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My Dear Friends

What would you get if you were to throw a grenade into a pile of bricks? Pretty obvious! You'd get a mess. But give these bricks to a master builder and you would get a beautiful, balanced and useful building. The former cannot promote order whereas the latter designs and executes a structure that works, because whereas the builder has a mind the grenade has not.

Is our universe the result of a 'grenade in a pile of bricks' or of a mind applying form, pattern, predictability and balance to material things. In other words did everything just 'happen or is God the author? Just recently an item on TV said the American space probe 'Voyager II' had clocked up over 8,000 million miles since its launch 24 years ago. It hasn't cleared our solar system by any means yet, and to get to the next galaxy to ours it will take 956,000 years, and that is travelling at a speed faster than a bullet. The very fact that space probes can be set to encounter bodies in space years ahead and millions of miles away is surely an indication that a 'mind' has set it all up with incredible precision. Christians know that 'mind' to be God who is the person and who has put on this minute speck of dust, as Earth is in comparison with Creation, people with whom he can have a relationship.

God who has made such a vast creation, is concerned about each and everyone of us so much so that he sent His Son to live within our limits and to bring about the restoration of the relationship which humans had broken. We are the peak of God's creation, created to reflect God's character, be recipients of his love and to speak of and for him in our world. What a privilege it is that God wants us to be his friends and to become members of his family! An earthly monarch could invite us to meet their family but the King of Kings invites us to become members of his family. That happens when we accept Jesus and what he did on the Cross for us by removing the barrier of sin which separates us from God. Then Jesus takes us home and God includes us in his family because Jesus has taken us there.

God is not remote, creating and leaving creation to get on with it. God is involved in his creation now and he wants to be involved in our lives to make them what he created them to be. God has provided the means by sending Jesus to restore the broken relationship and by sending his Holy Spirit to enable us to follow Jesus and grow more like him each day.

We can find out things about God from creation but we can only know him in Jesus. Knowing the person beats the biography every time. But it must be said God's biography (perhaps that should really be autobiography) leads us to know him. All good booksellers stock it.

With every blessing.

Yours sincerely,

Keep Sunday Special

Please see the letters on the notice board in both Churches.

Flookburgh Band

The Flookburgh Band is coming again to give another concert in St. Peter's Church, Heversham. The concert will be on Thursday 19th September at 7.30 p.m. This is another opportunity for many to hear this nationally rated band of musicians who so thrilled us before, and an opportunity for those who missed their last performance here to appreciate the quality of their playing. One thing about which we can be certain is that it will be another memorable occasion. Don't keep it to yourselves, tell others - better still, bring them as well.

At the time of going to press we were not certain of the admission price but that will be on the posters which will be out soon.

Summer Fair

Many thanks to all those who helped to set up the huge bric a brac, ran the raffle, the cake stall, served coffee and made the most delicious hot dogs.

Despite a cool day the sum of £827.00 was raised for the Church Roof.

The repairs to which started in August.

Brenda & Geoffrey Gregory.

N.S.P.C.C.

The Heversham and Milnthorpe Branch of the N.S.P.C.C. would like to thank everyone who supported their recent coffee morning. The excellent sum of £634.00 was raised which will be spent on local projects in Kendal and Barrow.

Special Correspondence

I would like to refer to our vicar's thought provoking letter in the June issue of our Newsletter. With his agreement I forwarded a copy of this together with a letter from me to the Prime Minister and to the two other main party leaders and our local MP the Rt. Hon. Tim Collins. I have received a letter of thanks and acknowledgement from each one. I have forwarded copies of their replies and comments to our Vicar and have the originals for anyone wishing to view them.

Mary Davidson

Meals on Wheels

Please can anyone spare less than an hour, as either driver or helper, to deliver Meals on Wheels locally - just once a month? Ring organiser Ailsa Brookes on 015395 63964.

Heversham St. Peter's Handbell Ringers

The end of the school year proved a very busy and enjoyable time for the Junior Handbell team. As usual, together with the School Recorder Group, we visited both Plumtree Hall and Heversham House to play for the residents. We also rang at the Primary School Leavers' Service in Church and at an evening concert given for our families and friends.

