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My Dear Friends

'What the women said was nonsense!' How often do we males utter such comments? And why? Usually because we think we have everything worked out logically and rationally and do not think that emotional outbursts are at all appropriate. Beside that women do not appreciate the real world! But how often the women have been proved right - perhaps far more than we males are inclined to admit.

This attitude is not a 21st century phenomenon - the words quoted at the start are from the 1st century. The real men thought the women were talking a lot of nonsense although the women had gone out while the men were too scared to venture outside the barred doors! Logic told them that the dead don't get up out of tombs, so Jesus could not have done so. Jesus was dead and buried. Grief must have distorted the women's reason. They were therefore not to be believed. Yet it was an intriguing enough story for Peter and John to go and have a look. They went and came back amazed. (St. Luke 24 vv 1-12).

This passage tells us that the women remembered and believed what Jesus had said - the men did not take it seriously. Because the women believed Jesus they knew what had happened. This is the pattern throughout history. The women all down the centuries have, in the main, been the believers - faith and belief being, as far as men are concerned, women's business. So the men are afraid to come out from behind closed doors and minds and see Jesus risen and admit that logic and reason are out of their depth.

The real world, today as then, has the risen Jesus at large in it. To deny, dispute or doubt this fact is to live in an unreal world barred and shuttered to keep out reality. We only live in the real world when we accept the risen Lord as alive today and live our lives in his presence.

'They thought that what the women said was nonsense.' That group of men at least had the humility to admit the women were right and to act on that reality. Let us all, men and women alike, move out from behind the closed doors of our minds and accept our Risen Lord.

May the joy of Easter be yours.

Yours sincerely,

Heversham Projects

By the time this is in print the alterations within St. Peter's will have been completed and the whole of the Church will be available for use. The changes have been less than some had feared, the beauty of the Church has been increased more than others had dared hope and the 'openness' has been welcomed by many especially as they enter the Church. The forward Altar Table position enables anyone using a wheelchair to join with the rest of the congregation at the new Communion rail. It is our intention to use every part of the Church regularly. The Chancel, which now has its own sound system and loop, will be used for 8 a.m. Communion Services on Sundays, the 10 a.m. Service on Tuesdays and for Sung Evensong and Praise and Worship at 6.30 p.m. on the first and second Sundays respectively. It will also be used for the smaller occasional services and also by the Orchestra at Family Worship.

The ramped access from the South Aisle, near the Font, will make the Dallam Chapel open to every member of the congregation.

All this has been made possible through the great generosity of very many people as has the work on the Old School and path which will start later in April. The PCC is most grateful to all who have helped to make these projects a reality. We feel such developments will be an aid as we seek to proclaim the Good News of Jesus at the beginning of this still new century and beyond.

Thanks are also expressed to all those who over the last two months have kept the dust and dirt at bay so that we could continue to use the Church. Some have spent long hours dusting, washing, vacuuming and tidying the Church, many on a weekly basis. The practical help and understanding shown by all has meant that the congregation is even more together than perhaps it was before.

So, thank you to all, because all have made a contribution to the interior project. We hope to welcome Bishop Graham in late May when we have invited him to come to dedicate the work.

Fundraising for St. Peter's Parish Church, Heversham

PARISH BOUNDARY WALK

MONDAY 6 MAY 2002 - APPROX 8 MILES INCLUDING PARISH PATHS

followed by a 'Sausage Sizzle' at
Please wear suitable walking shoes



Heversham Hall Farm
and clothing

Walk & Talk by Roger K. Bingham - Tickets £5 each adult

For more details please phone

Jean Shuttleworth 015395 64554 or Jane Cushnie 07970 285472

Website: http://www.heversham.org/parish_walk.html

email: church@heversham.org

MILNTHORPE-WITH-HEVERSHAM MOTHER'S UNION

The service at the March meeting of Milnthorpe-with-Heversham M.U. was led by Judy Dyer, with a reading by Gwen Tuer. It is hoped that eight members will be able to visit the link branch of St. Mary's, Windermere for their March meeting, and nine members hoped to attend the Deanery Eucharist service at Kirkby Lonsdale in April. Instead of a speaker, Gwen Tuer and Dorothy Hornby brought several books on Westmorland and Cumberland in bygone days, and also old family and school photographs which members were interested to see. The change in fashions was of special interest. The next meeting is on Wednesday, April 10th when there will be a literature stall.

