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My Dear Friends

This month contains the most exciting week of the year. There is far more activity than during any other week. In the historical records it takes up 37% of the space whereas the 3 years leading up to it take 60%. The remaining 3% is occupied by events surrounding a birth and the conclusion.

The week I speak of is the one we call Holy Week. Just look at the Parish Calendar and you will see what I mean. For that proportion of space (in the Gospels) to be given to such a short period must surely mean that it is a very significant time and therefore it has more than a passing significance for us. That period has a priority which demands our attention. At Christmas it is early to celebrate and so easy to leave the baby in the manger but the acclaimed King (Paul Sunday), the Prophet of Nazareth, the Son of God on the Cross is a very different matter. Jesus was on that Cross for you and for me — our sin demands that we shall be the ones to pay the price but Jesus 'picked up the bill' and paid it for us because we could not. Now, if we receive Jesus, believe in him, follow him and accept that he did for us, we have a receipted bill stamped 'paid with love'.

The Cross is where sin met more than its match, where it was utterly defeated and where sin can be taken to be dealt with. The Cross is where we all have to take our sin, confess it and leave it. Pride has no place. That, too, must be left at the Cross because it will try to make us think we can earn our forgiveness and in some way pay for it ourselves. The price has been paid and we can all enter newness of life, freed from darkness, released into light and raised to new life.

For Jesus there has no resurrection and glory without the suffering of the Cross. Neither can we enjoy the new life Jesus has an offer for us unless we approach it through the Cross and face up to what it cost Jesus and what it has achieved for each one of us.

May we all be open to the message of the Cross so we can say 'Alleluia, He is risen' with all that it can mean for us.

Yours sincerely

ALTAR FLOWERS — ST PETERS

I am appealing for volunteers to do the altar flowers. We used to have a regular band of ladies who kept the altar vase beautiful all year round. For the past 2 years there have only been 6 ladies spread throughout the year. This has left several large gaps, which have been covered with the money in the flower fund. Now, however, there is very little money left. Please contact me if you can help in any way, with donations, or arranging flowers. It is a lovely way to remember a loved one.

Pat Radcliffe



Heversham St Peter's Primary School

Easter Fair

Friday 4 April 6.00 — 7.30 pm
All Welcome

Heversham Post Office Easter Charity Toys

In addition to the books for sale in aid of the playground appeal the post office has special Easter soft toys for sale in aid of St John's Hospital. Do call in.

Support the London Marathon Run for Heversham Playground

Stephen Pickthall is bravely running the London Marathon this year in aid of Heversham Playground. The Committee would like to add to the Play Equipment.

Sponsorship Forms at Heversham Post Office or call the Pickthalls on 015395 62097

Village Coffee Time @ the Old School

An Invitation to call in to The Old School,
next to St Peter's Church, Heversham

On Tuesday 15 April 2003
Any time between 9.30 am — 11.45 am
For Coffee and Hot Cross Buns

Tradecraft Stall

All Welcome

*Proceeds from Refreshments will go towards the renovations at
The Old School*

This event is run by The Coffee Time Team

Coffee Time @ The Old School will take place the 3rd Tuesday every month.

WINDOW ON THE WORLD

The next meetings of WOW are on:

Monday, 7 April at 7.00 for 7.30 pm at Pat Radcliffe's home, Sunny Vale, Heversham.

Monday 12 May at 7.00 for 7.30 pm at Sylvia Read's home, Honeysuckle Cottage, Beetham.

Please come along and find out more about the worldwide church.

Lent Project 2003 — The **ILITHA** Project

This year's Lent Project is in support of **ILITHA** — meaning "light" - a project based in a one roomed shack in **Cape Town, South Africa**, where many children come to play and learn in safety in one of the township "settlements", an area of great poverty, unemployment, crime, disease, hunger and hopelessness.

We hope to help by providing the means to buy books, materials, furniture, food and clothing and perhaps to help build a bigger building with proper kitchen and toilet facilities for these children.

Thank you if you have already taken an envelope — more are available in both churches if you haven't taken one. Please find out more by reading the information on the **noticeboards** in both churches and support this year's Project by your prayer and your giving. Thank you in anticipation of your generous support. *Please return envelopes by Easter Sunday, 20 April.*

SAMS — South American Mission Society

On **Saturday 10 May**, the annual **NW Area Day Conference** takes place at St Peter's School, Bolton, 10.30 am — 4.30 pm. This is always an encouraging and informative day with several SAMS personnel speaking about their work in South America. Please contact Rhona Rutter if you are interested in going.

A Family Visit!

Just before setting out on a holiday of a lifetime to New Zealand, someone at St Peter's asked us if we were visiting family. The answer was 'No', although we did have some old friends, but on reflection we realized that as we hoped to join in worship with congregations wherever we were the answer should be 'Yes', Christian brothers and sisters part of God's family.' With that in mind Paul Grout very kindly gave us some cards of a picture he had drawn on St Peter's so we could send greeting from here.

WINDOW ON THE WORLD cont...