The Junior team has had several changes during the year, Laura and Ben Hamer leaving because of family commitments, to be replaced by Jade and Ashley Porter - who also left when they moved from the area. At present the team members are Joanna Swinbank (11), Douglas Parsons (10), James Hyman (9), Sophie Fishwick (8) and Katie Medcalf (9). However Joanna is now leaving the Team to move on to Secondary School and we wish her every success and much happiness. She has been a valuable member for the last two and half years and we shall greatly miss her, but we look forward to welcoming the new members to the team in September from the waiting list. Mrs. Audrey Wynne also joined our team this year as an additional teacher and we would like to thank her for all her help and support.

This year we have been able to buy a further two bells, providing the two D#s to our existing 21 bells, giving us now 2 chromatic octaves from 11G to 04G with the exception of the G#s. Our very grateful thanks go to all those who so generously gave donations and contributed to the money needed. These 2 bells were dedicated during the Rogation Day Service at Heversham Hall Farm in May when the Senior Handbell Team rang before the Service.

The Senior Team, whose members are Jean and George Handley, Audrey Wynne, Gail Morgan and Eileen Brooks, together with ourselves, continue to enjoy their ringing too.

If anyone is interested in playing handbells please contact a team member. As always, we should like to thank both teams for their loyalty and for the fun they give us.

Doreen Baines and Judy Dyer.

**St. Peters Church Heversham
The Church Tower**

Renovation of the Church Clock

The church clock that serves the Heversham community is in need of renovation. A Fundraising target of £5,500 has been set for the repairs and improvements for the clock, and this will be raised through funding applications and local events. The clock was originally built in 1860 by Jonathan Bailey.

Church Tower Open Day/Gift Day

Saturday 21st September 2 - 5 p.m.

Come and look at the tower, the clock, the bells, the hand bells and the views over the Lake District, The Bay and the Heversham area.

Bell Ringing

Interested in learning how to ring the bells?

Alternate Tuesday evenings 7.30 p.m. onwards, starting 10th September 2002

Contact George Handley for more details:

Telephone: 015395 63571

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Art Exhibition

The 13th Annual Art Exhibition organised by the Milnthorpe Men's Forum held at St. Thomas Church and Centre was again a tremendous success welcoming visitors right up to 3 p.m. closing time on the Sunday. The Exhibition included 395 paintings and displays of 3 dimensional works including ceramics, tiles, glass, wood and sculpture. Refreshments were served on each of the four days. This year the profits are being divided between Croftside Residential Care Home, Heversham Primary School's Junior Library, Joey's pre-school activity group and St. Thomas Church Restoration Fund. We are most fortunate in having this wonderful event and many thanks to members of the Forum.

Horticultural Show

The 61st Annual Horticultural Show organised by Milnthorpe and District Allotment Association will be held at St. Thomas Church and Centre on Saturday 7 September 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. followed by the presentation of awards by Mrs. Rosemary Tryon Wilson. An auction of flowers, vegetables, cakes, wines etc. will be the final highlight of the show which, last year included good humorous bidding and amusing comments! Refreshments are available throughout. For the first time this year there will be an afternoon family entertainment on the Green including a bouncy castle and music played by the Milnthorpe Steel Band. Do come along!

Summer School & Exhibition

This years 11th exhibition was opened by Mrs. Martha Bates, the instigator and founder of this annual event. She was introduced by the School's Centre Manager, Helen Edward and Janet Day the School's co-ordinator, who said that more students than ever had enrolled. This year there were 570 students on 168 courses. Mrs. Bates said that supported by a few people, she drew up a business plan for the first summer school, her guiding vision "being that education does not finish upon leaving school" At that time she had 200 students on 64 courses.

This year the courses ranged from sculpture, T'ai Chi for arthritics, write your own life history to belly dancing. The opening was followed by a professional display of belly dancing.

The Exhibition included various displays of work including some course subjects e.g. digital imaging, Lancaster Canal, oil painting and many others.

Computer Success

Ten students from Milnthorpe I.T. gained their Diploma in Integrated Computer Applications and were presented with their certificates at the Cumbria Credits Awards evening at Castle Green Hotel, Kendal. Successful students were: Tracey Barber; Ivan Beale; Dorothy Bingley; Alison Cross; Elaine Gilfellow; Elizabeth Halldearn; Andrew Jackson; Lynne Maden; Susan Robson and Karen Townley

Primary pupil's achievement

This past year pupils of Milnthorpe Primary School achieved higher than national average in the National Curriculum. Out of 17 tests - 9 pupils achieved level five in science; 8 level five in English; 4 level five in maths; and 4 achieved level five in all three subjects. Congratulations.

