

✚ **PARISH NEWS** ✚



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My Dear Friends

The moment we begin to think about God our emotions start getting disturbed. This should not surprise us. How can we expect to meet with God and come off unscathed? The danger for us lies in rejecting what God is wanting to do in our lives. So often the rejection is because of fear and misunderstanding. Let us look at those two reactions.

Fear. We react in fear because, wrongly, we see the new thing God is wanting to do in our lives as threatening what we already know of God, as denying our past experience of God, as rejecting all that has previously been done and as even contradicting a life of service that has helped us. This is not so. God wants to take all that, bless it, revitalise it, renew it and use it to build on just as that experience built on what went before it. In the Bible 'do not be afraid' or very similar occur about 365 times, many of those occasions in the Nativity narrations. God all the way along has had to reassure his people who were frightened at the prospect of the new thing he was about to do. God will not harm us, he only wants to build us up, help us to grow and, most certainly, he does not want us no further forward than this time last year.

Misunderstanding. This comes in two forms: one is deliberate because we want an excuse to stay as we are, the other is the genuine kind. Because of different approaches we have not perceived the underlying truth God wants us to grasp. Factors, human and otherwise, which are different from our previous experience cause us problems. We should not reject something because it is different. We should allow God to reveal himself to us through it.

It is said that so many, including Christian Leaders, get worried when there is talk about the renewing of the Church. All they want is peace which means no change. That peace, which means no growth, is preferred to renewal, growth and a living Church. Growth can upset. A growing Church pushes through the concrete of complacency, the asphalt of apathy and the paving of the past. We cannot beat nature so why do we continue to think we can prevent God from renewing his Church by and through the Holy Spirit? Let us pray that God will renew us, his Church here, and that he will do a 'new thing' in our lives and in our communities.

With every blessing

Yours sincerely,

Christian Aid for Heversham & District

The collection this year, including reclaimable tax, amounted to £1,065. Many thanks to our very willing collectors and to those who gave so generously. Maureen & Gordon Coleclough - Christian Aid Co-ordinators.

St. Thomas Church Flower Rota

Would you like to join the annual flower rota or donate towards church flowers, especially Christmas, Easter and Harvest. Please ring 62244/62575

The Missions to Seafarers

There will be a coffee morning in aid of the Missions to Seafarers on Thursday 19 September in the Athenaeum. Christmas cards and a wide selection of gifts will be on sale. Do put the date in your diary now. Dorothy & Trevor Williams.

William Bindloss Cottage Homes

A vacancy has arisen in a two-bedroom apartment for suitably qualified tenants aged over fifty years. Further details and application forms from Simon Rose, Powell & Sykes Solicitors, 7 Main Street, Milnthorpe. Tel: 015395 62263

The Hincaster Golden Jubilee Bash will be held on Saturday 3 August 2002. Events will include village street party, children's sports, jubilee jelly competition and live evening entertainment. Tickets on sale July 2002.

Flowers for the Jubilee

Over the Jubilee weekend and for the Bishop of Carlisle's visit to dedicate the reordering of the Church, St Peter's was decorated with flowers. Celebrating 'Christ the King'. The church was open with tea and coffee served and activities for children on Friday afternoon and all day Saturday. Many people came to see the flowers and especially the alterations in the church. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet and talk to people, so thank you to all involved.

SPACE St. Peter's Activities and Church Events

Parish walk on the May Bank Holiday Monday was a great success. The weather was lovely and altogether well over 100 people took part in the walk round the boundary's of the Parish led by Roger Bingham, our thanks go to him for such an interesting walk. This was followed by a sausage sizzle at Heversham Hall Farm. it would be great to be able to do something similar another year.

Milnthorpe-with-Heversham M.U.

The closing Communion Service of Milnthorpe-with-Heversham M.U. was held at St. Peter's Church, Heversham, and was conducted by the Rev. Canon John Hancock, assisted by Dorothy Williams. The organist was Judy Dyer. Following the service at Jacob's Join tea was enjoyed. Dorothy Williams spoke about her recent visit to Swanwick; Dorothy Hornby read a letter from Adrian Mack, of Mission to Seafarers, thanking the branch for their recent donation, and also a letter from the new P.A.L. Link branch of St. Luke's, Barrow. The next meeting is on Wednesday September 11 and is the opening Communion Service.

Children's Playground

Milnthorpe's new children's playground was installed on the playing field just in time for the Jubilee weekend. The old wooden equipment had brought much pleasure to many children but sadly had reached the end of its life.

Installing the new playground was a great community effort. Practical help was given by Hanafins, Malcolm Alston our SLDC councillor and Peter, WRM, Ivan Coates and C. S. Motors. Funding was provided by Milnthorpe Memorial Hall Management Committee, the Bachelors Ball, Dallam Golf Society and the Parish Council.

