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My Dear Friends

Are you an anarchist? Am I? Increasingly I am beginning to think that we are all anarchists. An anarchist is one who is against the rule of law. But surely we can't be because we are all law abiding subjects. That is where the difficulty lies. The rule of law of which Kingdom is the issue. Is it the law of the United Kingdom or the law of the Kingdom of God?

Parliaments over the last half century have passed legislation contrary to God's word, and our Queen, who in the Coronation Oath promised to uphold God's law, has been obliged to break that oath and sign various Acts of Parliament which go against God's word. Just a few weeks ago Parliament put another nail in the coffin of the family which has been under attack from liberalisers for some time. Much of the 'politically correct' agenda is a deliberate attack on Biblical standards. It starts with the assumption that man is at the centre and that whatever he thinks is right for him is right. God's absolutes are discarded as ancient rubbish. We ignore God's laws, contradict and distort them and then we ask 'why does a loving God allow this to happen?' When we as a nation, more than aided and abetted by Acts of Parliament, have told God to get out of our national and individual lives we should not be surprised that God, respecting our wishes or instructions, does precisely that.

At one time we were a nation under God and the King and Prime Minister could call the nation to prayer but now such a call is regarded as inappropriate. At one time God answered the nation's prayers and more than once we have seen great deliverances but now we see violence, intimidation, undermining liberalisation and discord rife in the nation. And we wonder why. The answer is simple - we have turned our backs on God and his word and way for our lives and gone after the gods of our own devising.

As a nation we need to repent, Parliament needs to turn to God's law for guidance and we all need to seek God with all our heart. Only then will God forgive and heal our land. Christians must stand up, be counted and proclaim the Jesus way. It has happened before that Christians have been called anarchists. They were but only in regard to the laws passed which contravened God's laws. Perhaps it is time for Christians today to challenge the liberalising and man-centred laws and conventions which are being forced on this nation by those whose agenda is the ultimate anarchy - opposition to God.

God blesses those who follow his way. May he bless us.

Yours sincerely,

St. Thomas Milnthorpe
A re-modelled Family Service

At St. Thomas's we have been looking at the format of our Family Services (I.e. the non-communion services we hold about once each month), and we have decided on some changes.

In future the Family Service will be held on the first Sunday of every month at 11.00 a.m. This will not be a communion service, but a service with plenty of variety which we hope will suit all ages from 0 - 100; not easy, but we are having a go! The main features of the service will be:-

- It will last less than an hour
- There will be hymns, short readings and prayers, and in most cases a short 'event' (probably some music, drama, poetry, etc.), and often a baptism
- The hymns will certainly be mostly ones you can already sing - or if they are new we can learn them together. We shall use mainly the ones that children are familiar with in school assemblies, and that most adults will remember from their younger days.
- There will be coffee and orange juice available after the service, so you can stay a while and chat.

All this is nothing very 'modern', and it is certainly not revolutionary, but we hope it will be a regular and pleasant occasion in which all ages will be brought together in an informal service of worship for all the family.

So if you haven't been to church recently (though many will remember our joint Christmas services and the Christingle services in recent years, which have been packed to the doors), how about joining us on the first Sunday of each month? Bring the kids (nobody minds if they shout a bit, and God certainly doesn't), bring grandma and grandad, bring Auntie Jane who is just visiting. And have a good sing, or just listen to the children having a good sing. And don't forget the coffee afterwards.

Plumtree Retirement Home

A flat is now available for single or double occupancy. For details please phone Elaine Roch on Milnthorpe 63129 or Marian Douthwaite on Milnthorpe 62105

MILNTHORPE & ACKENTHWAITE

OPEN GARDENS

and Allotments
(Haverflatts Lane)
Saturday June 1
Sunday June 2
2 - 5 p.m.

