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My Dear Friends

Soon, hopefully, we will be in the season when children armed with buckets and spades are taken to the seaside. They build their sandcastles only to have them washed away by the waves. The children soon learn that you can't make the waves stay still - they are always moving. Movement, not being able to keep things where they were once, is something we try to forget about as we grow older. We find change a problem. This carried through to the Faith and the great danger there is that we try to pin Jesus down, set him in some mould or capture him in some outward form.

Jesus' appearances after his Resurrection show quite clearly that Jesus is not to be restricted, that he is always taking the initiative and that he is moving on, going ahead of and surprising his people. The Ascension, which we remember this month, was the final lesson about this for the disciples. The full meaning of those amazing words 'He is not here, He is risen' finally went home.

We need to learn this lesson also. We cannot close our books at the end of a service, leave Jesus there in the pew and next Sunday expect to pick him up where we left off. He is not there because He is risen, going ahead of his disciples. Neither can we trap him in a particular form of words whether they be Common Worship or BCP, Mission Praise or Psalms, informal or traditional. Jesus can appear anywhere and in anything. He is never limited, but we so easily limit our receiving of him because so often we appear to love the vehicle more than the One to whom the vehicle is to take us, and the method of approach more than the One who is to be approached.

Following the Ascension the disciples met together with their minds focussed on Jesus, waiting for what He had promised. They listened rather than talked, waited rather than acted and when Jesus' promise was fulfilled they were surprised but not taken unawares, they were excited and enthusiastic for whatever came. They experienced Pentecost because they had learned that they could not limit Jesus in any way and that they could not programme him to their ideas.

He is not here, He is risen, He is ascended and He comes to all in whom there is an openness to His Spirit. No wonder that old hymn tells us to keep our 'eyes fixed upon Jesus'. If we don't we won't see where He is going and as a result we won't be able to follow.

May we all keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Yours sincerely,

The Dedication

The dedication of the alterations in St. Peter's Church will take place in a Service at 7 p.m. on Wednesday 29th May. This will be taken by our Bishop, the Right Reverend Graham Dow.

The Heversham PCC invites the congregation and people of Milnthorpe to join in the celebration with Heversham. The PCC is also inviting representatives from our neighbouring parishes, and from the various contractors who carried out the alterations.

Many people enabled the scheme to go forward and if they have not already seen the alterations they are warmly invited to do so at any time. However we are having 'Open Church Days' following the Dedication and over the Queen's Jubilee Celebration Weekend.

Do come and have a look and join the celebration on 29th May at 7 p.m.

Parking at Heversham

We have a wonderful problem! The village is full of cars when our main services are held. However this can cause traffic problems. To avoid these problems would people please try to follow these guidelines:

⇒ Never park on the marked 'Bus Stop' or on double yellow lines.

⇒ Only park on the North bound side of the main road through the village.

We are going to see if any parking spaces may be available nearby.

For special events the Blue Bell Hotel has given us permission to use their lower car park and we are most grateful to Mr. Cowie for this offer.

We will be taking up his offer for the Archdeaconry Wardens' Service on 16th May and for the Dedication Service on 29th May.

Rogation Sunday 5th May

We are able, once again, to hold our United Service on a farm. George and Jean Handley have invited us to their farm at Heversham Hall (on the left down the marsh road just after the Blue Bell Hotel). The service will start at 10 a.m. and everyone is invited. (There is plenty of parking space!)

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
Walk & Talk by Roger K.



Heversham Hall Farm
and clothing
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

MILNTHORPE-WITH-HEVERSHAM MOTHER'S UNION

At the April meeting of Milnthorpe-with-Heversham M. U. the service was led by Gwen Tuer. The reading of a poem from the funeral service of the Queen Mother was given by Dorothy Hornby. Volunteers were asked for , to serve drinks at the lunch to be held at the Athenaeum, Leasgill on April 23rd, when the two M. U. members from Zululand will be meeting members from the Kendal Deanery. The Zulu visitors will be staying with Brenda Coles, who visited Zululand in September.