The re-opening of the playground gives the Parish Council an opportunity to remind dog owners to act responsibly and to be aware of the health danger to children and to those using the playing field for sport and recreation.



MILNTHORPE PRIMARY SCHOOL SUMMER BONANZA

Friday 5th July starting 2.30 p.m.

Bouncy CastLE

Tombola, Cake Stall

Children's Stalls

and lots more

Come and join in the fun

All Welcome

Can You Help?

FRIENDS OF CHERNOBYL'S CHILDREN (South Lakes)

Our group are looking for **local families**
to host young children from Belarus during their visit in August this year
for either **2 or 4 weeks,**
boys or girls aged 7 to 11 years.

If your are interested please contact
Colin and Judith Ashford on **015395 62803 or 63292.**
Reg. Charity 1065115

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Jubilee Village Party

What a wonderful all-day Golden Jubilee Village party we enjoyed at Milnthorpe. Flags of all sizes were proudly waving everywhere, with trestle tables and chairs set out on the green and over 1,000 adults and 200 children enjoying the free "feast" between 12 noon and 3 p.m. Some of us began the meal under umbrellas but soon the sun shone and remained for the rest of the day. The various entertainments (too many to mention individually) were enjoyed by all. A giant Union Jack cake 12ft x 15ft, consisting of 380 individual home-made square cakes, colour iced at 2 a.m. that day was cut by Mrs. Rosemary Tryon-Wilson using the sword of her late husband Brigadier C. E. Tryon-Wilson. Co-ordinator of the cake "fusing" was Mrs. Jennifer Bateman. On view at the Church Centre, the cake was later carried to the Green in eight enormous sections; all present then enjoying a slice. A Coronation exhibition was held at the Church Centre. Refreshments were available. Musical entertainment was given during the afternoon by our own Milnthorpe Steel Band. An unexpected TV (Coronation Street) star - Michael Le Vell (Kevin Webster) arrived incognito, but after being recognised kindly gave autographs and allowed photos. THANK YOU to all who helped to make such a memorable day - most especially to Mr. Mark James, organiser and his co-ordinating committee - Well Done.

Competition Winners were

Best Garden - 1. Mr. & Mrs. A. Horn, 2. Miss D. Lester, 3. Mr. & Mrs. W. Unsworth

Best Allotment 1. Ven. P. Dawson, 2. Mrs. M. Faulkner, 3. T. & L. Salkeld

Colouring Key Stage 2 1. Rebecca Hurst, 2. Stephanie Bateman, 3. Evie Sandham

Colouring Key Stage 1 1. Ellie Postlethwaite, 2. Victoria Armstrong, 3. Hannah Ryder

Colouring Foundation 1. Hannah Brown, 2. Amy Denney, 3. Laura Hurst

Portrait of the Queen 1. Ellie Alderson, 2. Thomas Jackson, 3. Sarah Ingham

Best Crown 1. Jordan Metcalfe, 2. Thomas Jackson, 3. Sarah Ingham

Best King 1. Jack Horrocks, 2. Jack Cook, 3. Leon Clemance

Best Queen 1. Abigail Halliwell, 2. Carys Balderstone, 3. Samantha Cherry

Unclaimed free raffle ticket Numbers are 0532: Dale Blacow, The Willows, 0921 Cathleen Room. Ackenthwaite, 1012 Janice Thrower, Flowerden Court Call at Forbouys if you have these tickets.

Jubilee Praise Owing to heavy rain, the United Jubilee Praise Service was held in St. Thomas Church. Rev. Canon John Hancock led the service which commenced with the singing of God Save the Queen, prayers were given by the Ven. Peter Dawson, a reading by Jim Baldwin and the address by the Vicar. Music was provided by St. Peter's Junior Band accompanied on the piano by Mr. Robin Orr.

Open Gardens During the Jubilee weekend a number of gardens and allotments were open for viewing and enjoyed by a good number of people. Proceeds of £180 will go towards the St. Thomas Church Roof Fund.

Roger's New Book On Friday of Jubilee Weekend Roger Bingham launched his latest book "Memories of Milnthorpe for the Jubilee" at a Wine & Cheese Evening held at his home. Profit from the book and evening amounted to £1,500 for St. Thomas Church Roof Fund. Thank You Roger.

Brownie's Celebration

The 1st Milnthorpe Brownies, all dressed as queens, held a Jubilee Party at the Church Centre. Games followed the party tea. The event was organised by leaders Anne Gleadow, Cath Doran, Angela Barrow and Tina Jackson

Christian Aid A house to house collection in Milnthorpe amounted to £960.82. Organiser was Mrs. Margaret Barrow who thanks the twelve collectors and all who donated.
A coffee morning held at the Methodist Church organised by members raised £53 for Christian Aid,.

