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My Dear Friends

Christmas is coming! You must have noticed. The hype has already started building up to the 25 December after which it all goes flat. What a pity! An excited anticipation is very different because it focuses our attention on the event when the Good News burst out, and we can echo the world of the old hymn 'Thank you God for sending Jesus; thank you Jesus that you care.' That's when celebration starts.

Christmas is an almost unbelievable event. Just think about it for a moment. God is the maker of a creation so vast we don't know its limits and so complex that the greatest minds can only scratch the surface of understanding it. Yet God was so concerned about the people who inhabited a minute speck in his creation. They had turned their backs on God and decided to do things 'their way' and as a result broke the relationship God wanted to have with those whom he had 'made in his image'. Their rebellion against God — sin, to give it its proper name — could not be ignored, overlooked or excused by a holy, righteous God. Sin had to be dealt with before the relationship could be restored.

God decided to become involved in the life of that speck called Earth and we can see his plans being worked out over the centuries in the Bible. These plans were 'leaked' deliberately through those who were faithful to him. We call those 'leaks' prophecies because in them God was showing to those who had 'eyes to see' what he planned to do.

Suddenly those plans became reality — God became human in Jesus. But he did it in such a low key way that not many noticed. Jesus came for all but it is not a blanket coverage. To receive the blessings Jesus holds out to us because of what he won for us on the Cross we have (as St John says in his gospel chapter 1 verse 12) to receive him and believe in his name. We have to come face to face with what our sin cost Jesus on the Cross. We cannot separate the crib from the Cross. If we do we are not celebrating the Birth of Jesus, the Son of God and the Word of God.

To be a child of God we must receive him and believe in his name. We do have a choice because God will not force us against our will. The choice is between being a child of God and inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven and being a creature on a minute speck of matter in the vastness of creation. The crib, because of the Cross, holds out the promise of eternal life through Jesus.

'Thank you God for sending Jesus; thank you Jesus that you came.'

May we have eyes to see beyond the crib.

With every blessing.

Yours sincerely

A Personal Note

Margaret and I would like to thank you for the prayers, support, cards and encouragement with which we have been surrounded during these last weeks. We cannot thank you enough for all you are doing for us. But please keep on praying.



Heversham Children's Village Party

**Saturday 21 December
from 2.30 – 4.30 pm
at the Athenaeum**

For Pre-School and children up to and including School Year 2.

There will be a food list circulated and a charge of £1.00 per child will be made to help towards funding the Party. This will be collected on the day.

Heversham and Milnthorpe NSPCC

The collection held in Milnthorpe in September raised £167.35. We would like to thank all who contributed.

Audrey Wynne

Church Cleaning Rota

As usual, I am appealing for more people to add to the rota. Please ring me on Tel: 63244 if you can help. You would only be on the rota about 6 times a year.

Audrey Wynne

Rosie's Gap Year with YWAM

Thank you to all who so generously supported me, either with a donation or coming to my coffee morning at the end of October. It was astounding how generous you all were and I was very touched. Thank you.

I hope to keep you all informed of my gap year in South Africa. Thank you.

Rosie Robinson

Upgrading your sound system this coming Christmas?

If the system you are replacing is of good quality and you would like to give it to a good home, please consider the young people at St Peter's Church. They would like a CD player or Hi Fi to use in the newly restored old school. If you can help or know someone who might be upgrading, please phone Jane Fell on Tel: 63174.

Heversham Toddler Group

For babies and toddlers aged 0 — 3 years, with their parents/carers, meet every Wednesday morning in term-time 9.30 — 11.00 am.

We will be back in the Old School next to St Peter's Church, Heversham in December. New members are always welcome. Any questions, please phone Jane Cushnie on Tel: 64582.