Blood Doning

When the Lancaster branch of the National Blood Transfusion Service visited the Community Centre, Dallam School, 157 donors attended - 129 of these gave blood. Valuable local assistance was given by Sylvia Argles (tea), Ailsa Brookes and Mary Davidson (bandaging)

Come Bowling

Milnthorpe Bowling Club (Est. 1888) has had several successful open evenings and as a direct result the total number of new members has risen to 25, making a total membership of 57, approaching some of its highest levels since the 1960's when membership was 61. During the summer, friendly matches have been held, member's evenings, beginner's evenings, Senior's Day, President's Day and 2YGS Day on September 1st. All welcome to attend.

The Sweet quiz organised to raise funds for the club raised £483.50. Over 1000 quiz sheets were sold, 60 were all correct. Winners were: Jean Walker (Giggleswick), Pat Martin (Liverpool) and J. Fell (Kendal). Each winner received a £10 sweet shop voucher.

Evergreen's Outing

Evergreen members enjoyed an outing to Ormskirk Market followed by a visit to Southport for tea. The group is arranging a trip to Blackpool on October 9th leaving at 12.30 p.m. and visiting an Old Time Music Hall to be followed by tea. The home trip will include Blackpool Illuminations. Any non-members are welcome to come. Ring Secretary Florence Fallows on 015395 64496 for details.

Lune Valley Trip

Members of the Visually Impaired Group enjoyed a half-day minibus trip travelling via Kirkby Lonsdale, Hornby and Wray through the Lune Valley. On the way home tea was taken at the Kings Arms Hotel, Hale. Leader Marjorie Rockliffe organised the outing.

WINDOW ON THE WORLD

The next meetings of WOW are to be on

Monday September 2nd 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. at the home of Robin & Mary Orr,
Farnaby Dyke, Levens

Monday October 7th 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. at the home of Ron and Rhona Rutter,
Ellerslie, Heversham

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

Ellel Ministries

As advertised in the last newsletter, the Ellel Conference, "Transformed by the Truth", took place at Lancaster University during the last week of July. The conference was well attended and many who went were greatly blessed by both the worship and the teaching given by the wide variety of speakers. Several from St. Peter's were among these, with ten from the church attending George Verwer's inspiring talk on the Sunday evening. George Verwer is the founder of Operation Mobilisation which he started in the late 1950s to equip Christians to go out and spread the Gospel. Walking on to the platform rolling a huge inflatable globe and wearing his striking jacket printed with a colourful world map, he certainly challenged us that Sunday evening: "God always works within the culture of the day, but Christians have too often shunned that culture." "We must seek God's unity in the midst of diversity and find balance not compromise." "We need to move from self-centredness to God-centredness."

We heard how OM had worked in Afghanistan for 37 years and has 1000 workers in India alone; this work in such far-flung places brings one to the Logos Story and a brief review of this fascinating book.

The Logos Story

In October 1970 after years of prayer, discussion and doubt, OM finally purchased the ship to be known as Logos ('word' in Greek) and to be used for world evangelism. For eighteen years this remarkable ship, with its complement of 144 crew and workers, sailed the world visiting 103 countries and 401 ports. In an easily readable style this book tells the story of those years - of the disappointments and the successes (1.6 million Christian books and 3.5 million educational books were sold alone) and of Logos' dramatic end.

For two weeks I read a chapter a night in bed before drifting off to sleep full of wonder and thanksgiving at the faithfulness of our God and at what He achieves in spite of our inadequacy.

The Logos story by Elaine Ruoton is available to borrow from St. Peter's book stall.

S.A.M.S. News

David Bamford, our link missionary in Chile, S. America as Headmaster of St. Paul's School, Vina del Mar, has decided that his time of Headmastership was complete and so has resigned to take up another post in education outside the S.A.M.S. work. We thank David and Gillian for the link and wish them well for their new venture and I hope some may want to continue praying for them. If so I will keep you posted with information as I receive it.