Golden Jubilee Celebration in Heversham on Jubilee weekend.

Saturday 1st June 7.30 onwards

Live music and drinks in the Athenaeum, Leasgill

Sunday 2nd June

A garden party will be held at the Blue Bell Hotel, by kind permission of Susan and Richard Cowie. This will incorporate

- a. A Fun Run at 1 p.m. from the Blue Bell forecourt
- b. A Children's Fancy Dress at 2 p.m. - certificates and prizes for all that take part
- c. A Lady's Fancy Hat Competition - prizes for all taking part.

There will be other side stalls and fun things going on through the afternoon with tea included. Tickets will be £4 from the Post Office or the Blue Bell reception. Monies will go towards the Heversham Playground.

Monday 3rd June

We will join with Milnthorpe celebrations through the day and at night there will be a beacon lit on Heversham Head in conjunction with the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution. The Queen is supporting the lighting of beacons all over the country by starting the burning of her own beacon at Buckingham Palace, which starts a chain of lighting beacons throughout the country.

Any donations for this charity can be given to George Handley or Mrs. Derek Lomax, secretary of the South Cumbrian Branch

Many thanks from the committee.

Tony Parker, Ron Messenger, Adel Shepherd, Richard Cowie, Councillor Roger Bingham and George Handley.

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Visually Impaired Group

Alan Boppet, who has M.S, gave a talk describing his sponsored buggy drive from St. Bees to Robin Hood Bay. The well organised event raised £32,000 for the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Day of Prayer

This year the Annual Women's World Day of Prayers was held at the Milnthorpe Methodist Church, the order of service had been prepared by the Christian Women of Romania with the theme "Challenged to Reconcile" based on the Romania Orthodox Traditional Liturgy. Leaders were Margaret Godfrey, Mary Newell and ecumenical readers, Dorothy Williams, Gwen Tuer, Dorothy Hornby, Audrey Wynne, Sue Hilton, Carolyn Gaskins, Margaret Gray, Jean Carol. Keyboard music was provided by Joy Bell.

If music be the food of love play on"! Spring Serenade

A concert of music for harp, voice, flute, piano and organ was held at St. Thomas Church. Artistes were:- Harp - Lesley McCourt, Irene Moner, Carol Hatwell, flute - Polly Anna Ashford, piano - Ruth Leavett - soprano - Marion Butterfield, organ - Glyn Hopkins. Proceeds for Church Music. Thanks are extended to Glyn for arranging this feast of music.

Come and buy

The W.I. Market re-opened on 8 March. It is held in the Memorial Hall between 10 - 11.30 a.m. and will continue each Friday until Christmas.

Men's Forum

The Annual Art Exhibition will be held from July 25 - 28 at St. Thomas Church and Centre. The Men's Forum was founded in 1989 to "promote good fellowship and to raise funds for charity". By far the best known of their activities is the Annual Art Exhibition which has raised many thousands of pounds for various charities over the years. On each occasion half of the proceeds has been donated to St. Thomas Church. At the recent AGM Tom Greenwood was appointed Chairman for 2002/3 following Geoffrey Gregory's retirement. The Hon. Secretary is Tony Liddle 015395 64084.

Laying up of Standard

The ceremony of the laying up of the standard of the Milnthorpe Royal British Legion Women's Section was carried out prior to the March Family Service. The standard was placed into the safe keeping of the Church. Sheila Ashburner was the standard bearer and was accompanied by escorts and the R.B.L. County Standard bearer. Also present were County Chairman R.B.L. Women's section Dorothy Maguire and County President Myra Knipe.

The Bowling Club has been preparing for its new season commencing on 29 March with club competitions arranged throughout the year. The club is eager to attract new members and with this aim in mind an open evening will be held on Monday 29 April. At a pre-season meeting a proposal for "Social membership" was adopted which means any person who cares about and wishes to support the future of the Bowling Club but without playing may become a "Social Member. They will enjoy watching events, companionship etc. (and can even later if they wish upgrade to bowling) An advertising campaign is shortly to be launched throughout the locality by members. The Club, over 100 years old, wants to keep going and genuinely wishes to welcome new members of all ages. Do join us.