Family Centre Milnthorpe Family Centre Fundraisers collected £65.64 towards the Family Centre Fund in voluntary donations for the bouncy castle at the Jubilee Village Party. Thanks are extended to all contributors and helpers.

Animal Concern A recent street collection held in the Square amounted to £59.20

Visually Impaired Meeting At the May meeting members welcomed Sonia Mangon, the new Chief Executive of South Lakeland Voluntary Society for the Blind, and Scot Hensley an outreach worker. Various aids for the visually impaired were demonstrated.

Croftside Staff organised a quiz evening which raised £84.50 towards the resident's Amenity Fund.

£206 for Primary PTA

A Prize Bingo Evening held at the Memorial Hall organised by the Primary School PTA raised £206 for funds.

Do Come Bowling As a direct result of two recent open evenings which had widely advertised, membership has increased by 19 to a total of 48. Well done. It is hoped to stage another open evening during the summer. "Social Members" are welcome to join and enjoy watching, companionship and fresh air and cups of tea in the club room (may become a bowler later if desired). At present a "Sweet Shop" quiz is in progress, forms 50p available from Bill Stables Tel: 63215, Barrie Jarrold on 64367 or any member. Last day of entry is July 26th. A coffee morning was held at the Memorial Hall on June 15 and raised £245 for funds.
Finally a beautiful Essex Bench has been donated to the club by the family of Bill Henry in his memory. He was an enthusiastic member.

!! CRUMBS !!

RU ready for this??

RU aged 5- 11??

RU around on Thursday 22nd August??

FUN DAY AT ST. THOMAS' CHURCH CENTRE

Find out more from St. Peter's Church, Heversham and

St. Thomas' Church Milnthorpe

Contact Elizabeth Bennett 015395 64091 or Rhona Rutter 015395 64260

WINDOW ON THE WORLD

The next meetings of WOW are to be on

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

Monday August 5th 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. at the Vicarage and on

Monday September 2nd 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. at the home of Sylvia Read, Parsonage Fold, Beetham

These meetings are open to anyone who is concerned about, and interested in the worldwide church.

Ellel Report

Tribute to Jim Radcliffe

Ellel Ministries expressed gratitude in their prayer letter for Jim Radcliffe's work and support over the past fourteen years; both Jim and Pat worked regularly at Ellel Grange as Associate Counsellors.

Summer Event 19th - 28th July at Lancaster University

We are within easy travelling distance of an event that will attract national interest. Ellel Ministries are hosting a presentation of vital teaching entitled, 'Transformed by the Truth'. Christians are being challenged as never before as to what they believe and why they believe it. Worldwide we have brothers and sisters in Christ who stand firm under persecution because they know the truth and the truth has set them free (John 8 v.32)

Speakers include key teachers from within Ellel Ministries and also George Verwer, (International Co-ordinator of Operation Mobilisation), Johannes Facius, (Prepare the way Ministries), Jim Graham, (Pastor Emeritus, Gold Hill Baptist Church), and Alistair Petrie, (one of the key people responsible for producing the Transformation videos).

Booking leaflets providing further information are in both churches. Please don't delay if you would like to book for a day, a week-end or for everything! Evening events are free and it is not necessary to book for these, but do arrive early to avoid disappointment as only those paying for an 'all-events pass' are guaranteed a seat.

Bibi - Famine Appeal, N. Benin - an update

Bibi sends her thanks for our contribution of £300 sent in April and explains the way the distribution of the grain has been organised

- 15 tonnes of grain was bought with money sent by many churches
- storage space was found in 3 villages covering the area
- those in real need and with no money to buy grain were identified (widows, elderly people)
- those who were short of food but who could pay a small amount for grain were identified (in Benin, if something is given away it tends not to be valued)
- the small amounts of 'profit' from the sale of the grain will be used to buy fertilizer to improve the next harvest
- grain was then distributed discreetly to those in need by trusted local Natemba people.

Thank you again for all your help. It has been a great encouragement to me and of course to my friends in need in Benin. May the Lord bless you richly. Bibi Nedellec.

Hope Now - Bicycle Tour in Ukraine

Many who read this will know the name Tarasenko - Sasha T. was the Governor of Prison 62 in Ukraine (until he became a Christian and, consequently, lost that job), and both he and his elder daughter, Olga, have spoken in St. Peter's. Sasha and his wife, Irene, have started a Cycle Club for the young people of Cherkassy; with funds from HOPE NOW Prayer Partners they have been able to buy 40 bikes, and from 30 July - 6 August this young group will do an evangelistic cycle tour. They will cycle about 40 miles each day. Vic Jackopson will cycle with them, and in every place through which they pass they will share the staggering news of the Christian gospel. It could have quite an impact! Do, please, add the support of your prayers to this venture.