Tickets from St. Thomas Church, Milnthorpe

Adults £2 Children Free

Refreshments

In aid of St. Thomas Church Roof Restoration Fund

MILNTHORPE-WITH-HEVERSHAM MOTHER'S UNION

The service at the May meeting was led by Dr. Dorothy Williams, with a Bible reading given by Mrs. Judy Dyer. Mrs. Hornby read out letters of thanks from Mrs. Jennie Sisson for flowers, and from Mrs. Rena Blight thanking all who helped at the lunch for the Zulu members. The new P.A.L. link branch is St. Luke's, Barrow, and it was proposed to invite them to the October meeting. The speaker, the Rev. Tony Rimmer, stood in at the last minute for Lt. Cdr. Adrian Mack who was unavoidably detained in London. Tony is a retired chaplain to the Mission to Seafarers and was based in Dunkirk for 15 years. Members were most interested to hear of all the work he had done to help seafarers of every nationality. He was thanked by Dr. Williams. The closing service will be held at St. Peter's Church, Heversham, on Wednesday, June 12th.

St. Thomas Clock Chimes

When you are on the Square you will probably have noticed that St. Thomas clock chimes have now been working properly for the last couple of months. The donations we received were enough to pay for the restoration of the striking and chiming mechanism (first installed in 1947, so it hasn't done badly) and also for a night-silencing system. It did take a while to get all the adjustments exactly right; the chiming system is very much 'intermediate technology', and a slight tweak of the cams at the winding drum end of the system can give the chimes a distinctly syncopated rhythm. We hope they now sound as they should.

In the Church Centre at the west end of the church we now have a beautifully calligraphed record of the donations which enabled us to have this work done listing, where appropriate those in whose memory donations were made.

Thanks to all who made this restoration possible.

Books at Heversham Post Office

With the holidays coming up, do call in to pick up some light reading. We have plenty of donations - now all we need is more enthusiastic readers and buyers to swell the impressive funds already collected for the Playground Fund.

Heversham Village Children's Sports Day

This event will take place on Saturday 15th June 2002 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 and their siblings. Contributions to the refreshment table and offers to help with the sports would be much appreciated.

If you need further information please contact Christine Gibson on 015395 62231.



A coffee morning in aid of the
N.S.P.C.C.

will be held at

"The Old House", Ackenthwaite
on Thursday 1st August

10.30 a.m. to 12 noon

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

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Professional Tenor welcomed

St. Thomas Church was the venue for two wonderful concerts welcoming Wynford Evans, one of Britain's foremost tenors who has appeared with all major orchestras and choruses and toured throughout the country. He was invited by choirmaster/organist Glyn Hopkins who originally taught him at Dynevor School, Swansea. At the first concert he appeared with Brian Lancaster - bass, Adrian Self - organ and Arnside Choral Society in a programme of English church music which included Stainer's Crucifixion.

The second concert was in two parts with Glyn accompanying Wynford on the piano. The first half consisted Schumann's Dichterliebe and part two was the musical world of Wynford Evans and included songs from opera, musicals, Gilbert & Sullivan and popular ballads. Proceeds after the deduction of expenses were for the Restoration Fund.

Annual Church Meetings

At the Annual Vestry Meeting churchwardens John Ricketts and John Thorley were re-appointed. The Vicar thanked them for all their meticulous work and help over the past year. At the following Parochial Meeting reports were received from the Chairman the Rev. Canon John Hancock who thanked all the faithful band of helpers who serve the church in so many ways and Glyn Hopkins for the high standard he sets for music and the choir and for organising such wonderful concerts. There are 54 people on the Church Electoral Roll. The Churchwardens thanked the Vicar for all his work. They reported that the Church Roof Appeal had gone well and expressed hope that work on the roof would start soon. Lorna Clark, Richard Hamer and Nancy Flynn were elected to the PCC replacing Margaret Barrow, Glyn and Lillie Hopkins who retired at the end of their 3 years on the PCC.

At the following PCC meeting officers elected were Vice Chairman - John Ricketts, Secretary Jenny Blenkarn (until September), Hon. Treasurer Jim Robson, Hon. Electoral Roll Officer - Mary Davidson.

Jubilee Praise

A special service of Jubilee Praise will be held on Sunday June 2 at 10.30 a.m. on Milnthorpe Green. All welcome.

Gold Bar Presentation Congratulations to Mrs. Isobel Clark on being awarded a gold bar to her original gold badge for all her R.N.L.I. fundraising over the past 34 years. This is the highest award by the R.N.L.I. and was presented to Isobel by Richard Branson at the Barbican, London on May 15th. Mrs. Clark began organising the annual collections in 1968 with 25 boxes raising £59. She now has 75 boxes and 20 at various shops which raised £3,800 last year. Over the years she has also held annual coffee mornings at her home.