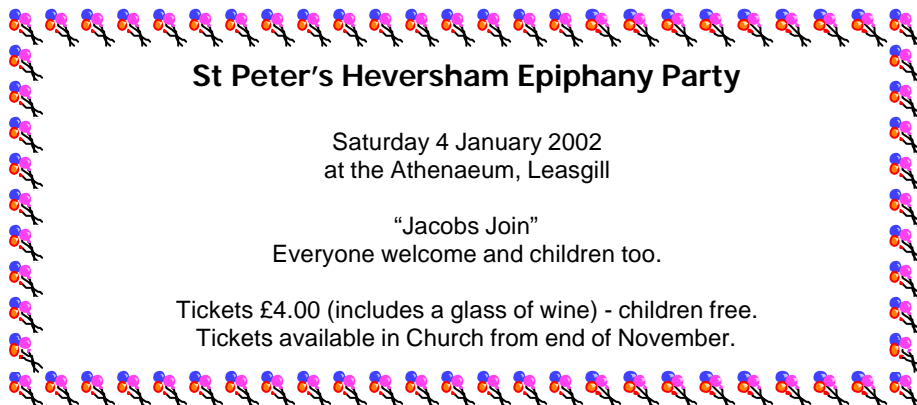
Angel Tree

There are lots of children who ask the question, "Does Christmas mean anything?" They are the children of prisoners.

It is difficult for men and women in prison to send Christmas presents to their children. This is where **Angel Tree** comes to the rescue. **Angel Tree** is run by Prison Fellowship who support prisoners, ex-offenders and their families. The gifts are sent to the children as though they are from the parents themselves. Prison is never mentioned. Many children don't know their mum or dad is in prison; all they know is that their parent is away from home.

Angel Tree gives great joy to children and their mums and dads. And it's a wonderful way of helping to keep families together. Kendal Prison Fellowship is involved again this year in helping to raise money to buy gifts for the children of men in prison in Cumbria and North Lancs. A group will be meeting at Barn Close, Beetham to wrap gifts on Wednesday 4 and Thursday 5 December. They will then be posted or delivered by hand to the children of these prisoners.

If you would like to help in any way, either with donations or in wrapping the gifts, please contact Anne Robinson Tel: 015395 63191.



St Peter's Heversham Epiphany Party

Saturday 4 January 2002
at the Athenaeum, Leasgill

"Jacobs Join"
Everyone welcome and children too.

Tickets £4.00 (includes a glass of wine) - children free.
Tickets available in Church from end of November.

St Thomas Parish News and Events December 2002—by Mary Davidson

RNLI House to House

The 35th Annual House to House collection in aid of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, for Milnthorpe and District, organised by Mrs Isabel Clark, Heronbrack, raised £2864. Along with other events, £3618 is the total amount for 12 months. Collection amounts were:- Burton—£350: Heversham £289: Hincaster and Stainton £102. Home £168: Low Park, Farleton, Nook £157: Levens, Lyth and Underbarrow £248: Beetham and Carr Bank £184: Storth £243: Milnthorpe £1037. Grateful thanks are expressed to all the collectors, and to the people who contributed to this amount.

Our thanks also to Isabel, organiser for all the 35 years!

Remembrance

On Remembrance Sunday afternoon, members of Milnthorpe organisations, including RBL, Parish Council, Fire Service, Brownies, and many parishioners, formed a procession, and led by the Kendal Parish Church Boys Brigade Band marched from the Playing Field to the Village War Memorial, with RBL Standard carried by Sheila Ashburner, and the Union Flag by Ian Mills following a short service with names of the fallen read out, 2 minute silence, the Last Post, and Reveille played by a Boys Brigade member, and wreaths laid by representatives, the procession continued to the Church of Christ the King for an ecumenical Remembrance Sunday Service, led by Ministers of the Roman Catholic, Methodist, and St Thomas Church.

“At the going down of the sun, and in the morning WE WILL REMEMBER them”.

Brownie Holiday

Nine Brownies of the 1st Milnthorpe Pack, enjoyed a weekend Pack holiday at St Mary's Church Centre, Windermere, along with their Guiders Sue Jackson, Cath Doran and Anne Gleadon. Weekend activities were organised by Guider Tina Jackson, with assistance from other Guiders, based on a Harry Potter theme.

Milnthorpe Christmas Post

The Christmas Post Box will be waiting for your local post at Forboys from Friday 29 November, with last posting 20 December. The postal charge is 15 pence, Milnthorpe Family Centre fund raisers are sorting and delivering the mail, with proceeds going towards new equipment for Joey's Daycare, and the After School Club at Milnthorpe Primary School.