Robin Orr.

Book Review

Several Times a year we hope to include a book review in the newsletter. There are so many good Christian books available that it is often difficult to know how to choose a suitable one and we end up reading none! The books we will select will not be heavy theological tomes, but books to inspire, inform and help us on our Christian journey. Our first certainly falls into this category.

It is written by a Dutch woman, Anneke Companjen wife of Johan, the President of Open Doors International, an organisation whose workers take the Gospel to some of the most difficult and dangerous places in the world. During travels with her husband, Anneke has become more and more aware of the tragic toll persecution takes on families. Christian husbands - many of them pastors and church leaders are abused, imprisoned and sometimes martyred. Their courageous wives are often overlooked and forgotten; these women struggle with separation and uncertainty, are frequently ostracized by their culture, left to care for their children alone and are often subjected to crushing poverty. Their faith is stretched to the limit and yet they are rarely the subjects of prayer campaigns or human rights projects. At a time when women's rights have become a popular cause, their needs are unknown or forgotten.

"Hidden Sorrow, Lasting Joy" is a tribute to such women and tells the stories of twenty-two of them from Asia, through the Middle East to Africa, Latin America and yes, Europe; the latter telling the story of the remarkable women in Chechnya. At one level the book is grim reading as one learns of the immeasurable suffering endured by these families, but shining through that is the inspiration and challenge which lift one's mind and heart, to the unfailing goodness and faithfulness of God and to the joy we can have in serving him.

Hidden Sorrow, Lasting Joy by Anneke Companjen
Hodder & Stoughton £6.99

Sylvia Read can assist in the borrowing or purchasing of this book.

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

- 2nd Holy Communion 10.45 a.m. at Plumtree
- 3rd Archdeaconry Parsonages Board 10 a.m.
- 4th Milnthorpe PCC Meeting 7.45 p.m.
- 7th Sixth Sunday after Trinity**
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 Diocese Renewal Group 10 a.m. at Penrith
- 9th Holy Communion 11 a.m. at Croftside
- 10th Kendal Deanery Clergy Chapter 11 a.m.
- 13th Day of Prayer for the Nation (see posters)
- 14th Seventh Sunday after Trinity**
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 Heversham PCC Meeting 7.15 p.m. in the Church
- 17th St. Peter's Primary School Leavers Service 2.30 p.m.
Speaker: The Bishop of Penrith
- 20th Blessing of Marriage 2 p.m. at Heversham
- 21st Eighth Sunday after Trinity**
Holy Communion 8 a.m. at Milnthorpe
Family Communion 9.30 a.m. at Heversham
Morning Praise 11 a.m. at Milnthorpe
Holy Communion with Holy Baptism 1.45 p.m. at Westmorland Gen. Hosp.
- 24th Opening of Milnthorpe Art Exhibition 7 p.m.
- 25th Exhibition open each day until Sunday 3 p.m.
- 27th Concert of Choir and Organ Music 7.30 p.m. at Heversham
by Carlisle Cathedral Youth Choir and David Gibbs Assistant Organist
donations invited for Milnthorpe Church Roof Appeal
- 28th Ninth Sunday after Trinity**
Holy Communion 8 a.m. at Milnthorpe
Morning Prayer 9 a.m. at Hincaster
United Family Communion 10 a.m. at Heversham
with Carlisle Cathedral Youth Choir and David Gibbs leading the worship

August

- 2nd Marriage Service 2 p.m. at Heversham
- 4th Tenth Sunday after Trinity**
Holy Communion 8 a.m. at Milnthorpe
Family Service 9.30 a.m. at Heversham
Family Service 11 a.m. at Milnthorpe
(No Evensong this month)

- 10th Marriage Service 1 p.m. at Milnthorpe
- 11th Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**
 Holy Communion 8 a.m. at Heversham
 Parish Communion 9.30 a.m. at Heversham
 Parish Communion 11 a.m. at Milnthorpe
 (No Praise & Worship this month)
- 18th Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**
 Holy Communion 8 a.m. at Milnthorpe
 Family Communion 9.30 a.m. at Heversham
 Morning Praise 11 a.m. at Milnthorpe
- 22nd CRUMBS - Children's Fun Day - see posters and leaflets for details
- 25th Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**
 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
- September**
- 1st Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**
 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
- 7th Allotment & Garden Show at Milnthorpe
- 8th Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**
 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