Come Bowling Weather was poor for Milnthorpe Bowling Club's first open evening but improved for the second evening on 14 May. As a direct result of these events club membership has increased by nineteen and it is hoped to have a similar event soon. The club welcomes members of all ages including "social" members who may not wish to play bowls but can enjoy watching, the company, fresh air and cups of tea!

To raise funds a "Sweet Shop" quiz is presently being organised, entries 50p each available from Bill Stables and all members (closing date July 26th). A coffee morning will be held on Saturday 15 June 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Donations of cakes, bric-a-brac etc. would be greatly appreciated.

Memorial Hall Management Committee AGM At the Annual meeting public members elected were Joe Benn, Keith Dixon, Isobel Clark, Ronald Wheatman. Officers elected were, Chairman Bill Stables, Vice-Chairman Isobel Clark, Secretary Gordon Wilson. Treasurer Neil Dodds. At the following committee meeting grants requested were approved and donated to The Queen's Jubilee Party Day, Corinthians Football Club, Milnthorpe Cricket Club, The Playground, Milnthorpe Family Centre, Junior Football Club, Evergreen Club, Senior Citizens party, Horticultural Show.

Senior Citizen's Party One hundred Senior Citizens of Milnthorpe enjoyed a delicious meal of ham and turkey salad, trifle, cakes and scones prepared and served by the Milnthorpe Senior Citizens Treat Committee. The Memorial Hall was colourful with flowers and a Union Flag Cake formed the centrepiece. Following the meal guests enjoyed a musical entertainment by Maurice Wilson and Malcolm Heslop of Kendal and Maurice O'Loughlin of Milnthorpe. The oldest lady present was Mrs. Mary Thornburrow (100), the oldest gentlemen Mr. Jim Guy and Mr. Jim Crowe both 93. Each received a large basket of fruit. Each person present was given a free raffle ticket for the ten raffle prizes. A general main raffle was also held.

Golden Jubilee Arrangements are complete for Milnthorpe's Jubilee Party Day on June 3rd. Whatever the weather co-ordinator Mark James and his committee tell us that all plans will go ahead as arranged. We do thank them for all the work involved and look forward to the day. Another celebration will be the release of 650 gas-filled balloons. Tickets are available at Forbouys or on the day itself. The prize will be awarded to the owner of the balloon that travels the furthest.

Family Photos The fund raising committee of Milnthorpe Family Centre have organised a "Portrait Day" on Saturday 15 June, when a professional photographer will take family portraits at the Portakabin (Primary School). Ring Cath Doran for appointments on 62376.

!! CRUMBS !!

RU ready for this??
RU aged 5- 11??
RU around on
Thursday 22nd August??

!! WATCH THIS SPACE !!

WINDOW ON THE WORLD

The next meeting of WOW is to be on

Monday June 10th 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. at Robin and Mary's home, Farnaby Dyke, Levens.

Monday July 1st 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. at Pat Radcliffe's home , Sunny Vale, Heversham.

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

LENT PROJECT 2002 - The Barnabas Fund

The total amount raised including the Gift Aid tax refund was **£730.00**. There is a letter on the notice board from Barnabas expressing their thanks.

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

SAMS North West Area Day Conference

On Saturday May 11th a group of us went to the annual day conference in Bolton. As usual we had a very interesting and informative day listening to the experiences of South American Mission Society members working both in South America itself and in Europe too. We heard Bishop Maurice Sinclair (who preached at the Parish Communion at Heversham the following day) giving us a historical perspective on the work of SAMS from its beginnings in 1838, when it was very much European missionaries going out to evangelise indigenous people, to its present aim to have native S. Americans leading their own churches and indeed sending mission workers to Europe.

We heard from other speakers about projects in which they are involved:-

Felipe Yanez, a Chilean working with young people in Birmingham.

Daniel Zeidan, a Chilean working on a housing project for Pehuenche Indians in Chile.

Mike Dixie, an English student nurse who has taken part in The Latino Experience, a SAMS initiative to give young people in this country an opportunity to visit S. America for 3 weeks in the summer and who hopes to do his Gap year with SAMS. Please contact Rhona Rutter if you would like to know more about SAMS or WOW.