Contact Secretary Barrie Jarrold on 015395 63467.

Mothing Sunday

Young choristers Kara and Lucy Drummond presented sprays of daffodils to all children and ladies present during the Family Service. The service was led by the Vicar and included a talk "Our Mothers" by the Ven. Peter Dawson

£300 for Children's Charity

At a "racehorse" meeting organised by Jim Baldwin at the Coach & Horses Inn £300 was raised for the charity "Kids, Kith, and Kids", which supports children with difficulties.

Queen's Golden Jubilee

A united church service will be held on the Green on June 2nd.

Village Party June 3rd 2002

Last month's Parish News enclosed the form needed to apply for your *free lunch tickets. If you have mislaid the form and wish to take part in the lunch, please complete the form below and hand it in at Forbuoys Newsagents by April 15 2002. The lunch is free to all residents of Milnthorpe and Ackenthwaite. Non residents may attend if space permits but as the event is being supported by the Parish Council, a modest fee will be charged. All other attractions will be open to the general public.

<p>Adult (12 years and over) full names</p> <p>1..... 2.....</p> <p>3..... 4.....</p> <p>Disability needs? Do any of the above require a vegetarian lunch?</p> <p>Full Postal address:</p> <p>Telephone No.</p> <p>Number of accompanied children under the age of 12.....</p> <p>Additional (non-resident) tickets required: Adults £3.50 Chilren £1.00</p> <p>Please enclose cheque made out to <i>Milnthorpe Golden Jubilee Committee</i></p> <p>Remember, on the day, NO TICKET, NO FREE LUNCH!</p> <p>Supported by Catterall Insurance Services</p>

The roads around the Square will be closed for the setting up of equipment. The day includes a free* hog roast, children's lunch, twenty foot Union Jack cake, competitions, stalls, amusements, entertainment from Milnthorpe Steel Band and dancers, bouncy castle, outside disco, bar and much more culminating with a Firework Display. Plenty of helpers are needed for this fabulous event. Ring Mark

<p>on 62243, Pat 64272 or Geoff 64082,</p> <p>Milnthorpe & Ackenthwaite Senior Citizens Annual Party Invitation to newcomers! If there is anyone aged 65 before 16 May who does not get an invitation please can they contact A. Ashburner as they are very welcome to attend.</p>

WINDOW ON THE WORLD

The next meetings of WOW are to be on

Monday April 8 7 p.m. at Ron and Rhona Rutter's home, Ellerslie, Heversham

Monday May 6 7 p.m. at Chris and Elizabeth Bennett's home, Bridge House, Woodhouse.

Please come along and find out more about parish involvement in the wider world.

SAMS - South American Mission Society

Many people have supported the Wichi people of N. Argentina by buying their beautiful Siwok wooden craftwork. Although there are enormous economic problems in Argentina which obviously are affecting their business badly, your contributions have made a big difference to their lives. Thank you, and please pray for the whole economic situation in Argentina which is affecting the work of SAMS in a very big way.

Sat 11th May 10.00 a.m. - 4.30 p.m. **SAMS N. West Area Day Conference** at St. Peter's School, Bolton. This is an annual event and a very enjoyable, informative day when you can find out more about SAMS and hear Bishop Maurice Sinclair as the keynote speaker and other mission workers for SAMS. Please contact Rhona Rutter for details about booking and transport.

LENT PROJECT 2002 - The Barnabas Fund

Thank you for your support in prayer for and donations to the Barnabas Fund, working on behalf of Christian minorities suffering persecution in Muslim countries.

More than 200 people signed the Petition to be presented to the UN Human Rights Commission meeting in Geneva in April. Thank you for helping in such a practical way. Please remember to hand in your **donation envelopes** by **Easter Sunday March 31st**.