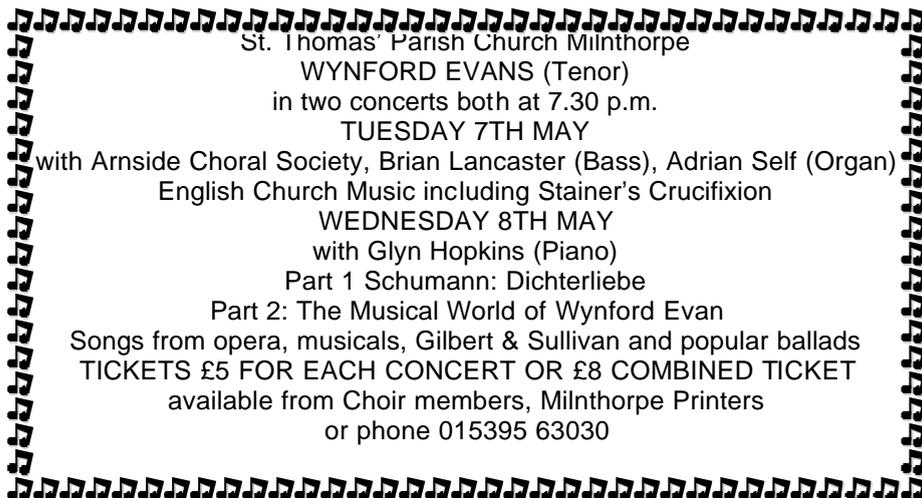
Brenda came to the April meeting and gave a very interesting talk about her visit. She brought many photographs and beautiful articles in bead work made by Zulu M. U. members. She was thanked by Gwen Tuer.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, May 8th, when the speaker will be the Rev. Adrian Mack of the Mission to Seafarers. This is an open meeting welcome to EVERYONE.

Jubilee Party

The Milnthorpe Golden Jubilee Village Party committee have received 1,200 acceptances to the party on June 3rd. Organisers are desperate for more offers of plain square sponge cakes towards the proposed twenty foot Union Jack Flag Cake. They would also like to be told of any other Jubilee events, either before or on the big day as they hope to publish a "What's On" sheet. Contact Mark or Sarah at Forbouys, Newsagents please.

Another Jubilee Celebration is to be the release of 650 balloons, price £1 each, with a prize for the furthest distance travelled. Proceeds are towards the Milnthorpe Family Centre and Out of School Club. Tickets available now at Forbouys.

A decorative border consisting of a continuous line of musical notes, resembling a treble clef staff, framing the central text.

St. Thomas' Parish Church Milnthorpe
WYNFORD EVANS (Tenor)
in two concerts both at 7.30 p.m.
TUESDAY 7TH MAY
with Arnside Choral Society, Brian Lancaster (Bass), Adrian Self (Organ)
English Church Music including Stainer's Crucifixion
WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY
with Glyn Hopkins (Piano)
Part 1 Schumann: Dichterliebe
Part 2: The Musical World of Wynford Evan
Songs from opera, musicals, Gilbert & Sullivan and popular ballads
TICKETS £5 FOR EACH CONCERT OR £8 COMBINED TICKET
available from Choir members, Milnthorpe Printers
or phone 015395 63030

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Combined Easter Service

On Good Friday morning, the combined Churches of Milnthorpe & Heversham held a meaningful outdoor service at the foot of St. Thomas' Church steps attended by members of all churches plus other visitors. The service, led by the Rev. Canon John Hancock included music for hymns and readings and prayers by representatives of all churches.

Visit of Diocesan Secretary: Congregations were pleased to welcome the Rev. Canon Colin Hill, Residential Canon of Carlisle Cathedral and Diocesan Secretary, to a United Parish Communion Service at St. Thomas Church. Canon Hill gave the sermon and later met parishioners of both Churches in the Church Centre. During the previous week he visited St. Peter and St. Thomas parishes and also attended a meeting of both PCC's members and church members at St. Peter's Church. During the year 2002 senior staff of Carlisle Cathedral will visit each parish in the Diocese.

Collection Proceeds from recent street collections held in the square were : RSPCA £85.40: Milnthorpe Family Centre £94.40

Blood Doning The Lancaster branch of the National Blood Transfusion visited Dallam School Hall when 131 donors attended the event. Local ladies, Sylvia Argles (tea), Ailsa Brookes and Mary Davidson (bandaging) gave voluntary assistance.

Visually Impaired members meeting

Mrs. Mary Reckett of Haverbrack was the speaker at the April meeting of the Visually Impaired group of which she is a member. She spoke of life in Hull when her husband, Basil, was High Sheriff there thirty-one years ago and as his 'Lady' attended many functions and banquets. Together they visited Hull's twin town in Germany and whilst there visited the Dam of Dambuster fame.

Life Support Demonstration "An evening of Basic Life Support' was the name of a demonstration given at Milnthorpe Family Centre by Gary Parsons of Levens. £56 was raised towards Family Centre funds.

Residents Meeting At a meeting of Milnthorpe Residents Association held at the Cross Keys Hotel, Chairman Malcolm Alston of SLDC introduced Ian Stewart, County Council: Richard Greenwood - Head of Housing, Nick Lomax SLDC and Acting Police Inspector Sean Murphy and another police officer. An important matter of concern about the large number of coaches, buses and cars that travel along Haverflatts Lane to Dallam School was discussed. Residents are gravely worried about the danger and 500 signatures have been collected supporting a suggested new entrance. Complaints included, speeding, parking in front of residential entrances, paths being blocked by vehicles, kerbs on the Square, poor lighting in certain areas, blocked drains and heavy goods vehicles passing through the village.