The new Citizens' Advice Bureau's Rural Telephone Helpline

Kendal & District CAP has recently launched a new telephone helpline to serve the rural communities around Kendal.

The aim of the service is to provide a quick and effective advice service for people living in rural communities especially those in Milnthorpe and its surrounding rural communities. If you live in this district, or have a postcode that starts with either LA5 or LA7 you can telephone the helpline on 08451 202 999 on Monday and Thursday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. You can also leave a message at all other times and a CAB adviser will return your call.

Another alternative for people who have access to the Internet is to contact the Rural Advice Service on the Bureau's website at www.cabkendal.ndo.co.uk Kendal CAB has also set up a leaflet point, which can be located by the front door in Milnthorpe Library. The leaflet point holds a series of twenty-four very informative leaflets published by the Community Legal Services covering a variety of different problem areas from Wills & Probate, Personal Injury, Community care.

The Citizens Advice Bureau can advise on a wide range of subjects such as housing, consumer, welfare benefits, debt, family and personal issues as well as many more subjects. The Citizens Advice Bureau is an independent charity. We give free, confidential, impartial advice to everybody who needs it.

Milnthorpe Cemetery Lane

Flooding at the bottom of Cemetery Lane has been a problem apparently since 1906! However in recent years it has become a real nuisance often cutting off access to the cemetery to all pedestrians and some motor vehicles.

As is often the case with old boundaries and buildings ownership of the lane and hence responsibility for its maintenance is unclear. Despite this uncertainty and, as the lawyers say, 'without prejudice' the Parish Council has taken an initiative to investigate and hopefully overcome the problem. Initial indications are that the work done so far has been effective. If this is not so major new drainage work may be necessary.

The proposed new access to Dallam School off the Crooklands road would lead to a new drainage system in that area, comprehensively solving two village problems in one step. Until that time we keep our fingers crossed.

Monday 3rd June 2002
Everyone is invited to a Jubilee Pudding Party
at The Athenaeum, Leasgill, 6 - 9 p.m.

Jacob's Join, so please bring a pudding or cake to add to the buffet.
Cine show of the Queen's Silver Jubilee
Celebrations in Heversham and Leasgill in 1977
Tickets available on the door £1.50 (Children free) including the first glass of wine
Tea and coffee will be provided.
The Beacon on Heversham Head and fireworks will be lit at 9.45 p.m. Please
assemble in the Athenaeum car park by 8.30 p.m. to walk up to the beacon.
Profits will go to the Heversham Children's Playground

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

Deadline for the next magazine As usual the July and August issues of the magazine will be combined. The Parish magazine is collated on the third weekend of the month. Therefore please make sure all entries are with either the Vicar or Mrs. Pickthall by the weekend of 16/17 June. Notices should cover both July & August

Mrs. Pickthall, 1 Woodhouse, Woodhouse, Milnthorpe, LA7 7LY 015395 62097

New Editor

We are still looking for a new editor. Please note that the typing of the magazine is funded by donation so this is a purely administrative position! Given this, we appeal for a volunteer. Please contact the Vicar.

**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

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

4th Holy Communion 10.45 a.m. at Plumtree

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

10th WOW Meeting 7 for 7.30 p.m. at Mary and Robin's home

11th Holy Communion 11 a.m. at Croftside

12th Kendal Deanery Clergy Chapter 9.30 a.m. at W. G. Hospital
Mothers Union Service 2 p.m. at Heversham

15th Marriage Service 12.30 p.m. at Heversham

16th Trinity 3

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

23rd Trinity 4

Holy Communion 8 a.m. at Milnthorpe
Morning Prayer 9 a.m. at Hincaster
Parish Communion 9.30 a.m. at Heversham
Parish Communion 11 a.m. at Milnthorpe

25th Kendal Deanery Synod 7.30 p.m. at Staveley

29th Milnthorpe Church Fair 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

30th Trinity 5

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

July

1st WOW Meeting 7 for 7.30 p.m. at Pat Radcliffe's home

4th Milnthorpe PCC 7.45 p.m.

7th Trinity 6

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

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