BIBI - Famine Appeal

Once again thank you for the quick response to promise money for Bibi to buy and distribute sacks of millet and corn to hungry people in N. Benin where the harvest has failed. There are no food reserves left and the yam harvest will not be ready until August. £300 was given following a home group meeting and a brief mention in Church. Thank you for your generosity.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12 - 18 MAY 2002

Christian Aid this year reminds us that we are linked with people all over the world, through international trade. We depend on them for much of our food and for many of the consumer goods that we use in our everyday lives. Yet the rules of trade that benefit us, can work to the disadvantage of the world's poorest people.

Christian Aid is campaigning as part of the Trade Justice Movement, to rewrite the rules of trade and make them work more effectively to the benefit of the poorer countries.

Gordon & Maureen Coleclough (Heversham)
Margaret Barrow (Milnthorpe)

**CONCERT AT ST. THOMAS
TUESDAY MAY 7TH AND WEDNESDAY MAY 8TH.**

We are to have a visit from one of the leading tenors in the country. **Wynford Evans** was a pupil of mine in Swansea in the 60s (A level) and at the age of 16 had an outstanding tenor voice. I gave him a lot of help and encouragement and he went on to study at the Guildhall School of Music, and then on to an outstanding career as a soloist, singing with the country's finest choirs and orchestras. Also as a student he was a lay clerk in St. Paul's Cathedral.

We kept in touch for a while and I accompanied him in recitals in Keswick and Carlisle Cathedral, and a series of coincidences have led to us getting in touch again!

On Tuesday he will be singing Stainer's Crucifixion with Arnside Choral Society (in St. Thomas) and Brian Lancaster and Hugh Stalker,

and on Wednesday he will do a recital with me also in St. Thomas where he will sing a programme including Schumann's Dichterliebe and a lighter first half.

The suggested price is £5 for a single concert and £8 if you buy a ticket for both.

Glyn Hopkins

EDITORIAL AMBITIONS?

We are looking for a new editor for the Parish Magazine. If you are interested in doing the job or serving as part of an editorial committee please let the Vicar know ASAP.

Current Editor's Note: The last two editors have come from Heversham so maybe it's an opportunity for Milnthorpe to grasp the 'reins of power'! 'People' and timekeeping skills more important than typing skills.

Drusilla Pickthall.

Second-hand books - come and buy!

There are now lots of great second-hand books for sale at Heversham Post Office in aid of the playground appeal. Come and look through them.



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

2nd Holy Communion 10.45 a.m. at Plumtree
4th Holy Communion 11 a.m. at Croftisde

7th Second Sunday of Easter
 Holy Communion 8 a.m. at Milnthorpe
 United Family Service 10 a.m. at Heversham
 United Sung Evensong 6.30 p.m. at Heversham

8th WOW Meeting 7 for 7.30 p.m.
9th Holy Communion 10 a.m. at Heversham
 (Kendal Deanery Clergy joining with us)

10th Archdeaconry Parsonages Board 10 a.m.
11th Visit of Canon Colin Hill to our parishes.
 Joint meeting of PCCs and congregations with
 Canon Hill 7.30 p.m. in St. Peter's Church

13th Welcome of Bishop James Newcome 2 p.m. in the Cathedral

14th Third Sunday of Easter
 Holy Communion 8 a.m. at Heversham
 United Parish Communion 10 a.m. at Milnthorpe
 Praise & Worship 6.30 p.m. at Heversham

15th Heversham PCC 7.15 p.m.
18th Milnthorpe PCC, Annual Vestry and Annual Parish Church Meeting
 7.45 p.m. at Milnthorpe

21st Fourth Sunday of Easter
 Holy Communion 8 a.m. at Milnthorpe
 Family Communion 9.30 a.m. at Heversham
 Service of the Word 11 a.m. at Milnthorpe

28th Fifth 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
 Installation of the Revd. Dr. David Thomson as Archdeacon of Carlisle
 3 p.m. in the Cathedral.

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5th Sixth Sunday of Easter - Rogation Sunday

Holy Communion 8 a.m. at Heversham

Rogation Farm Service 10 a.m. (Venue to be announced)

United Sung Evensong 6.30 p.m. at Milnthorpe

Special Invitation

A special invitation to all who have recently been baptised and all the young families in the village.

We hope you can join us for the Family Service on Sunday 7 April 2002 at 10 a.m. at St. Peter's Church, Heversham. Coffee, juice and Celebration Cake afterwards