Our first Sunday was in Singapore where we joined in the final service of the day about the fifteenth! Services in many languages and styles, the one we went to was very lively, with a Malaysian speaking on what we at first thought was Liturgy but then realised he meant 'Lethargy! In the church,' a timely reminder for us all. One of the B & B's in which we stayed was run by people who had been missionaries in Papua New Guinea, it was good to share with them. Then in Wanganui with our friends, who was an assistant Pastor we worshipped at both churches in their parish, in the morning a group of young people telling us about their experience on a Youth with a Mission team in India and Fiji during the Christmas holidays. In the evening a packed ecumenical service with a visiting worship leader.

We visited a Cathedral, where a stained glass window really spoke to me and Chris met and shared with a Korean Pastor and his family. We stayed with the director of CMS in NZ and learnt more of their vision and outreach. We visited 2 other Anglican Churches on Sundays one in Greymouth, which had fantastic work with children and young people and another St Peter's in Queenstown all of which made us very welcome. Finally, our last Sunday on a Pacific Island, Rarotonga we joined with an Assemblies of God service, which was delightful we were welcomed as part of the family, even being given garlands of flowers for our heads!

Wherever we travel in the World we have brothers and sisters, it is such a joy and privilege to meet with a few and enjoy friendship and to be enriched in our faith through them.

Chris and Elizabeth Bennett

News From Rosie Robinson in South Africa

Hi everyone! Thank you so much for supporting me in this venture. I am now about half way through my time with Ywam and have completed DTS (Discipleship Training) course. The people on the DTS have been divided into about 4 groups of 10, and are off to different locations and on 23 March our team is going to Natal for 6 weeks. We spent quite a bit of time praying about our outreach locations, other groups are going to Thailand and Madagascar. We then return to Capetown briefly before setting off again for Swaziland. The outreach could be anything from street evangelism, church ministry, youth groups to manual labour, intercession and lots more! My group is an international mix with young people from USA, Nigeria, South Korea, Zimbabwe, South Africa and two of us from UK.

I am enjoying it very much. The sun is always shining and the beach is nearby, surfing is good fun!! The Ywam base is very big and has a pool and garden. Thank you so much for helping me to be able to fund this trip. It has been exciting seeing the different things God is doing in peoples' lives here, and I include myself in that! I look forward to seeing you some time in the summer.

Love and blessings to you all.

Rosie

ST THOMAS PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS — APRIL 2003

by Mary Davidson

Women's World Day of Prayer

The Annual Interdenominational Women's World Day of Prayer, was held this year, at St Thomas Church, with representatives of the four Churches taking part in the Service. Leader was Carolyn Gaskin with Organiser Dorothy Williams as speaker, Joy Bell, pianist, and those taking part with prayers, and "voices" were: Margaret Cross, Maureen Lee, Pat Radcliffe, Mary Newell, Brenda Gregory, Gwen Tuer and Dorothy Hornby.

The theme "Holy Spirit, fill us", was prepared by the Christian Women of Lebanon, an ancient Bible land, where there is freedom of religion, Christianity being 32% and people are proud of its long Christian tradition.

Poppy Appeal

The 2002 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal Collection for Milnthorpe and surrounding districts amounted to £2,315. Thanks are expressed to all who organised, collected, and donated.

Outing and Talk for the Visually Impaired

Members of the Visually Impaired Group travelled by mini-bus to the Resources Centre, at Stricklandgate House, Kendal, where they were able to investigate all the available equipment for the visually impaired. Coffee was served to all, prior to leaving. At the March meeting, members met at Hartland House, and heard a talk "story of my childhood", by Margaret Rogers of Kendal, who was brought up on an isolated West Cumbrian farm. She told of making the 3½ miles to school, her work on the farm and of the hard life of that period.

Annual Meeting Wildlife

The Annual meeting of the Kent Estuary Group of Cumbrian Wildlife was held at the Community Centre. Officers elected were:-
Chairman — Sidney Clare: Secretary — Sylvia Argles: Treasurer — Martin Argles: Committee — Dennis Jackson, Ann Dale, Jill Smith, Marilyn Barnes.
Guest speaker was David Muir, based at Plumgarth with Wildlife Trust, his subject "Cumbria's Wealth of Wildlife".

At the March meeting, guest speaker was Bill Kenmir, who gave an illustrated talk on "English Ospreys". Meetings of the group are held monthly at the Community Centre.

For information, ring the secretary on 015395 63323.

Market Recommences

The weekly Friday WI Market has recommenced. Held at Milnthorpe Memorial Hall 10.00 am — 11.15 am new producers would be welcomed, especially those with baking — just call in, or ring Phyllis Jackson on 01524 76158 — (You need not be a W I member).

Annual Meeting Men's Forum

The 14th Annual Meeting of Milnthorpe Men's Forum, held at the Cross Keys Hotel, was attended by 23 members, welcomed by Chairman Tom Greenwood, who thanked all for their work, throughout a successful past year. The Forum's Annual Art Exhibition held at St Thomas Church, raised and donated £6,700 to local charities. The Exhibition will be held this year from 24-27 July at St Thomas Church. Officers elected at the meeting were:

Chairman — Tony Liddle

Secretary — Geoff Gregory who may be contacted on 015395 64082.