Congratulations to Marie and Jack Cordukes on celebrating 25 years of shop keeping at their general village store in the Square. Both sides of the family have a long history of shop keeping in Milnthorpe: Marie's relatives had a grocery shop in Harmony Hill, while Jack's father ran a men's outfitters next to the post office and Jack used to have a hairdressing business. Good luck to both for the future.

Jubilee Day: At a meeting of the Men's Forum held at the Cross Keys Hotel, Mark James, Chairman of Milnthorpe Golden Jubilee Village Party described the plans and arrangements being made for the party on June 3rd.

Out of School Club, and Joey's

The out of School Club which is part of Milnthorpe Family Centre, provides care for 4-12 year olds. Based at the Primary School, the Club is open from close of school day until 6 p.m. and from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. during holidays - Joey's day care - also part of the Family Centre offers day care for 2-5 years olds. Registered with OFSTED, both have developed policies and procedures to safeguard the safety and welfare of attending children with qualified and experienced staff. They have had a wide range of activities and holiday clubs during the Easter holidays, including Joey's trip to Docker Farm to support the children's topic "On the Farm".

For information :

Joey's Club ring 07890 189871

Out of School Club - 07811 601836

Haydn's Creation A Spring Concert given by The Eversley Choral Union, Conductor Stephen Carleston and invited orchestra led by Wendy Cain was held at Dallam School Hall to an appreciative audience. Soloists were Irene Kitt, soprano, John Cox, tenor and Jolyon Dodgson, bass.

Brownies

Six Brownies of the 1st Milnthorpe Pack took part in the Swimming Gala for the Kent Lune Division held at Kendal Leisure Centre coming in second place. They were accompanied by Leaders Anne Gleaddon, Cath Doran and Angela Barrow.

School OFSTED Milnthorpe Primary School has had a full inspection by OFSTED with a good report that identified many strengths in the school and provided it with a development programme for the future.



SUMMER FAIR
ST. THOMAS CHURCH, MILNTHORPE
SATURDAY 29 JUNE
10.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.

**A large bric-a-brac stall, John's succulent barbecue
Riveting book stall- Delectable cake stall
and tantalising games to test your skills
COME AND JOIN THE FUN**

WINDOW ON THE WORLD

The next meeting of WOW is to be on

Monday May 6th **10 a.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.

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. The total amount raised including the Gift Aid tax refund will be in the region of **£700**. An exact figure will be announced in both churches and in the June Newsletter. Once again your generosity has been wonderful and I am sure that the Barnabas Fund will be delighted.

80,000 people from **60** countries signed the Petition to be presented to the UN Human Rights Commission meeting in Geneva in April. 200 signatures were sent from our two churches.

Please continue to look at the notice boards in both churches where up-to-date information can still be found so that you can continue your prayer support for Barnabas. If you have internet access you can obtain those updates by visiting the Barnabas Fund website at www.barnabasfund.org

N.I.S.C.U. - South Lakes Area

Firstly Matt Taylor our new Schools worker has settled in very happily and he and Libby are working very well together. The work has been able to expand considerably and consequently more clubs and Christian Unions have been set up. There are clubs and or C.U's in just about all of the schools in the area apart from some of the primary schools, which are Melanie Whitmore's main task, and she works considerably less hours with family commitments. So the overall picture is most encouraging and for the first time a N.I.S.C.U. run Christian Union has started at St. Anne's Windermere. Libby is also taking an evening service there next month. She also reports that some of the clubs have been very large in numbers this last year for which we can thank God. Dallam School and Milnthorpe Primary are included in this. Dallam has both a Senior and Junior R.U. I should like to start a prayer time for the local schools and I would be very glad to hear of any who are interested in joining with this.

The camp numbers for our area are approaching the maximum 50-60, but please pray that those who will benefit from camp will be able to book up whilst there are still places.

Thank you for all your prayer support and if you are not receiving a prayer newsletter and would like to, please contact me on 015395 64091 and I will see you get one regularly.