Cross Bay Walk

Members of Milnthorpe Family Centre Fundraisers, together with friends and family completed a Sponsored Cross Bay Walk on Sunday 15 September 2002. Over £500 was raised for the Family Centre which offers daycare for 2 to 4 year olds at Joeys and childcare at the After School Club for 5 to 11 year olds. Contact Tel: 015395 64090 for details.

Christmas Fair

A Christmas Fair, held at St Thomas Church Centre, on Saturday 30 November from 10 —12 noon, organised by the Family Centre Fundraisers, will include stalls of cakes, gifts, crafts, raffle, face painting, and others. Admission 25p. Father Christmas will be there, and a Christmas Activity Table for children to visit.

Visually Impaired Group

Guest speaker at the November meeting of the Visually Impaired Group was Mrs Martha Bates, local historian. She described her recent holiday with members of the Archaeological Society, in the Isle of Man, where many interesting Archaeological sites were visited in good weather. Leader, Marjorie Rockcliffe expressed thanks; and also welcomed 2 new members from Storth.

Mens' Forum Relax

Milnthorpe Mens' Forum members have had a more relaxing time recently. They were invited by Mr and Mrs Hassall to their home, Bleaze Hall, Old Hutton, where they were entertained to the Annual Games night. Competitions of darts, dominoes, and snooker were played, and a hot pot supper enjoyed by all. On another occasion, members were given a fascinating talk with slides by Steve Doyle (our very own Postmaster) on his visit to China.

Welcome to Triplets!

Congratulations to Janet and Jamie Walshaw of Summerville Road, on the birth of their triplet daughters, Bethany, Lauren and Katie, not forgetting big sister, 7 year old Gemma!

Allotment Association's Thanks

At the Annual meeting of Milnthorpe and District Allotment Association, Chairlady Lesley Salkeld stated that the Annual Horticultural show had been a great success. Special thanks and appreciation are expressed to the Vicar and St Thomas' Parochial Church Concert for allowing the Church and Centre to be used at such a lovely venue. The Allotment Association have donated £250 towards St Thomas' Roof Renovation Fund. Mrs Salkeld thanked all who helped, sponsored and donated: also Milnthorpe Primary School for organising the many entries of handwriting and other. Also new Secretary, Kath Craig for past year's work.

Allotment Association Thanks cont...

The Open Garden Jubilee weekend had been a success with the visitors to the Allotments. There are one of 2 allotments vacant at present—one plot £15.00: half plot £9.40 hen pen—£18.00.

Election of Officers: President — Mrs Rosemary Tryon-Wilson; Chairlady — Mrs Lesley Salkeld; Vice Chairman—Mr Bill Stables; Secretary — Mrs Kath Craig; Treasurer — Mrs Gill Harkin; Joint Treasurer — Barrie Jarrod.

Tribute was paid to Jack Gott, hard working Committee member for the past 33 years, and expert grower/shower of dahlias — who has retired from the Committee.

Last But By No Means Least!

Thank you, Glyn — Choirmaster and Organist of St Thomas Church for the past 12 Years— "IF MUSIC BE THE FOOD OF LOVE — PLAY ON —" (Shakespeare —? Hamlet).

Brownies Pack Holiday

Nine Brownies stayed at St Mary's Church Centre from Friday, 18 October to Sunday, 20 October 2002. The weekend activities were organised by Guider Tina Jackson, based upon a Harry Potter theme. Tina was helped by Guiders, Sue Jackson, Cath Doran and Anne Gleadow.

November Meeting Mothers Union

At the November meeting of Milnthorpe-with-Heversham Mothers' Union, the Service was led by Judy Dyer, with a Remembrance poem of Dunkirk, read by Gwen Tuer. The programme for 2003 was read out by Secretary, Dorothy Hornby: Mothers' Union Overseas boxes were collected.

The Christmas lunch is on Wednesday, 4 December at the Flippin Fluke restaurant, Sandside, 12 noon for 12.30 pm: with transport available 11.45 am in the Square. A Mothers' Union stall will be held at the Friday Coffee morning 6 December—all gifts of cakes etc will be welcomed. The December Christmas meeting with carols, will be on Wednesday 11 December.

