community really well and have travelled to Thailand and Singapore in the school holidays. It has been a great experience, although I am now looking forward to coming home in September and seeing everyone.

Amanda Robinson

WINDOW ON THE WORLD

The next meetings of WOW are to be on

Monday Sept. 3rd 7.00 p.m. at Edward and Joan Thomas, Almond Bank Cottage,
Arnside and

Monday Oct 1st 7.00 p.m. at Robin & Mary Orr, Farnaby Dyke, Levens.

These meetings are open to everyone who is interested in our parish involvement in
the wider world.

To go to Togo - and back again

Q: How many people can you get in a bush taxi?

A: Always one more!

So it was with a touch of apprehension that we watched the bush taxi being loaded for the trip to Kara, where the child care was to take place. "We" were Hannah Lloyd, from Llandudno, Catherine Fyfe (Manchester), Tom Preston (Sheffield University) and, from Heversham, Cynthia Wales (via Riyadh and Ghana - but that's another story), Rhona Rutter and Jill Shaw. We had all gathered in Lome, the capital of Togo, and were now on our way to fulfill the purpose of our trip.

We were mightily blessed all along the way. The welcome we received from the conference delegates was overwhelming. All were glad to see us, because the children were safe and gainfully employed, so it left the parents, and all the others, free to enjoy and participate in the conference and retreat.

So what were the highlights of the trip? These are personal only (Rhona is still in Brussels and Cynthia in Riyadh as we go to press).

- Getting to know Bibi and Ursula
- The children and the parents
- The dedicated band of the Togo-Benin SIL branch, and the care they gave to us.
- Visit to Benin
- Getting to know all the others in the Child Care team
- Walk up the mountain behind the Kara centre
- Service during retreat
- The beauty of the area
- Cynthia's performance as Captain Dodger
- Tom as the washer woman
- The enormous discrepancy between our profligate ways in the west and the life of the 'ordinary' people in Togo.

This is just a flavour of our trip. We're hoping to put together an all-singing and dancing record of the trip, so watch out for the viewing date!

Jill Shaw

PS News on the phone front: Bibi has been trying one out, and she nearly has enough to cover the costs.

Gill and Rhona were able to give Bibi £1,510 and they are still receiving gifts towards the satellite phone for her; we hope that there will be enough for her to buy

HOPE NOW

Robin is back from Ukraine and will be writing about his visit in the next newsletter. Vic Jackopson, President of Hope Now, preached at the united service in St. Peter's in July. Preaching on the theme of the parable of the Good Samaritan, he told us two true stories from today's South Africa of people loving their neighbour with challenging and startling consequences. He then came to the barbecue at Barn Close, where we were able to celebrate his 60th birthday. Sadly, the Hope Now Awareness Day, mentioned in the July newsletter, has had to be postponed, as there were not enough staff in the country on that day to come and lead it; we hope that this event may take place in the Spring

PUBLIC NOTICE - CROFTSIDE MIN-BUS APPEAL

We are very much aware of all the organising and effort which is put into raising funds, we are extremely grateful to receive some of the benefits from what we know is always a lot of hard work.

Croftside Mini-Bus Appeal was set up in 1992 at the request of the residents, this was seen as essential to assist with their quality of life.

(Social services did provide a bus for trips twice weekly, this facility was withdrawn in 1991, residents informed staff that they missed the regular weekly outings).

As the years move on, changes occur, residents are now being admitted into the home needing a high level of care, therefore after consultation, the residents and staff feel a mini-bus is not as essential as it once might have been and wouldn't be used to its full potential.

After taking into account the increasing needs of the residents, it was thought the funds raised should be put towards maximising their comfort within Croftside. Senior staff have therefore discussed with Cumbria Care the possibility of improving the building by adding a conservatory to the side of the E.M.I. unit.

We hoped Cumbria Care would assist us with the cost, this would not just be an asset to the residents but an improvement to the building itself, after briefly discussing this with the Accommodation Manager, it has been agreed to meet to talk about the cost. Meetings are scheduled to take place to discuss plans in detail.

Croftside hereby give notice and wish it to be known:- The mini-bus appeal will no longer be used for its original intention and will therefore be used, hopefully with some financial assistance from Cumbria Care, towards a conservatory.

Croftside Senior staff will talk to anyone involved in providing previous donations to the fund or wishing further details to discuss the above events

**Enquiries to be made before 31 August 2001
Telephone 015395 63325**

Dear Congregation

I would like to thank all those who have supported me by sponsoring my swim of 100 lengths of Lancaster pool or by giving donations towards my trips to India and Mexico. I have now raised enough money for my ventures thanks to all the support I have received.

I have been selected to represent North West England at an international guide camp in Mexico at the end of July.

I am also going on as caring placement in North India through the GAP activity projects. I shall be working as a volunteer at Raphael home which is a Ryder Cheshire International centre in Dehra Dun in the Himalayan foothills of North India. It is a home to relieve suffering for men, women and children supported by overseas sponsors. It is a centre for the mentally handicapped. There is a hospital for TB patients, the chronically sick and disabled and leprosy workshop, rehabilitation centre, the little white house for children of the leper colony, a primary school. It should be very interesting work so thanks again for all your support.

Yours sincerely,

Angela Barrow

**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

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
3rd	WOW Meeting 7 for 7.30 p.m.
4th	Licensing at Burton
5-6th	Meeting with the Bishop at Rydal Hall
6th	Milnthorpe PCC 7.45 p.m.

- 8th Licensing of Readers 3 p.m. at Workington
- 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
- 12th MU H.C. Service 2 p.m. at Milnthorpe
- 13th Evening Concert by Flookburgh Band at Heversham
 (see posters for details)
- 16th Trinity 14**
 Holy Communion 8 a.m. at Milnthorpe
 Family Communion 9.30 a.m. at Heversham
 Parish Communion 11 a.m. at Milnthorpe
- 20th Alpha Buffet Supper 7.30 p.m.
- 23rd Trinity 15**
 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
- 24th Heversham PCC 7.15 p.m.
- 26th Deanery Clergy Chapter 9.30 a.m.
- 28th Concert 7.30 p.m. at Milnthorpe
- 30th Trinity 16**
 Holy Communion 8 a.m. at Heversham
 United Parish Communion **10 a.m. at Milnthorpe**
 Ordination Service 6 p.m. at St. Luke's, Barrow in Furness
- October**
- 1st (Monday)**
 United Parish Communion 7.30 p.m. at Heversham
 the first Celebration by the Revd. Ron Rutter.
- 4th Archdeaconry Parsonages Board 10 a.m.
- 7th Harvest Thanksgiving**
 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
- 8th Diocesan Renewal Group 10 a.m. at Penrith
 Heversham St. Peter's Primary School Governors 7.30 p.m.
- 10th Archdeaconry Parsonages Board 10 a.m.
- 14th Trinity 18**
 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 Westmorland General Hospital