Important Meeting Residents Association

At a meeting of Milnthorpe Residents Association, Chairman Malcolm Alston welcomed many parishioners, also Richard Greenwood, Head of Economy and Development SLDC, Iain Stewart CC, Two Parish Council members, and a Police representative. Mr Greenwood gave a detailed account of the proposal development at Junction 36 of M6, which could eventually become the "South Lakeland Gateway". But, he said, these are early days, and it is only a concept as yet, and would involve having various permanent sites, such as limelight on farming, Auction Mart, Visitors Centre etc. Residents voted overwhelmingly for a motion expressing reservation and concern.

Tim Pomfrett, representing Cumbria Association Clubs for young people in villages (part funded by the CG) spoke of the worthwhile work involved. The aim of the Association is to constitutionally set up clubs, starting with a Public Meeting. All "Activity Day" towards this was provisionally arranged for 14 April, being open to young people and others TO HAVE THEIR SAY!! Among other items discussed were: blockage of drains, parking problems, speeding of cars on certain roads, kerbs on the Square.

Date of next meeting is 6 May at 7.30 pm at the Cross Keys.

Mary Davidson

Milnthorpe-with-Heversham Mothers' Union

The theme for the March meeting of Milnthorpe-with-Heversham MU was "Healing", and the service was led by Dorothy Williams, with Bible readings by Dorothy Hornby. The Wave of Prayer service and the Women's World Day of Prayer had been well attended. Gwen Tuer presented Gladys Ashworth with a gardening token in appreciation of her 11 years as Treasurer; the new Treasurer is Audrey Wyne. Names were taken for the Lady Day Eucharist service at Natland on 25 March. One of the members, Mary Davidson, gave an interesting account of her time as a nurse; starting as a teenager in Lancaster nursing patients with infectious diseases, going on to general nursing at Oldham, then doing midwifery and ending up as Deputy Matron. She was thanked by Gwen Tuer.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, 9 April, when Canon Ellis will speak and show slides on "A Christian Approach to Islam".

**Heversham and Beetham
OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND
Saturday 28 June AND Sunday 29
June**

Please contact Anne Robinson to
offer plants or cakes for sale.
Tel: 015395 63191

**ARTHRITIS RESEARCH
CAMPAIGN COFFEE MORNING
GASKELL HALL, SILVERDALE**

Saturday 5 April 10.00 am to 12 noon.

*Cakes, plants, tombola and many more
stalls*

Friends and supporters, you are invited!

MOBILE LIBRARY VEHICLE

The arrival of the Mobile Library is a popular event in many of our communities bringing a welcome facility to those who are unable to get out to one of the branch libraries. Recently this rather large vehicle has experienced problems getting through on some of the minor roads in the Milnthorpe and Holme areas because of overhanging trees and hedges. To overcome this problem the County Council is asking for the help of communities served by the library van — therefore can we give a gentle reminder that hedges and trees overhanging from adjacent land are the landowners responsibility.

From Milnthorpe Parish Council

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

APRIL

<u>6th Lent 5 —</u>	Holy Communion	8.00 am at Milnthorpe
<u>Passion Sunday</u>	Parish Communion with Holy Baptism	9.30 am at Heversham
	Parish Communion	11.00 am at Milnthorpe
	United Sung Evensong	6.30 pm at Milnthorpe
8th	Holy Communion and also —	10.45 am at Plumtree at Heversham House
9th	Kendal Deanery Clergy Chapter	10.00 am at New Hutton
	Archdeaconry Parsonages Board	10.30 am at Dalton
	Milnthorpe PCC, Annual Vestry and Church Meetings	7.30 pm
10th	Holy Communion	11.00 am at Croftside
<u>13th Palm Sunday</u>	Holy Communion	8.00 am at Heversham
	Parish Communion	9.30 am at Heversham
	Parish Communion	11.00 am at Milnthorpe
	Parish and Worship	6.30 pm at Heversham
14th	Compline	7.00 pm at Heversham
15th	Compline	7.00 pm at Heversham
16th	Compline	7.00 pm at Heversham
17th Maundy Thursday	'The Last Supper'	7.00 am at Milnthorpe
18th Good Friday	Open Air Service	10.00 am at Milnthorpe
	Reading and Hymns on the Passion	6.30 pm at Heversham

20th EASTER DAY

Holy Communion	8.00 pm <u>at both</u> <u>Heversham and Milnthorpe</u>
Family Communion	9.30 am at Heversham
Family Communion	11.00 am at Milnthorpe

27th Second Sunday of
Easter

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
Holy Communion	1.45 pm at Westmorland General Hospital

MAY
4th Third Sunday of
Easter

Holy Communion	8.00 am at Milnthorpe
Family Service with Holy Baptism	9.30 am at Heversham
Family Communion	11.00 am at Milnthorpe
United Sung Evensong	6.30 pm at Heversham