Dennis Cooke, Fire Safety Officer for Cumbria, and member of Cumbria Fire Service for the past 28 years was introduced, and spoke in detail of fire and home safety, with emphasis on electrical equipment, and the necessity for smoke alarms — these can be provided and installed free, by the Fire Service, who would also detail a "plan escape" at the home of any interested persons. He was thanked by Gwen for such important information.



ST THOMAS CHURCH
MILNTHORPE
VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE
SUNDAY, 22 DECEMBER
6.30 PM

A CANDLE LIT SERVICE
WITH A WARM WELCOME TO ALL

Come and join us for readings, carols, mince pies and
mulled wine

And for the children
CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
4.30 pm CHRISTMAS EVE

WINDOW OF THE WORLD

The next meetings of WOW are:

Monday, 2nd December at 7.00 pm	Chris and Elizabeth Bennett, Bridge House, Woodhouse
Monday, 6 January at 7.00 pm	Robin and Mary Orr, Farnaby Dyke, Levens
Monday 3 February at 7.00 pm	Pat Radcliffe, Sunny Vale Heversham.

Please come along and support the worldwide church.

HOPE NOW — visit of Colin and Deanna Garnett

We were very pleased recently to welcome Colin Garnett and his wife, Deanna into our midst. Colin, who has been working in drug rehabilitation in Capetown, gave the address at the Family Communion in October.

His personal testimony bears witness to the reality of God's power to transform lives: Colin was, for many years, a heroin addict who turned to crime to finance his addiction. It was while he was in prison that he responded to the gospel and received Jesus as Saviour and Lord, being instantly healed from his addiction.

Supported by Hope Now Ministries, Colin went on to gain a BA in Applied Theology and was ordained.

During the week that he was with us, he spent an evening with the Salt Group (teenagers) and another with a House Group. It is unlikely that anyone who met and heard Colin will forget him! We were hugely blessed by his and Deanna's visit.

NISCU

Both our 2 Schools workers report a good response from the schools they have been visiting at present. They have both been taking part in numerous School assemblies and Libby tells us recently of a whole school assembly at Settlebeck Sedbergh where she was able to talk about Halloween and how, what often seems attractive, is not always good for us — chocolate, smoking, too much alcohol, drugs and witchcraft; and how what often seems unattractive is usually good for us — vitamin tablets, fruit and veg, school and Christianity; with a testimony at the end. The Lakes School Group were talking to her about the book of Revelation. Libby has also taken the service on Sunday evening at St Anne's, which has given her opportunity to chat with many of the School. On Line was a special occasion at Parr Street, with over a hundred present and

many questions were asked afterwards. Please pray that God will lead them into His truth.

Matt has been at Kirkbie Kendal leading the assemblies during the week of 11 — 5 November on the theme of 'What's your value?' He especially asks prayer for numbers and leadership at the Arnside Youth Group. The reunion of the Summer camp over the weekend of 1 — 3 November was very helpful for the 50 or so that attended. There are 4 possible primary school workers being interviewed on 17 November. We warmly welcome any who would like to pray for the work to the Methodist Church at Milnthorpe on 6 December at 12 noon for about 20 minutes prayer, followed by lunch.

Christ Bennett Tel: 015395 64091.

Age Concern

Appeals for volunteers at Croftside to help either fortnightly or monthly. (Wednesday 9.45 — 3.00 pm) Elderly people meet to play games, chat and socialise. Please phone Sarah on Tel: 01539 728118.

News from Milnthorpe Family Centre at Milnthorpe Primary School

The new IT Unit and Computer Suite

This suite is now open and already offering new courses and Taster Days. Call Tel: 015395 62344 or email: ccdadmin.milnthorpe@cumb.org.uk

Milnthorpe Out of School Club

Offers:	1	A Breakfast Club	8.00 pm — 9.00 am
	2	An After School Club	3.15 pm — 6.00 pm
	3	A Holiday Club	8.00 am — 6.00 pm

Please further details call Tel: 015395 62344 or 07811 601836.

JOEYS Childcare

Offers:	1	Childcare for 2-5 year olds, Monday — Friday 8.00 am — 6.00 pm. (you choose your own times to suit your needs)
	2	Parent, Carer and Toddler Group meet 3 times a week
	3	Pre-school sessions — 6 times a week
	4	"Fun for 2 year olds" - once a week.