Chris Bennett
Bridge House
Woodhouse

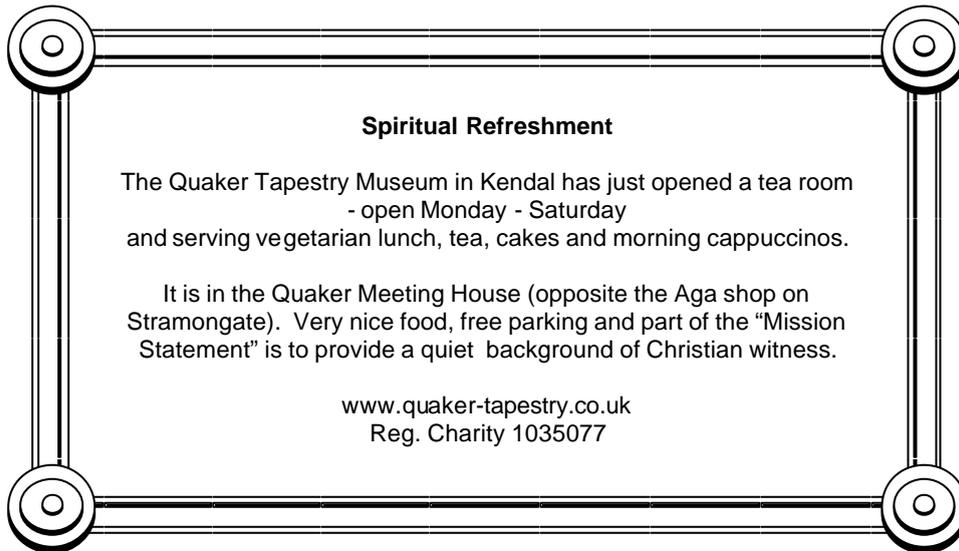
HEVERSHAM ST. PETER'S JUNIOR HANDBELL RINGERS

In March the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain (N.W. Region) held their Spring Rally at Burton-in-Kendal and nineteen teams came from as far afield as Cheshire, Derbyshire, Merseyside, Lancashire and Workington and Cockermouth in N. Cumbria.

Our Junior team of eight children, with ages ranging from 7 to 11, took part in the afternoon session ringing 3 team solo pieces - "John Brown's Body", "Old MacDonald" and "Puff the Magic Dragon". They were by far the youngest team and received a great ovation and many compliments after their enthusiastic, professional performance. We were very proud of them, particularly Sophie who came despite having broken her nose the night before and having spent the morning in Casualty (what commitment!). The team members were Joanna Swinbank, Douglas Parsons, James Hyman, Sophie Fishwick, Ben and Laura Hamer, and Jade and Ashley Porter.

After the Easter break, Ben and Laura Hamer are leaving the team due to family commitments and their places have been taken by Jade and Ashley Porter.

Judy Dyer and Audrey Wynne.



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

We need more house to house collectors in Milnthorpe. If you can help please contact Margaret Barrow - 64134.

NEW EDITOR/EDITORIAL COMMITTEE
WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR A NEW EDITOR OR MEMBERS OF A
POTENTIAL COMMITTEE.
PLEASE CONTACT THE VICAR IF YOU FEEL CALLED TO HELP

Deadline for the next Magazine

The Parish Magazine is collated on the third weekend of the month. Therefore please make sure all entries are either with the Vicar or Mrs. Pickthall by the weekend of 18/19 May.

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015395 62097/Fax 64692 drusilla@gabbott.demon.co.uk

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 Milnthorpe PCC 7.45 p.m.

5th Sixth Sunday of Easter - Rogation**Holy Communion 8 a.m. at both Churches**

United Rogation Service 10 a.m. at Heversham Hall Farm

United Sung Evensong 6.30 p.m. at Milnthorpe

6th WOW Meeting **10 a.m.**

Heversham Boundary Walk 2 p.m. and 'Sausage Sizzle' 6 p.m.
at Heversham Hall Farm. Tickets £5 - see posters

7th Holy Communion 10.45 a.m. at Plumtree

Concert 7.30 p.m. at Milnthorpe (see posters)

8th Clergy Chapter 9.30 a.m. at Burneside

Mothers Union 2 p.m. at Milnthorpe (see item)

Concert 7.30 p.m. at Milnthorpe (see posters)

9th Ascension Day

Holy Communion 11 a.m. at Croftside

Deanery Eucharist 7.30 p.m. at Levens

10th Carlisle Cathedral Greater Chapter 10 a.m.

12th Sunday after Ascension Day

Holy Communion 8 a.m. at Heversham

Parish Communion 9.30 a.m. at Heversham

Preacher: Bishop Maurice Sinclair

Parish Communion 11 a.m. at Milnthorpe

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

16th Admission of Church Wardens 7.30 p.m. at Heversham

19th Pentecost

Holy Communion 8 a.m. at Milnthorpe

Family Communion 9.30 a.m. at Heversham

Service of the Word 11 a.m. at Milnthorpe

26th Trinity Sunday

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 Westmorland General Hospital

29th Dedication of the alterations at Heversham 7 p.m.
by the Bishop of Carlisle
followed by a 'Finger Buffet' in the Dallam Chapel (see item)

June

2nd Trinity 1

Holy Communion 8 a.m. at Milnthorpe
Jubilee Praise 10.30 a.m. on Milnthorpe Green
United Sung Evensong 6.30 p.m. at Heversham

9th Trinity 2

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