Our new link is with Terry and Pancha Barratt also in Vina del Mar. [This involves financial support at our present figure of giving to S.A.M.S.] Terry is the son of Archdeacon Tony Barratt and a member of the Los Picaflores musical group who made two L.P. discs and appeared on the Stars on Sunday T.V. programme. Terry has spent most of his life in S. America. He first ministered as a layman in Paraguay and then joined S.A..M.S. in 1970 and was ordained in 1971. He continued his ministry as a church planter-pastor for ten years in Tucuman, Argentina where he developed with his father a programme to train national ministers - S.E.A.N. Later he became the educational director of this programme. S.E.A.N. courses are currently in 100 countries and in 1988 he became International Director of S.E.A..N. and also the Senior pastor of San Pedro, Vina del Mar.

Sadly his first wife Guedy died in 1995 of cancer but a year later he met Pancha, sister of the Rev. Alf Cooper, a missionary in Santiago. They married in July 1996 and they minister together in Vina del Mar. We look forward to getting to know them and their large family.

I have an Easter prayer letter from them for any who would like to receive it.

Chris Bennett. 015395 64091

Heversham Jubilee Committee

People too numerous to mention must be heartily thanked for their generous contribution towards all the events organised during the first weekend in May for Rogation and the Royal Golden Jubilee weekend in early June. The monies raised were as follows:

Roger Bingham's walk and the Sausage Sizzle at Heversham Hall in May £412 towards Church Funds

Fireworks (donated by local individuals and businesses) £250.

Monies raised during and after the bonfire - to the Farmers' Benevolent Fund £58

The Bluebell Hotel, towards the playground - a great total of approximately £800.

Last but not least, the Jacobs Join pudding and wine evening in the Athenaeum before the Bonfire on the Head raised £90 towards the playground.

Many thanks again to the Shepherds, to Susan and Richard Cowie, to Councillor Roger Bingham, Jane and John Cushnie and the Chairman of the Committee, Tony Parker.

George Handley

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

In order to try to avoid errors and misunderstandings we are experimenting with a new format for the Parish Calendar. In future only alterations to the usual pattern of Sunday Services will be entered under the relevant Sunday in bold and underlined.

Parish Calendar

Sunday Services

Holy Communion	8 a.m. 1st & 3rd at Milnthorpe 2nd, 4th & 5th at Heversham
Morning Prayer	9 a.m. 4th at Hincaster
Family Service	9.30 a.m. 1st at Heversham 11.00 a.m. 1st at Milnthorpe
Parish Communion	9.30 a.m. 2nd, 4th and 5th at Heversham 11.00 a.m. 2nd, 4th and 5th at Milnthorpe
Family Communion	9.30 a.m. 3rd at Heversham
Morning Praise	11.00 a.m. 3rd at Milnthorpe
United Sung Evensong	6.30 p.m. 1st alternating - see Calendar
Praise & Worship	6.30 p.m. 2nd at Heversham

Weekday Services

Tuesdays:	Holy Communion 10 a.m. at Heversham Informal Prayer 1 p.m. at Milnthorpe
Saturdays:	Prayer Gathering 7.45 a.m. at Heversham.

September

1st Trinity 14 (1st Sunday)

	United Sung Evensong 6.30 p.m. at Heversham
2nd	WOW Meeting 7 for 7.30 p.m. at Mary & Robin's home
7th	Allotment and Flower Show at Milnthorpe

8th Trinity 15 (2nd Sunday)

11th & 12th	Diocesan Renewal Group at Rydal Hall with Bishop Graham
12th	Milnthorpe PCC 7.45 p.m.
14th	Marriage Service 12.30 p.m. at Milnthorpe

15th Trinity 16 (3rd Sunday)

17th Holy Communion 11 a.m. at Croftside
19th Flookburgh Band 'In Concert' 7.30 p.m. at Heversham

22nd Trinity 17 (4th Sunday)

23rd Heversham St. Peter's School Governors 7.30 p.m.
28th Marriage Service 2 p.m. at Heversham

29th Trinity 18 (5th Sunday)

United Parish Communion 10 a.m. at Milnthorpe

30th Heversham PCC 7.15 p.m.

OCTOBER

1st Holy Communion 10.45 a.m. at Plumtree
5th 'Teach us to Pray' Diocesan Day at Rydal Hall (see posters)

6th Harvest Thanksgiving - Trinity 19 (1st Sunday)

The Family Service at Milnthorpe will be followed by a
Jacob's Join Lunch
United Sung Evensong 6.30 p.m. at Milnthorpe

7th WOW Meeting 7 for 7.30 p.m. at Ron and Rhona's home

13th Trinity 20 (2nd Sunday)