For further details ring Tel: 015395 64090.



CHRISTMAS NOTICES

Mothers Union Coffee Morning

The usual convivial coffee morning at

St Thomas' Church Centre on

Friday 6 December from 10.00 — 11.30 am

Run on this occasion by members of the Mothers Union. Attractions include cake/bring-and-buy stall

Auntie Brenda's Annual Christmas Bric-a-brac Stall

Friday 13 December from 10.00 — 11.30 am

This special event features a variety of almost new — many in fact totally unused — gift suggestions for everyone. The morning will also feature the monthly Tradecraft stall.

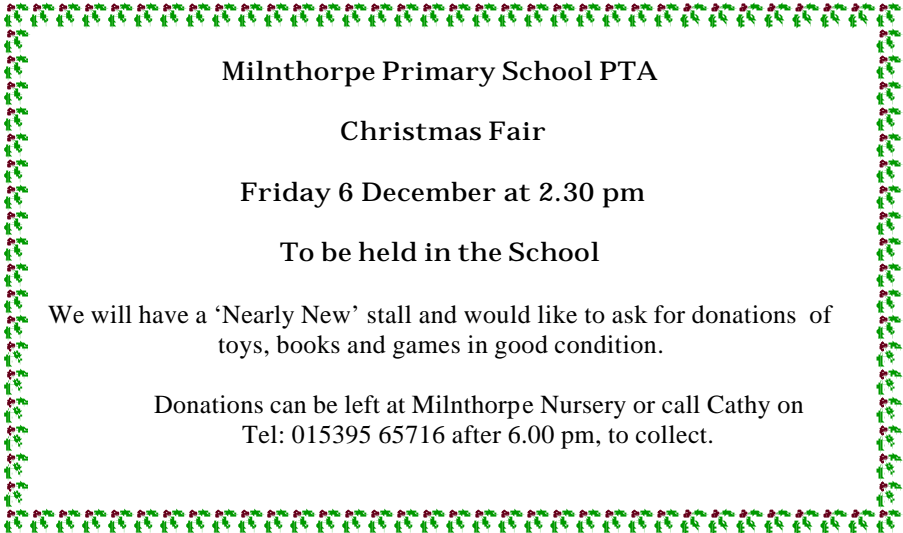
Auntie Brenda has asked me to point out that although our Church roof is nearing completion, fund raising will continue unabated. The Church has several more projects — hopefully not quite as expensive — in urgent need of attention. The stall, thanks largely to the work and energy of Freda Slattery, will continue with your very welcome and generous support.

Milnthorpe Christmas on the Green

On Friday 13 December 2002 from 6.00 pm onwards, there will be festive entertainment on the Green provided by the Arnside Community Singers, Milnthorpe Steel Band, Beetham Handbell Ringers, Astral Circus and Rigney Ballet School.

Free mince pies and mulled wine, Father Christmas and a Lantern Procession from the Methodist Church to the Green starting at 5.45 pm.

Everyone welcome — please note all entertainment is weather permitting.



Milnthorpe Primary School PTA

Christmas Fair

Friday 6 December at 2.30 pm

To be held in the School

We will have a 'Nearly New' stall and would like to ask for donations of toys, books and games in good condition.

Donations can be left at Milnthorpe Nursery or call Cathy on
Tel: 015395 65716 after 6.00 pm, to collect.

Milnthorpe Residents Association

Your District Councillor Malcolm Alston and County Councillor Ian Stewart invite you to the next meeting of the Milnthorpe Residents Association to be held at 7.30 pm — 9.00 pm on Thursday 5 December 2002 at Cross Keys, Milnthorpe. Also present Mr S Holdup, Headmaster Dallam School. Contact Mrs Barnes on Tel: 64272.

Note from the Editor

As Church resources are under pressure currently, Mrs Pickthall will be continuing with the editorship for the time being. Please therefore send all notices for February to her at 1 Woodhouse, Woodhouse, Milnthorpe, Cumbria LA7 7LY
Tel: 015395 62097 (Fax: 015395 64692, email: Drusilla@gabbott.demon.co.uk).
Closing date is as usual, the third Sunday in the month (19 Jan).

Thank you

A big thank you for all her efforts to Jenny Blenkarn who 'retired' from typing the magazine a couple of months ago, and welcome to Margaret Cockayne who has taken it over.

Unique Opportunity

Two Church Pews for sale. Excellent Value at £100 and £50 each.
Church pews are suitable for any style interior and regularly featured in decorator magazines. For viewing, please phone George Handley Tel: 63571.

Parish Calendar

Regular Weekday Services

Tuesdays	Holy Communion	10.00 am at Heversham
	Informal Prayer Gathering	1.00 pm at Milnthorpe
Saturdays	Informal Prayer Gathering	7.45 am at Heversham

For Bell Ringing information call J Thorley 62076

DECEMBER

<u>1st Advent 1</u>	<u>Holy Communion</u> <u>United Family Communion</u> followed by Jacob's Join Lunch	<u>8 am at Heversham</u> <u>10.30 am at Milnthorpe</u>
2	United Sung Evensong WOW Meeting	6.30 pm at Milnthorpe 7 for 7.30 at Chris and Elizabeth's home
3	Holy Communion	10.45 am at Plumtree <u>and</u> Heversham House
5	Milnthorpe PCC	7.45 pm
<u>8th Advent 2</u>	Holy Communion Parish Communion Parish Communion Parish and Worship	8.00 am at Heversham 9.30 at Heversham 11.00 am at Milnthorpe 6.30 pm at Heversham
10	Holy Communion	11.00 am at Croftfields
<u>15th Advent 3</u>	Holy Communion Family Communion Family Communion	8.00 am at Milnthorpe 9.30 am at Heversham 11.00 am at Milnthorpe
16	Dallam School Carol Service	7.30 pm at Heversham
18	Carol Service	2.30 pm at St Peter's Primary School
<u>22nd Advent 4</u>	Holy Communion Hincaster Carol Service 9.00 am Parish Communion Parish Communion Milnthorpe Community Carol Service Preacher: the Revd Bill Seville	8.00 am at Heversham 9.30 am at Heversham 11.00 am at Milnthorpe 6.30 pm
<u>24th Christmas Eve</u>	Christingle Service Heversham Village Carol Service Family Communion	4.00 pm at Milnthorpe 6.30 pm 11.30 am at Heversham
<u>25th Christmas Day</u>	Holy Communion Family Communion Family Communion	8.00 am at Milnthorpe 9.30 am at Heversham 11.00 am at Milnthorpe
<u>29th Christmas 1</u>	<u>Holy Communion</u> <u>United Family Communion</u>	<u>8.00 am at Milnthorpe</u> <u>10.00 am at Heversham</u>

JANUARY 2003

<u>5th Christmas 2</u>	Holy Communion Family Service Family Communion Holy Communion United Sung Evensong	8.00 am at Milnthorpe 9.30 am at Heversham 11.00 am at Milnthorpe 1.45 pm at Westmorland General Hospital 6.30 pm at Heversham
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<u>6th The Epiphany</u>	WOW Meeting	7.00 for 7.30 pm
7th	Holy Communion	10.45 am at Plumtree <u>and</u> Heversham House
<u>12th Epiphany 1</u>	Holy Communion	8.00 am at Heversham
	Parish Communion	9.30 am at Heversham
	Parish Communion	11.00 am at Milnthorpe
	Praise and Worship	6.30 pm at Heversham
13th	Heversham PCC	7.15 pm
15th	Milnthorpe PCC	7.45 pm
<u>19th Epiphany 2</u>	Holy Communion	9.00 am at Milnthorpe
	Family Communion	9.30 am at Heversham
	Parish Communion	11.00 am at Milnthorpe
20th	Heversham St Peter's School Governors	7.30 pm
<u>26th Epiphany 3</u>	Holy Communion	8.00 am at Heversham
	Morning Prayer	9.00 am at Hincaster
	Parish Communion	9.30 am at Heversham
	Parish Communion	11.00 am at Milnthorpe
FEBRUARY		
<u>2nd 5th before Lent</u>	Holy Communion	8.00 am at Milnthorpe
	Family Service	9.30 am at Heversham
	Family Communion	11.00 am at Milnthorpe
	United Sung Evensong	6.30 pm at Milnthorpe